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SYDNEY AND NSW REMEMBERS THIS ANZAC DAY

On Saturday 25 April this year, Australians and New Zealanders around the world will unite to commemorate and remember the Centenary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. Around 130,000 NSW men and women served during the First World War with 21,000 tragically never coming home.

A number of services and events will be held throughout NSW for the community to remember those who have served and died in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

The New South Wales calendar is packed with events and services to mark this important day, from dawn services to public memorials. Here is just a small sample of what's on around NSW this Anzac Day Centenary.

Anzac Day Centenary in Sydney

- Anzac Day dawn services will be held on Saturday 25 April, including a special service at [The Cenotaph in Martin Place](#) beginning at 4.15 am where thousands will gather in the pre-dawn darkness to pay their respects and lay wreaths. A short sunset service concludes the days commemorations at 5.00 pm at the same location
- The [Anzac Day March](#) begins at 9.00 am on the corner of Pitt Street and Martin place, weaving its way through George and Bathurst Streets before ending at Elizabeth Street opposite Hyde Park
- In Darling Harbour a 120 metre interactive floating installation called [Nomanslanding](#) will commemorate the Anzac centenary, putting a spotlight on the significant role Darling Harbour played as a key loading port during World War One. In addition, Darling Harbour will run a public program of other Anzac commemorations from 2 April – 3 May, including a Poppy Remembrance Wall, 'Make your own Poppy' craft workshops and other Anzac focused talks and activities
- [Camp Gallipoli](#) held in Centennial Park on 24 and 25 April will offer friends and families a unique opportunity to sleep out under the stars as the original Anzacs did 100 years ago, for a night of remembrance, entertainment and mateship
- An Anzac Day tradition is the game "two-up" which originates from the First World War where the game was played in the trenches and on the troop ships. After paying your respects at a service, engage in the tradition at a pub or club. Sydney suburbs [Balmain](#), [Newtown](#), and [The Rocks](#) are particularly renowned for hosting large two-up tournaments.

Anzac Day Centenary in Regional NSW

- From Wagga to Bundanoon, the [Kangaroo March](#) re-enactment will showcase true Anzac spirit as citizens who live adjacent to the route of the 1915 Kangaroo Recruitment march to reflect on 100 years of Anzac history and educate children on the history of the continuous fight for freedom
- Gosford City Council along with community members has created the [Gosford Poppy Project](#), which will see a field of handmade poppies installed in Rotary Park, Gosford - between the War Memorial and the Central Coast Highway - as a symbol of community unity and gratitude to all those that made sacrifices during WWI. The installation will take place on Thursday 16 April and will remain in place until Monday 27 April

- To commemorate the Anzac centenary, [The Glenn Miller Orchestra](#) will be returning to the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre in Nowra on 21 June 2015 for a concert spectacular featuring America's finest musicians with music and songs from the years of the Great War
- In the [Snowy Mountains](#) a special dawn service on 25 April will be held in Jindabyne from 6.00 am at Banjo Paterson Park, with a march commencing at 9.30 am. Berridale will also be holding an Anzac Day March from the town square at 10.45 am. For a unique Anzac experience, join [Cochran Horse Treks](#) on their 10-day Gallipoli Centenary 'Once in a Lifetime Ride' on a 200 km ride across the Snowy Mountains
- In the Clarence Valley [The Centenary of Anzac Light Horse Enlistment Re-enactment Horse Ride](#) will depart from the Rest Point Hotel Copmanhurst at approximately 8.15 am on 25 April, via Clarence Way and Junction Hill to the Grafton Showground, arriving at approximately 3.00 pm
- A fitting way to pay tribute is by visiting [Albury's Monument Hill War Memorial](#), one of the few in Australia built to honour the memory of the fallen soldiers who fought in WWI. This memorial was first opened on Anzac Day in 1925 and is one of the most widely recognised war monuments in the country. A dawn service will be held at Monument Hill at 5.30 am on 25 April
- [Broken Hill's](#) illegal "two up" school originally operated behind a green door at the back of a cafe for nearly six decades – but today, you can find the game (legally) played at [The Palace Hotel](#) every Friday from 9.00 pm
- To commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the Gallipoli landing, HIT Productions will be showing the classic Alan Seymour play "[The One Day of the Year](#)" at the [Cessnock Performing Arts Centre](#) on 15 and 16 April which looks into the true meaning of Anzac Day.

For more information on the Anzac centenary visit: veterans.nsw.gov.au/centenary

and www.sydney.com/anzacday

For events in Sydney and NSW visit www.sydney.com/events and www.visitnsw.com/events/events

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