



ANZAC



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Thank you for your service.



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Mayor's message

This year ANZAC Day provides us with a poignant opportunity to reflect on service, sacrifice and national pride, while also marking the historic milestone that is 105 years of the Royal Australian Air Force.

Since its establishment in 1921, the RAAF has played a vital role in the defence of Australia, protecting our skies and supporting our nation through times of war, peace and humanitarian crisis.

For more than a century, generations of Australian airmen and airwomen have served with courage, skill and unwavering dedication, often far from home and frequently in perilous conditions.

The legacy of the RAAF is one of innovation, unity and quiet professionalism. It is a legacy that continues to inspire Australians young and old, reminding us that freedom is preserved through the dedication of those willing to serve something greater than themselves.

Today, as we gather as a community, we honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our nation, and we express our sincere gratitude to all who have served in Australia's Defence Force. Their commitment has not only safeguarded Australia's security but has also helped shape the values we hold dear: resilience, integrity and service above self.

Many of those who have served in the defence force continue that lifelong commitment within our own communities as leaders, volunteers, emergency responders and mentors. They continue to carry forward the discipline and values forged through military service, strengthening the fabric of our society.

As we commemorate ANZAC Day in 2026 and celebrate 105 years of the RAAF, we pause in solemn reflection and say simply and respectfully to all of those who have served our great nation, thank you and 'lest we forget'.

Mayor Helen Blackburn
Bundaberg Regional Council

Bargara

Dawn Service

Location

Bargara War Memorial
The Esplanade and
Bauer Street

Time

5.30 am

Order of service

- Parade Assembles – 5 am
Cnr Bauer and Tanner Streets,
Bargara
- Parade Forms – 5.15 am
under direction of Parade Marshal
- Parade Marches – 5.30 am
- Mounting of the Catafalque Party – 5.40 am
provided by TS Bundaberg Navy Cadets
- Welcome and Opening Address
- Invocation and Prayer by Service Padre
- Reading – *'What ANZAC Day Means To Me'*
by Bargara State School student
- Reading – The Oration
- Fly Past – approximately 6.10 am
- The Lament by parade piper
- Laying of Wreaths
- Reading – Tribute to the Fallen
- The Ode
- The Last Post by parade bugler
- One Minute's Silence
- Reveille by parade bugler
- National Anthems
- Thanks and Acknowledgements
- Dismounting of Catafalque Party
- Parade Marshal Dismisses Parade



Bucca

Dawn Service

Location

Bucca Community Hall
Bucca

Time

4.20 am

Order of service

- Parade Assembles – 4.20 am
at the Memorial Gardens and Plaque
Continuous slideshow of local families, war heroes
- Laying of Wreaths
open to local residents and
visiting guests
- The Ode/Last Post/
One Minute's Silence
by bugler: Local Bucca resident
- 21 Gun Salute
- Parade Marshal Dismisses Parade



A free Gunfire Breakfast with tea and coffee will be provided at the Bucca Community Hall following the conclusion of the service.



Ordinary Seaman
James Greenwood



Oscar Clarke

Bundaberg

Dawn Service

Location

Bundaberg Cenotaph
Cnr Bourbong and
Barolin Streets
Bundaberg

Time

4.16 am

Order of service

- **Parade Assembles** – 4 am outside the Bundaberg RSL Club, Quay Street, Bundaberg
- **Parade Marches** – 4.16 am from Quay Street via Barolin Street to Cenotaph
- **Mounting of the Catafalque Party** – 4.20 am Bundaberg Cenotaph
- **Welcome** by RSL Sub Branch President, Luke Harding OAM
- **Laying of Wreaths** The RSL Sub Branch invites Bundaberg Regional Council, representatives of the Sub-Branch and Ex-Service Organisations to lay wreaths and extends an invitation to those in the gathering to lay a wreath or place a poppy in remembrance of the fallen.
- **Prayer** by Pastor Al Loder
- **Lament** by Lone Piper
- **Ode/Last Post/One Minute's Silence/Reveille** *please refer to page 29*
- **Dawn Service concludes**



4.55 am Parade participants are invited to coffee/tea in the Bundaberg RSL Club, Quay Street.

5.25 am A bus will depart from the Bundaberg RSL Club for the Cemetery Service.

4.45 – 7 am Breakfast downstairs in the Bundaberg RSL Club. Restricted to all Ex-Service and Serving Personnel with current ID, provided free. Accompanying family may attend for a small fee of \$5 per person.

Bundaberg

Civic Service

Location

ANZAC Park,
Quay Street Bundaberg

Time

8.30 am

Order of service

- Parade Assembles – 8 am
Bourbong Street, Bundaberg
- Parade Marches – 8.30 am
past the Cenotaph to ANZAC Park
- Salute to be Taken by Guests of Honour
John Wilson OAM and Leone Wilson OAM
- Mounting of Catafalque Party – ANZAC Park, Quay Street
- Reading of ANZAC poem, read by Lachlan Gatto, Bundaberg State High School
- Blessing by Representative of the Bundaberg Ministers Association
- Opening Address by Mayor Helen Blackburn, Bundaberg Regional Council
- First Uniform Resolution by Mayor Helen Blackburn, Bundaberg Regional Council
- Laying of Wreaths led by Mayor Helen Blackburn, Bundaberg Regional Council
- Hymn 'God Bless Australia' by Suellen Greensil and Bundaberg Municipal Band
- Second Uniform Resolution by representative of the Bundaberg Ministers' Association
- Hymn 'O God Our Help in Ages Past' by Suellen Greensil and Bundaberg Municipal Band
- Third Uniform Resolution by RSL Sub Branch President, Luke Harding OAM
- Parade called to order by March Commander
- Lament by Pipe Major Kyle Myers
- Please stand for the Reading of the Ode by RSL Sub Branch President/
Last Post/One Minute's Silence *please refer to P. 29*
- Rouse by bugler: Selena Rasmussen
- Flag Raising by Airforce Cadet
- New Zealand National Anthem by
Treble Makers Shalom College
accompanied by Bundaberg
Municipal Band
- Australian National Anthem by Treble
Makers Shalom College accompanied by
Bundaberg Municipal Band
- Fly Past - approximately 9.15 am
- Parade to attention by March Commander
- Catafalque Party dismounts,
March Commander Dismisses Parade



Following local tradition, the Guests of Honour, representing all serving and ex-service members, are invited to take the salute, accompanied by the Mayor, at the official dais.

Burnett Heads

Civic Service

Location

Cnr Moss and Zunker Streets
Burnett Heads

Time

2.45 pm

Order of service

- Parade Assembles – 2.30 pm
Tennis Courts – Paul Mittelheuser Street, Burnett Heads
- Parade Marches – 2.45 pm
from Tennis Courts to Memorial Park
- Salute to be taken by Jenny Waldron, OAM
- Opening Address by President of the Burnett Heads Memorial Park Committee, Ken Graham
- Reading by Burnett Heads State School student
- Mounting of the Catafalque Party
Memorial Park (TS Bundaberg Navy Cadets)
- First Uniform Resolution by Mayor Helen Blackburn
- Laying of Wreaths led by Cr Carmen McEneaney, Division 6 Councillor, Bundaberg Regional Council
- Second Uniform Resolution
by Cr Carmen McEneaney, Division 6 Councillor, Bundaberg Regional Council
- Third Uniform Resolution by Stephen Bennett MP Member for Burnett
- Ode/Last Post/One Minute's Silence/Rouse by bugler
- New Zealand National Anthem and Australian National Anthem to be sung by Sean Raffaut
- Benediction by Major Chris Millard of Salvation Army
- Conclusion



A free afternoon tea is provided at the Lighthouse Hotel following the conclusion of the Service.

Buxton

Dawn Service

Location

Buxton Riverside Memorial
Buxton

Time

5 am

Order of service

- Welcome by Tess Venema, ANZAC Day Coordinator of the Buxton Friendship Association Inc.
- Opening Address by special guest
- Laying of Wreaths
- Ode/Last Post/One Minute's Silence
- Rouse
- National Anthem
- Conclusion



Gunfire Breakfast is provided at the conclusion of the Service.

Buxton

Memorial Service

Location

Buxton Riverside Memorial
Buxton

Time

10 am

Order of service

- Welcome by Tess Venema, ANZAC Day Coordinator of the Buxton Friendship Association Inc.
- Opening Address by special guest
- Laying of Wreaths
- Ode/Last Post/One Minute's Silence
- Rouse
- National Anthem
- Conclusion

A free morning tea is provided at the conclusion of the Service.

Childers

Dawn Service

Location

Cnr Churchill and Ernest Streets, Childers
Lawns on the eastern side of the Childers Memorial room

Time

4.50 am

Order of service

- Parade Assembles – 4.40 am
Childers RSL
- Parade Marches – 4.50 am
from Childers RSL to
Memorial Precinct
- Mounting of the Catafalque Party – 5 am
- Welcome and Opening Address by MC Mrs Margaret Cochrane
- Hymn 'Abide With Me' led by Childers Choral Society
- Opening Prayer by the Reverend Mark Keune
- Commemorative Address
- Laying of Wreaths
- The Ode by President Isis RSL Sub-Branch Childers
- The Last Post/Two Minute's Silence
- Reveille
- National Anthems
led by Childers Choral Society
- Closing Prayer
by the Reverend Mark Keune
- Conclusion
by MC Mrs Margaret Cochrane
- Dismounting of Catafalque Party



Participants not attending other Dawn Services in our area are invited to attend a Gunfire Breakfast at the Isis RSL following this Service.

Childers

Parade and Citizens' Service

Location

Isis District War Memorial
Churchill Street and Isis
Cultural Centre Childers

Time

9.55 am

Order of service

- Parade Assembles – 9.40 am
North Street, Childers
- Parade Marches – 9.55 am
from North Street to Isis Cultural Centre
- Salute to be Taken by invited dignitaries
- Introduction and Welcome by MC Mr Barry Cochrane
- Mounting of the Catafalque Party in Isis Cultural Centre
- Opening Prayer by the Reverend Mark Keune
- Opening Address
- First Uniform Resolution by Ms Melissa Van der Waal
- Second Uniform Resolution by Mr Allan Baldwin
- Hymn 'Abide With Me' led by Isis District State High School String Orchestra
- ANZAC Day Address
- Reading 'Names of the Fallen' by Isis District State High School Captains
- Hymn 'God Bless Australia'
led by Isis District State High School String Orchestra
- Laying of Wreaths
- The Ode by President Isis RSL Sub-Branch Childers
- Last Post/One Minute's Silence/Rouse
- New Zealand National Anthem and Australian National Anthem
led to Isis District State High School String Orchestra
- Dismounting of Catafalque Party
- Poem 'In Flanders Fields' by Childers State School Captains
- ANZAC Day Tribute Song 'Salute' by Steve Cheers
- Closing Prayer by St Joseph's Primary School
- Closing Address by MC Mr Barry Cochrane



Apple Tree Creek

Dawn Service

Location

Apple Tree Creek Memorial

Time

5.20 am

Order of service

- Parade Assembles – 5.20 am
Apple Tree Creek Memorial
- Opening Address by the Isis RSL Sub-Branch, Childers
- Laying of Wreaths
- Ode/Last Post/Two Minute's Silence
- Reveille
- Conclusion



Cordalba

Dawn Service

Location

Cordalba Memorial Park

Time

5.40 am

Order of service

- Parade Assembles – 5.25 am
Central Store, Cordalba
- Parade Marches – 5.40 am from
Queen Street to Memorial Park
- Opening Address by the Isis RSL
Sub-Branch, Childers
- Laying of Wreaths
- Ode/Last Post/Two Minute's Silence
- Reveille
- National Anthem
by Cordalba State School Band
- Conclusion



Public are welcome to attend a free cooked Gunfire Breakfast, provided by the Isis RSL Sub-Branch, Childers at the Cordalba State School, commencing at 6 am.

Doolbi

Dawn Service

Location

Doolbi Memorial

Time

5 am

Order of service

- Parade Assembles – 4.55 am Doolbi Memorial
- Opening Address by the Isis RSL Sub-Branch, Childers
- Laying of Wreaths
- Ode/Last Post/Two Minute's Silence
- Reveille
- Conclusion



Doolbi War Memorial 1922.

Elliott Heads

Dawn Service

Location

Submarine Lookout
Elliott Heads

Time

5.40 am

Order of service

- **Welcome**
by Master of Ceremonies, Mr Bob Hibbard
- **Flag Ceremony**
Flag Masters: Joe Valek and Bruce McPherson
- **The Lord's Prayer**
by Majors Chris and Melissa Millard, Salvation Army
- **Remembrance Prayer**
by Majors Chris and Melissa Millard, Salvation Army
- **Requiem** by Cr Carmen McEneaney, Division 6 Councillor, Bundaberg Regional Council
- **The Oration** by Bruce Austin
- **Laying of Wreaths**
Piper: Nicole Relph
State Member for Burnett, Stephen Bennett MP
Cr Carmen McEneaney, Division 6 Councillor, Bundaberg Regional Council
Elliott Heads ANZAC Day Committee: Anne Seery
Elliott Heads State School Bundawandi Rangers Captain Annabella Whitford-Little and Principal, Nichola Lister
The Waves Club, Elliott Heads: Tony and Lisa Castro
Coral Coast Christian Church: Pastor Phil Monteith
Central Queensland University
Wide Bay Hospital and District Health Services
Elliott Heads Surf Lifesavers
Elliott Heads State Emergency Services
Calavos Rural Fire Brigade
Elliott Heads Fire and Rescue
Elliott Heads Bowls Club
- **The Ode** by Joanne Stevenson
- **Last Post** by bugler: Kristian Apostol
- **One Minute's Silence**
- **Reveille** by bugler: Kristian Apostol
- **New Zealand National Anthem**
- **Australian National Anthem**



Elliott Heads

Memorial Service

Location

Submarine Lookout Elliott Heads

Time

11.15 am

Order of service

- **Welcome** by Master of Ceremonies, Mr Bob Hibbard
- **Mounting of the Catafalque Party** by Bundaberg Naval Cadets
- **Poem 'The Merchant Seamen'**, by James J Brown AIE and Brian G Redding AB Tyson Carney, Elliott Heads State School Captain
- **Poem 'The Silent Line'**, Author Unknown Harpa Colson, Elliott Heads State School Captain
- **Focus Piece: 'The Unsung Heroes of the Sea - The Merchant Navy at War'** Alexandra Gees, Music Leader, Bundaberg Christian College
- **Song: 'Lest we Forget'** Elliott Heads State School Choir, conducted by Michael Buckholz
- **Fly Past** – 11.25 am approximately
- **Lord's Prayer** by Majors Chris and Melissa Millard, Salvation Army
- **Remembrance Prayer** by Majors Chris and Melissa Millard, Salvation Army
- **Requiem** by Nichola Lister, Principal, Elliott Heads State School
- **Hymn 'Abide with me'** led by Daphne Austin
- **The Oration:** Danni Horner, Music Leader, Bundaberg Christian College



- **Laying of Wreaths**
'God Bless Australia'
Sung by: Heaven Maseesee, Laura Cathie and Erin Bowie backed by Bundaberg Christian College Symphonic Band
Melita, The Naval Hymn Bundaberg Christian College Symphonic Band
Led by:
Mayor Helen Blackburn and Cr Carmen McEneany
Division 6 Councillor,
Bundaberg Regional Council
Elliott Heads ANZAC Day Committee: Anne Seery
Tyson Carney, Harpa Colson, Eden Duffy and Ruby-Leigh Meek, Elliott Heads State School Captains and Students
Deborah Edwards and Ebony Michael, Music Leaders, Bundaberg Christian College
- **The Ode** by Sergeant William Carney, RAAF Veteran
- **Last Post** by bugler: Kristian Apostol
- **One Minute's Silence**
- **Rouse** by bugler: Kristian Apostol
- **Salute** by Bundaberg Naval Cadets
- **New Zealand and Australian National Anthems**
by Elliott Heads State School Choir
Bundaberg Christian College Symphonic band
- **Catafalque Party Dismounts:**
Bundaberg Naval Cadets
- **Acknowledgements** by Master of Ceremonies, Mr Bob Hibbard

Gin Gin

Dawn Service

Location

**Cenotaph
Mulgrave Street, Gin Gin**

Time

4 am

Order of service

- Parade Assembles – 3.45 am Gin Gin RSL
- Parade Marches – 4 am Gin Gin RSL to the Cenotaph
- Mounting of the Catafalque Party – 4.05 am
Cenotaph, Gin Gin (The Catafalque Party is provided by
9th Battalion Royal Queensland Regiment)
- Extract from Official War History by President Gin Gin RSL
- Prayers
- Laying of Wreaths led by Gin Gin RSL representative
- Dedication of Purpose by President Gin Gin RSL
- Ode/Last Post/One Minute's Silence/Rouse
- Dismounting of the Catafalque Party
- Parade Marshal Reassembles March for return to RSL Hall

Participants are invited to attend a breakfast at the RSL Memorial Hall, commencing at 5 am.



Victory celebrations at Gin Gin Showgrounds, 1918. Picture Bundaberg, Ian Jensen collection, BRN 169388.

Gin Gin

Civic Service

Location

Cenotaph
Mulgrave Street, Gin Gin

Time

9.30 am

Order of service

- Parade Assembles – 9.15 am
Gin Gin RSL
- Parade Marches – 9.30 am
Gin Gin RSL to the Cenotaph
- Salute to be Taken
- Mounting of the Catafalque Party – 9.40 am
Cenotaph, Gin Gin
(The Catafalque Party is provided by
9th Battalion Royal Queensland Regiment)
- Welcome by Gin Gin RSL representative
- Prayer by Chaplain/Salvation Army Officer
- Address by School Captain
Gin Gin State High School
- Reading of the Names of the Fallen
by Gin Gin State High School Students
- The Uniform Resolution
by Gin Gin RSL representative
- Laying of Wreaths
- Ode/Last Post/
One Minute's Silence/Rouse
- New Zealand National Anthem
by Ginia Morrison
- Australian National Anthem
by Susan Bengtson
- Dismounting of the Catafalque Party
- Parade Marshal Re-assembles March for return to RSL Hall
- Flag Ceremony in May Street for World War II fallen



Participants of the parade are invited to attend a lunch at the RSL Memorial Hall, commencing at 12 pm.

Moore Park Beach

Dawn Service

Location

ANZAC Memorial Park
Anzac Parade
Moore Park Beach

Time

5.30 am

Order of service

- Flag Ceremony
- Opening Address
- Laying of Wreaths
- Ode/Last Post/One Minute's Silence
- Reveille
- Conclusion

Service attendees are invited to join Veterans and members for a Gunfire Breakfast at Moore Park Beach Bowls Club immediately after the service.



Moore Park Beach

Civic Service

Location

ANZAC Memorial Park
Anzac Parade
Moore Park Beach

Time

11.30 am

Order of service

- Parade Assembles – 11.20 am
at Community Hall
- Parade Marches – 11.30 am
to Memorial Garden via ANZAC Parade
Salute taken by Warrant Officer Allan Burgess OAM
Parade Marshal Warrant Officer 1st Class Russel Kilpatrick
- Welcome and Acknowledgements
- Reading by Moore Park Beach State School
- Reading by Gooburrum State School
- ANZAC Day Address
- The Last ANZAC by Moore Park Beach and Gooburrum School Choirs
- Catafalque Party March On – Australian Naval Cadets
Training Squadron
- Laying of Wreaths by Bundaberg Caledonian Pipe Band
- Lament
- The Ode to the Fallen by Bundaberg North State High School
- Last Post/One Minute's Silence
- Reveille
- Lest We Forget by Moore Park Beach
and Gooburrum School Choirs
- National Anthems both Australian and
New Zealand by Moore Park Beach
and Gooburrum School Choirs led
by Corina Evans
- Thank you by John McKechnie
(President of Moore Park Beach
Services Club)
- Catafalque Party March Off
- Service Complete, Parade Marshal
Dismisses Parade



Refreshments,
entertainment
and luncheon will
be available at the
Community Hall
following the
Service.

South Kolan

Dawn Service

Location

Kolan South State School
Gin Gin Road, South Kolan

Time

6 am

Order of service

- Parade Assembles – 5.45 am
at bottom of School Oval
- Parade Marches – 6 am
led by Kolan South State School Corps of Drums
- Principal's Address by Ben Spargo, Principal, Kolan South State School
- School Leaders' Address Kolan South State School Captains
- ANZAC Poem Kolan South State School House Captains
- CMF Presentation to School Leaders made by Mr John Tanner
- Councillor's Address by Cr Deb Keslake, Division 3 Councillor,
Bundaberg Regional Council
- Role of Honour read by Principal
- ANZAC Day Prayer by Chappy Evan
- Song Performance '*Only Nineteen*' by Redgum, Ben Spargo, Principal,
Kolan South State School
- Laying of Wreaths School and South Kolan organisations and
community members
- Mayor's Address Mrs Helen Blackburn
- The Ode read by Principal
- The Last Post/One Minute's Silence
- Rouse
- National Anthems and Song
Performance Kolan South Choir
- Conclusion



All attendees are welcome to attend a free Gunfire Breakfast held at the South Kolan Rugby League Club following the service at 7 am.

War Nurses

Service

Location

War Nurses Memorial Park
Cnr Bourbong and
Takalvan Streets
Bundaberg

Time

10.15 am

Order of service

- Parade Assembles – 10.10 am
at War Nurses Memorial Park
- Mounting of Catafalque Guard and Flag Orderly – 10.15 am
by TS Bundaberg Australian Navy Cadets
- Official Opening – President, Bundaberg District Women Veterans
- Prayers
- Commemorative Address
- Reading of the Names of our
Fallen War Nurses
School student
- Lament piper:
Bundaberg Caledonian Pipe Band
During laying of the wreaths
- Laying of Wreaths
- Ode female veteran
If able, please stand
- Last Post/One Minute's Silence/Rouse
- Australian National Anthem
- Parade Commander Dismisses Parade
- Closing remarks

This service honours

Bundaberg Region War Nurses plus
all Australian Service Nurses who have
served or are serving. Everyone is welcome to
attend and place a tribute at the Australian Service Nurses Memorial Wall.



Local World War II
veteran Ula Agnew.

Woodgate Beach

Dawn Service

Location

Centenary of ANZAC
Memorial Community Park
The Esplanade
Woodgate Beach

Time

6 am

Order of service

- Welcome
- Opening Address
- Opening Prayer
- ANZAC Address by Major Derek Simpson, Royal Australian Armoured Corps
- The Requiem
- Mounting of the Catafalque Party
- Laying of Wreaths
- The Ode by the President of the Woodgate Beach RSL Sub Branch
- Last Post/One Minute's Silence/Reveille
- New Zealand National Anthem
- Australian National Anthem
- Dismounting of the Catafalque Party
- Hymn 'O God our Help in Ages Past'
- Closing Prayer and Benediction
- Parade Assembles
- Parade Marches
- Salute taken by guest speaker



Those who have attended today are invited to a Gunfire Breakfast at the Woodgate Beach Club at a subsidised cost of \$6 per head and traditional Two-up at 2 pm.

Hymns and Anthems



God Bless Australia

Here in this God-given land of our Australia,
This proud possession, our own piece of earth
That was built by our Fathers who pioneered our heritage,
Here in Australia, the land of our birth.

God bless Australia, our land Australia
Home of the ANZACS, the strong and the free,
It's our homeland, our own land, to cherish for eternity,
God bless Australia, the land of the free.

Here in Australia we treasure love and liberty,
Our way of life, all for one, one for all,
We're a peace-loving race, but should
danger ever threaten us,
Let the world know we will answer the call.

God bless Australia, our land Australia
Home of the ANZACS, the strong and the free,
It's our homeland, our own land, to cherish for eternity,
God bless Australia, the land of the free.

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne,
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guide while troubles last,
And our eternal home!

Abide With Me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour,
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through sunshine and cloud, Oh abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields.

Advance Australia Fair

Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are one and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
We'll toil with hearts and hands;
To make this Commonwealth of ours
Renowned of all the lands;
For those who've come across the seas
We've boundless plains to share;
With courage let us all combine
To Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing
Advance Australia Fair.

God Defend New Zealand

E ihowa atua,
O nga iwi matou ra
Ata whakarangona
Me aroha noa
Kia hua ko te pai
Kia tau to atawhai
Manaakitia mai
Aotearoa

God of Nations at thy feet, in the bonds of love we meet,
Hear our voices, we entreat, God defend our free land.

Guard Pacific's triple star from the shafts of strife and war,
Make her praises heard afar, God defend New Zealand.

Men of every creed and race, gather here before thy face,
Asking thee to bless this place, God defend our free land.

From dissension, envy, hate, and corruption guard our state,
Make our country good and great, God defend New Zealand.

Peace, not war, shall be our boast, but, should foes assail our
coast, make us then a mighty host, God defend our free land.

Lord of battles in thy might, put our enemies to flight,
Let our cause be just and right, God defend New Zealand.

Let our love for thee increase, may thy blessings never cease,
Give us plenty, give us peace, God defend our free land.

From dishonour and from shame, guard our country's spotless
name, crown her with immortal fame, God defend New Zealand.

May our mountains ever be freedom's ramparts on the sea,
Make us faithful unto thee, God defend our free land.

Guide her in the nations' van, preaching love and truth to man,
Working out thy glorious plan, God defend New Zealand.



The Ode

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

(All present repeat)

We will remember them

The sounding of the 'Last Post'

– One Minute's Silence –

(All present repeat)

Lest We Forget

Rouse/Reveille



Ross Driver, Lt Col Milne DSO 36th Battalion First Battle of Villers-Bretonneux, 2017, Watercolour.

Remembering Bundaberg's own: Lieutenant Colonel John Alexander Milne DSO

Each ANZAC Day we pause to honour those whose bravery and sacrifice forged the nation we know today. Among them is Lieutenant Colonel John Alexander Milne DSO, a Bundaberg resident whose service reflects extraordinary resilience and devotion to duty.

Born in Aberdeen, Scotland in 1872, Milne was living in Bundaberg with his wife and family when he enlisted in 1914 at the age of 41. An engineer by trade, he joined the 9th Battalion and went ashore at Gallipoli.

When he was wounded he continued to encourage his men until he collapsed.

After recovering from illness and returning to the front, he was later promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel and given command of the 36th Battalion in France. He led his troops through some of the war's most significant battles, including the First Battle of Villers-Bretonneux, before being killed in action in April 1918.

He was twice Mentioned in Dispatches and awarded the Distinguished Service Order for gallantry and devotion to duty in the field. Lt Col Milne's name is honoured on both the Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour and the Bundaberg War Memorial.

Honouring history through art with Ross Driver

Lt Col Milne has been further recognised in works by Bundaberg artist Ross Driver, recipient of the 2026 Australia Day Award for Creative Citizen of the Year.

Among Ross' works is his 2017 watercolour portraying Lt Col Milne DSO during the First Battle of Villers-Bretonneux, helping preserve his story through both historical record and local art.

For more than 14 years, Ross has nurtured Bundaberg's creative community through free lessons, mentorship and his leadership within the Bundaberg Art Society and University of the Third Age (U3A).

His historically significant artworks, including portraits of local war heroes and the Armistice Centenary mural, preserve stories that might otherwise fade.

Ross creates a safe, therapeutic space for emerging artists, inspiring generations to explore their own creativity.



Ross Driver,
Local Bundaberg artist.



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