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ANZAC DAY 2020: WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Hawkesbury residents will be able to commemorate ANZAC Day from home this year with a broadcast of special services to honour our veterans and serving Defence personnel.

Robyn Preston MP said traditional marches and local memorial services have been cancelled this year.

“ANZAC Day has a renewed meaning as our community works together to stop the spread of COVID-19,” Ms Preston said.

“I encourage everyone in Hawkesbury to unite in front of televisions, tablets and computers at home, to say thank you to our veterans.”

“We are a resilient and brave community and we always pull together when times are tough. The ANZAC spirit is something we can all draw upon as we beat this pandemic.”

The day will begin with a 5:30 a.m. commemorative service broadcast from the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, followed by a NSW service at 10.00 a.m.

The Premier Gladys Berejiklian, Governor Margaret Beazley, RSL NSW Acting President Ray James, a bugler and a vocalist will take part in the 30 minute service from the ANZAC Memorial in Hyde Park and the Cenotaph in Martin Place.

Acting Minister for Veterans Geoff Lee said community safety is our top priority.

“Social distancing and staying home is saving lives and so continuing that trend will keep our community and veterans safe,” Mr Lee said.

“Let’s all unite with that Anzac spirit as we pay our respects at home and remember those who bravely made the ultimate sacrifice for us.”

The NSW Government is encouraging people to share videos reciting The Ode and post photos on social media using the tag #ANZACspirit.

The NSW service will be broadcast live on ABC TV and streamed on the ANZAC Memorial and RSL Facebook pages. The service will not be open to the public and the community is urged to continue following the latest health advice by commemorating at home.

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