



RSL NSW

ANZAC Day Sydney CBD March 2021

Please find below information for the Sydney CBD ANZAC Day March. Please disseminate this to any other person that you know will be attending the event on 25 April. Further information is available on rslnsw.org.au

Order of March

It is important that you read the [Order of March](#) to ensure your association arrives at the right form-up location at the correct time. Please find link to [March Map](#).

Eligibility

The following people can participate in the Sydney CBD March: (i) as an Australian veteran, (ii) as the descendant of an Australian veteran (iii) as a veteran or descendant of a Commonwealth or Allied force.

i. as an Australian veteran;

Veteran eligibility to march is based on anyone who has served in the Australian Defence Force. Veterans should assemble with one of the service units of which they were/are a member. The choice of where to march is a personal one however, it is recommended that those who served together should march together as an act of remembrance and mateship.

ii. as the descendant of an Australian veteran;

A descendant of a veteran can march with veterans as a carer (one per veteran marching), banner party or flag carrier, regardless of whether they have served in the ADF or not. **All other descendants should march with the descendants' associations Order of March ref 42. One descendant of a deceased veteran may honour their relative's service in the March and may wear his/her medals on their right breast.**

iii. as a veteran or descendant of a Commonwealth or Allied force;

Veterans should be clearly identifiable by their campaign medals and should be at the head of each national group. No medals or awards earned whilst a nation was in conflict with Australia or the Commonwealth shall be worn in the March.

Dress should reflect the occasion i.e. traditional/national costume or dress (including headdress) is not appropriate. Displays of foreign national flags are restricted to one per group.

No flag of a nation that was used when that nation was in conflict with the Commonwealth or Australia is permitted to be displayed. Display of historical flags or ensigns of countries that no longer exist is inappropriate.

Banners are restricted to one per group and are not to contain any political slogans.

The display of photos or other memorabilia is not permitted.

Maximum of 30 descendants per group is permitted to march (like all other years)

March registration

To comply with the guidelines to the Exemption to the Public Health Order, RSL NSW is required to collect the names and contact details of all marchers for COVID-19 contact tracing purposes. This will be coordinated with each association. All unit/ship/squadron/association secretaries can now register their intention for their association to march by completing this [form on the RSL NSW website](#).

Once registered, the nominated contact person will be sent a spreadsheet to complete with the names and phone numbers of all those marching in that association to be provided to RSL NSW by 23 April. This information will be collected for contact tracing purposes.

Unit, Ship, Squadron and Associations

Veterans should assemble with one of the units/ships/squadron/association of which they were/are a member. The choice of where to march is a personal one however it is recommended that those who served together should march together as an Act of Remembrance and mateship.

All participants must march whilst maintaining physical distancing. **Formations can be no more than 4 abreast due to COVID physical distancing requirements.** Units should form up as follows: (a) leader (b) banner party (c) veterans and (d) carers.

The March is four hours long and aged or infirm veterans who feel they may not cover the whole distance on foot are encouraged to position themselves in a place where it is easy and safe for them to fall out. This allows the veteran to fall out independently and proceed to an exit point.

Bands

A limited number of bands will be able to participate in the 2021 Sydney ANZAC Day March by invitation only from RSL NSW.

Those bands who are selected will be contacted by RSL NSW directly with the relevant information required.

Act of Remembrance

The Act of Remembrance will be observed as units pass the Anzac Memorial on Elizabeth Street. A marshal will be positioned in the correct area in order to assist unit leaders with giving the eyes left command.

At this command, veterans in civilian dress are to remove their hats, place their right hand over service medals and keep in that position until the unit leader gives "eyes front".

Heads should be turned towards the Memorial as the March proceeds past it. Banners and Flags must be dipped. Australian Defence Force formations will salute the Memorial as they pass it.

Dispersal Point

Formations are to be dismissed under the direction of Dispersal Marshals in Liverpool Street, east of Elizabeth Street. Dismissal is to be kept brief and formation commanders are requested to refrain from taking salutes etc as it is essential that the roadway not be blocked for those following close behind.

It is important that no gathering occurs once dispersed, physical distancing must continue to be maintained.

Vehicles in the March and Permits

In 2021 there will be no vehicles in the March or within the form up area, this includes golf buggies.

Road closures and clearways will be in place around the CBD, we encourage all participants to make their way in using public transport.

Banner Carriers

Any unit, ship, squadron or association will be required to provide their own banner and banner carriers. RSL NSW does not keep, or arrange to have made, any military banners or flags for veterans to march behind.

First aid

St John Ambulance and NSW Ambulance will have a strong presence on ANZAC Day. They will be in the form up and dispersal areas, as well as along the march route. Should you require first aid assistance and cannot locate St John and NSW Ambulance, find an SES officer who will have direct radio communication with first aid officers.

Road Closures

CBD road closure mechanisms include the use of semi-trailers, cement barricades etc. which are put in place to ensure the safety of all participants in the March.

RSL NSW strongly encourages marchers and spectators to visit livetraffic.com to plan their trip into the CBD on ANZAC Day. This site will highlight the road closures and special event clearways in place.

Accessibility drop-off and pick-up zones within the CBD can be found at:

- Macquarie Street at Martin Place (western side, outside St Stephen's Church)
- Pitt Street approaching Market Street (eastern side, outside Piccadilly Shopping Centre)
- Barrack Street at York Street (eastern side of York Street)

The easiest way to travel to the CBD is by way of public transport. Transport for NSW will add extra buses, trains and light rail services. More information about public transport options can be found [here](#).

Spectators

Crowds and COVID-19 contact tracing check-in will be managed by NSW Police and NSW Government Agencies.

General Information

Veterans who wish to use a wheelchair in the March can do so. RSL NSW cannot provide wheelchairs or carers.

As the ANZAC Day March is an Act of Remembrance and Commemoration, dress should reflect the dignity of the occasion. Business attire is appropriate.

Authorised medals must be worn are worn on the left breast. Insignia or orders etc. should be worn as prescribed. **Descendants wear medals on the right breast.**

The Sydney ANZAC Day March is not a parade and therefore **no vehicle, animal, weaponry or memorabilia (including historical uniforms)** may be included without prior approval by RSL NSW.

The display of photos or other memorabilia is **not permitted.**

COVID-19

As we are still operating within a pandemic environment it is important that all participants acknowledge their personal responsibility in following the current health advice including:

- Stay home if you're feeling unwell with symptoms of COVID-19 or have had symptoms of COVID-19 within the 72 hours prior and have not received a negative COVID-19 test result.
- Stay home if you have been to a location on a date and time that NSW Health has issued a self-isolation and get tested immediately alert (www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates) or if you have been directed by NSW Health that you must self-isolate.
- Practice physical distancing when queuing in form up area, whilst marching, and in the dispersal area.
- Face masks are encouraged when it is hard to maintain 1.5 metres of physical distance.
- Participants must stay the form up area once onsite.
- Participants must leave the dispersal area immediately once dispersed.
- Follow signage and the directives of staff, police and marshals at all times.
- Practice high-level hygiene, including washing your hands and/or using sanitiser regularly, coughing or sneezing into your elbow and refrain from shaking hands with fellow veterans.
- It is recommended that participants carry a small bottle of hand sanitiser.
- Consider downloading the COVIDSafe app ahead of the day.

This event may change or be cancelled at any time under COVID-19 regulations.

You must provide your name and phone number to the person responsible for your group registration for contact tracing purposes.