

## ANZAC DAY EVENTS TO GO AHEAD ACROSS DUBBO REGION

Dubbo Regional Council will assist the Dubbo RSL Sub Branch with preparations for Anzac Day services on Sunday, 25 April, 2021.

Residents across the Dubbo Region will have a chance to pay respects with services and marches to be held after the COVID-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of services in 2020.

Services will be held at Dubbo, Wellington, Stuart Town, Geurie, Eumungerie, Mumbil and Gollan throughout the day.

In Dubbo a Dawn Service will be held from 5.30am for a 5.45am commencement, while later in the morning there will be a Commemoration Service starting with a March at 10.30am.

"Last year was a testing time for everyone and to not be able to commemorate Anzac Day in the normal way was very difficult. This year dawn services and commemoration services will resume across the region," Dubbo Regional Council CEO Dean Frost said. "It is great news for the Dubbo RSL Sub Branch who do such an excellent job of running the service, as well as our serving and ex-service personnel."

While the public are being encouraged to watch the march and attend the ceremonies, due to COVID-19 restrictions the march will be restricted to serving and ex-service personnel, the Dubbo and District Concert band, emergency services representatives and Air Force and Army cadets.

Other measures including QR Code check-in will be in effect to ensure the event complies with state and federal government measures.

Dubbo RSL Sub Branch President Tom Gray said it was unfortunate the restrictions would change the way the services were run but said the precautions were necessary to ensure the event could go ahead safely.

"After the disappointment of last year's commemorations being cancelled, it is positive to see that the NSW and Australian Governments have found a way to ensure Anzac Day events can go ahead," Mr Gray said.

In Wellington a Dawn Service will commence with a march from the Soldiers Memorial Club to Cameron Park with the service to commence at 6am. The Commemorative Service involves a march at 10.45am with the service to start at 10.55am in Cameron Park.

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