



**RSL NSW**  
BALLINA SUB-BRANCH

# ANZAC DAY

LEST WE FORGET

**SATURDAY 25 APRIL, 2026**

**COMMEMORATION  
SERVICE & WREATH  
LAYING CEREMONY**

## **MASTER OF CEREMONY**

*Michael Wright Secretary Ballina RSL SUB-Branch*

## **PRAYER**

*Father Richard Brown*

## **ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION ADDRESS**

*Commodore Colin Dagg*

*Royal Australian Navy*

## **PRESENTATION BY A BALLINA RSL YOUTH AMBASSADOR**

*Youth Ambassador Alice Fox will present her award winning speech on the theme for Anzac Day Awards.*

## **HYMN**

### **ABIDE WITH ME**

*Led by Headliner Chorus*

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

## **WREATH LAYING CEREMONY**

*Ballina RSL sub-Branch members and volunteers  
will assist and guide wreath laying*

## **LAMENT**

*Piper - Jasper Kent*

## **THE ODE**

*Read by Seaman Tanesha Nugent  
If able please stand and remove headwear*

## **REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN AND DEPARTED FRIENDS**

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"  
"LEST WE FORGET"

## **LAST POST**

*Bugler - Brendan Flanagan*

## **ONE MINUTE SILENCE**

### **ROUSE**

*Bugler - Brendan Flanagan*

### **HYMN**

#### **THE RECESSIONAL**

*Led by Headliner Chorus*

God of our fathers, known of old,  
Lord of our far-flung battleline,  
Beneath whose awful hand we hold.  
Dominion over palm and pine,  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest We Forget – Lest We Forget.

The tumult and the shouting dies,  
The Captains and the Kings depart,  
Still stand thine ancient sacrifice.  
A humble and a contrite heart,  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest We Forget – Lest We Forget.

## **AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE VETERANS' COVENANT**

*Mayor Sharon Cadwallader*

*Patron of the Ballina RSL Sub-branch*

We, the people of Australia, respect and give thanks to all who have served in our defence force and their families.

We acknowledge the unique nature of military service and the sacrifice demanded of all who commit to defend our nation.

We undertake to preserve the memory and deeds of all who have served and promise to welcome, embrace and support all military veterans as respected and valued members of our community. For what they have done, this we will do.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER AND BENEDICTION**

*Father Richard Brown*

**All able please stand for the National Anthems led by Headliner Chorus**

## **NATIONAL ANTHEM OF NEW ZEALAND**

*"God Defend New Zealand / Aotearoa"*

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.

# NATIONAL ANTHEM OF AUSTRALIA

“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 gift 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... Australia Fair.

## CLOSE OF SERVICE

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**Grateful thanks for your attending today and  
the volunteers of Veteran and Community supporters**

Commemoration Address	Commodore Colin Dagg Royal Australian Navy
Flag Orderlies	Allan Haynes and Bill Thompson
Chaplain	Father Richard Brown
Lone Piper	Jasper Kent
Bugler	Brendan Flanagan
Chorus	Headliners Chorus
Marching Band	Ballina Pipe Band
Youth Ambassador	Donna Flanagan
Project Coordinator	

### Support and Assistance:

- Ballina RSL Club Ltd
- Ballina Shire Council
- Ballina State Emergency Service
- NSW Police Force – Richmond District Police
- Fire and Rescue NSW – Ballina Fire Station
- 1st Ballina Scout Group
- Ballina RSL sub-Branch member volunteers who willingly gave their time and support for the 2026 ANZAC Day commemorations and functions

