



All ESO/Participants

NATIONAL CEREMONY – ANZAC DAY MARCH 2018

Introduction

On behalf of the RSL ACT Branch Executive and members, I have much pleasure to invite your organisation to participate in the 2018 ANZAC Day march in Canberra. Please note that there are some changes introduced into this march.

Changes

The following changes have been made to the 2018 march.

- Due to changes in the Public Liability insurance children under the age of 12 years are not permitted to march and nor are they permitted to ride in vehicles.
- Relatives of deceased veterans should not march as the march is for veterans and current serving members of the ADF.
- Veterans using wheelchairs, scooters or walkers should be placed to the rear of the contingent and should be capable of keeping up with the contingent.
- There will be no bands along the route of the march. Music will be provided by their Band of the RMC relayed along the route by loud speakers thus providing marchers with a common audio to follow.

March Intent & Administration

To be clear, the march is for veterans and current serving members of the ADF. Veterans who require assistance may be accompanied by an adult carer to provide the assistance to the veteran to participate in the march.

Contingents are requested to form up four abreast. This will ensure that the public and Reviewing Officer has a good view of participants.

Vehicles have been requested for those who have mobility difficulties. However, the provision of vehicles by the ADF is dependent on availability and cannot be guaranteed.

In the past contingent flag parties and banner carriers have dipped the Australian National Flag and banners as they have passed the Reviewing Officer. This is a breach of protocol. The Australian National Flag and banners are to remain in the upright position during the course of the march.

Details of the Order of march will be posted on the RSL ACT Branch and the AWM website. The details will also be published in the Canberra Times the weekend prior to the march.



Timings

Timings for the 2018 march are as follows:

Form up in place as per the Order of March – **10:00 am**

Note Marshals will advise the AWM MC of the no shows NLT **10:20 am**, which will result in no commentary for that contingent.

Seating Arrangements

Reserved seating is available only for those marching. On completing of the contingents march past it is important to follow the directions of the AWM staff.

Seating for non-marchers can be obtained by contacting the AWM to obtain a ticket allowing them into the public seating areas. Non-marchers should check the AWM website to view the conditions and requirements to obtain a ticket.

Health & Safety

First Aid will be provided and the ACT Ambulance Service will be in attendance during the ceremony. Water and other refreshments will be available as in the past.

Portable toilets will be positioned at locations along ANZAC Parade as per normal. Toilets are also available at the AWM located to the rear of Poppy's Café.

Transport

Transport Canberra (formerly Action) will provide transport from various locations in Canberra using a reserved seating program. To obtain a seat(s) on one of these services you must contact Transport Canberra to obtain a ticket.

Contingent History

Attached is a proforma which you are asked to complete and return to the RSL ACT Branch. The form is also on the RSL ACT Branch website (preferred method as it allows the staff to capture the information electronically). It important you provided up to date information especially Unit/contingent contact details so the Branch staff can contact you directly on march matters.

Should you have any queries please access the Branch website for up to date information.

Yours sincerely,


John King
President