

ANZAC AND REMEMBRANCE DAYS: WHAT YOU CAN DO

You don't have to have served in the Army, Navy or Air Force to be part of ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day. By attending the marches and services, we show respect for people who have served in conflicts, peacekeeping missions or disaster relief operations.

But there are many other ways you can participate, like helping your local RSL Sub Branch to prepare for the service or assisting older veterans who might find it hard to walk or stand.

Discover what you can do to honour our service people, past and present.

FINDING OUT

ANZAC and Remembrance Days are solemn occasions when we remember the courage and selflessness of people who served in conflicts and peacekeeping missions around the world. Many towns and suburbs host Dawn Services and marches on ANZAC Day (25 April), and Remembrance Day ceremonies on 11 November. You can participate in these special occasions.

What happens in your community on ANZAC and Remembrance Days? If you're not sure you can contact your local council or RSL Sub Branch. You can find RSL Queensland Sub Branches at www.rslqld.org/Contact-Us/Sub-Branches

SORTING OUT

Of the activities depicted in the image gallery, are there some that appeal to you? Can you think of other things you might be able to do to help?

When you view the images, think of the effort that has gone into organising the events. Could you lend a hand setting up events, keeping things running smoothly or tidying up afterwards?

Do you know what ANZAC and Remembrance Days commemorate? Go online or visit the library to find out about these special days. Why was Remembrance Day once known as Armistice Day?

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- www.rsleducation.com.au/Themes/Commemoration/years-7---10/ANZAC-and-Remembrance-Days-what-you-can-do



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TAKING ACTION

Do you think it is important for people to contribute to their community? Identify something you can do to contribute on ANZAC or Remembrance Day.

- What resources will you need?
- Who should you speak to?
- Can you work with friends or relatives?
- How much time will you commit to the task?

Develop an action plan that outlines:

- The resources you'll need
- A timeline showing all the things you need to do
- The names and contact details of people you will be working with
- The way you will support ANZAC or Remembrance Day commemorations

Your local RSL Sub Branch is very keen to provide advice. You can find your nearest Sub Branch at www.rslqld.org/Contact-Us/Sub-Branches

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TEACHERS' NOTES

This resource focuses on the general capability of *Personal and social capability*, which encourages students to contribute to civil society. Some other ways that students can support ANZAC and Remembrance Days that are not shown in the image gallery are:

- Helping set up chairs, tables, microphones and lighting
- Preparing and serving food at breakfasts, lunches, and morning and afternoon teas
- Organising transport for veterans and elderly people.

ANZAC Day commemorates the landing of Australian and New Zealand troops at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915, and honours all the men and women who have served in conflicts and peacekeeping missions during the past century. ANZAC Day events include:

- A Dawn Service, usually held at a local memorial
- A Gunfire Breakfast, attended by veterans and currently serving personnel
- A March by veterans and currently serving personnel. Local marching bands often accompany them
- The wearing of rosemary as a symbol of remembrance.

Remembrance Day, once known as Armistice Day, recalls the signing of the Armistice that ended fighting in World War I. The Armistice was signed by representatives of the French, British and German governments in a railway carriage in the Forest of Compiègne, north of Paris. Remembrance Day honours people who have served in conflicts and peacekeeping missions, particularly those who gave their lives. Remembrance Day events include:

- A service held prior to 11.00am
- A one or two minute silence at 11.00am (this was originally two minutes but is often shortened to one minute)
- The wearing of poppies as a symbol of remembrance.

This resource supports the following General capabilities and History Content Descriptions:

- Personal and social capability: contribute to civil society – analyse personal and social roles and responsibilities in planning and implementing ways of contributing to their communities.
- Personal and social capability: contribute to civil society – plan, implement and evaluate ways of contributing to civil society at local, national regional and global levels.
- ACDSEH097 The commemoration of World War I, including debates about the nature and significance of the ANZAC legend.



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