

AUSTRALIAN WORLD WAR ONE DESCENDANTS Inc.

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Dear Member, It's that busy time of year again for descendants!

A timely reminder to let you know we will be participating in the Sydney Anzac Day March on Thursday 25th April 2024.

**** Assembly Point ****

This year we will be meeting in **King Street between Castlereagh Street and Pitt Street. As usual, look for our grey banner.** The RSL has told us to **be formed up by 10.30 am, ready to move off at approximately 11.00am. Committee members plan to be there by 9.30am.** As always, we will be following Legacy and the Boer War Descendants.

In accordance with our Constitution, you must be a paid up member to march with us on Anzac Day!

Your Membership is due for renewal now.

If you are paying your fees by direct deposit

Account Name AWWOD

BSB 032 010 - Westpac Account 184997

- **You must include your name as a reference with the deposit wherever possible.**
- **Advise our Treasurer, Karen, by email (treasurer@awwod.com.au) or text Secretary Arline on 0413 231 051 of the details such as date and amount paid.**
- **Renewal deposits can be made at any bank.**
- **It will no longer be necessary to fill in a Renewal Form if paying by D/D. However, any member who still wishes to send a cheque or cash will need to fill in a Renewal Form available on our website.**
- **Membership is still \$10 for ordinary members, \$5 for pensioners and children and \$10 for families. Families are where a number of family members take turns annually to march for the one Forebearer that served in WW1.**

Children: Minimum age to march is 10 years without a Parent/Guardian marching with them.

Parent/Guardian must be present at beginning and end of the March to pick up a child.

****March Dress**** Business Attire (no joggers or jeans) – Suit, Pants/Blazer & Tie for the gentlemen. Ladies are asked to wear suitable clothing befitting the occasion and to wear comfortable shoes as there can be a lot of waiting time. NB: Children may wear school uniform or service club uniform (Cubs, Guides, Brownies, Scouts etc).

An Act of Remembrance will be observed as units pass the 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, Marchers are to remove any hats, place their right hand over service medals or their hearts 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.

****Dispersal Point****

Formations will be dismissed in Liverpool Street, east of Elizabeth Street. Dismissal is to be kept brief as the roadway is not to be blocked for those following behind. We will have a group photo taken in Hyde Park at the end of the March.

****March rules as directed by the RSL****

- **Medals must be worn on the day and worn on the right hand side of the chest**
- **Only one family member per veteran allowed to march on the day** *i.e. medals are not to be divided up!* Copy medals are allowed if originals are framed or lost.
- **Photographs or any other memorabilia are not to be carried.** Remember to wear your name badge. New members pick yours up on the day. Replacement badges are available for \$2. Email Arline if a new badge is required well before Anzac Day.

Honour Page.

If you have any information or photo of the relative you are marching for and you would like it to be on our web site, please forward it to mark@awwod.com.au.

**Ties and scarves will be available on Anzac Day for purchase. Prices are: Tie \$25 Scarf \$20. Please pre-order and pay if possible and pick up on the day. If unable to prepay please bring correct money with you as we will only have limited funds with us. Yellow/clear rain ponchos are acceptable if wet!

- Members please have your name marked off the roll when you arrive.
- Make sure that you have your name badge on.
- Form up when instructed and *listen* to information given.

**There will be a gathering afterwards at Hotel Harry, 40-44 Wentworth Ave. Food and drinks are at a reasonable price.

** Check the website for updated information

Your Committee look forward to seeing as many of our Members as possible.

With regards, Arline Ronsisvalle (Secretary 0413 231051)

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On behalf of the Committee