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ANZAC DAY

Australians will commemorate Anzac Day at dawn services and marches around the country, to signify the anniversary of the day Australian and New Zealand soldiers landed on Gallipoli in 1915 as part of the Allies' invasion.

Anzac Day is a time to honour and remember those Australians who sacrificed their lives for our country, and to also recognise the more than 1.5 million men and women who have served our country in conflicts, wars and peacekeeping operations.

Shadow Minister for Veterans, Robyn Preston, said Anzac Day is a day where we come together in a spirit of solemn respect for all the serving men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice for the freedom we enjoy today.

"Since the 25th of April 1915, over 100,000 Australians have lost their lives in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. We owe our past, current and future serving members a debt that can never fully be repaid. Our country is secure and safer because of their commitment to our nation.

Anzac Day is a time when we pause to show our respect and gratitude to Australia's Defence personnel, who serve to protect and defend our country and its values," Ms Preston said.

Anzac Day can be a time of heightened emotions for Defence and Veteran personnel. If you or someone you know needs extra support, please call Open Arms on 1800 011 046 or visit <u>https://www.openarms.gov.au/get-support</u>.

Lest we forget.

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.

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