

Dawn Service 2026

3.50 am MC Welcome

Flags lowered to half mast

- VIPs commence arrival

Alert sounded as Her Excellency the Hon Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM, Governor of Queensland and Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD arrive

- Catafalque Party Mounts
- Chaplain James Hall leads assembly in prayer
- Her Excellency the Governor addresses the assembly
- Her Excellency the Governor leads official guests to Shrine of Remembrance for wreath laying
- Choir leads assembly in singing hymn *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 fear no foe with thee at hand to bless,
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou 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.*

- Choir continues with a selection of music while wreaths are being laid
- Warrant Officer Alesha Rollinson, Royal Australian Navy recites *The Ode*
- **Last Post**
- Two Minutes' Sacred Silence
- **Reveille** (flags raised)
- Benediction – Chaplain James Hall
- New Zealand National Anthem – *God Defend New Zealand* (Part Maori - sung by the choir, part English – all sing)
- Australian National Anthem – *Advance Australia Fair* (all sing)

*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.*

- Catafalque Party is dismantled
- Her Excellency the Governor departs followed by official guests
- Ceremony concludes
- Flags lowered to half-mast at completion of Service

ANZAC DAY.



On January 10, 1916 at a public meeting held in the Old Museum building at Bowen Hills, attended by the Governor, the Premier and other government, civic and military leaders, a resolution was carried to establish the ANZAC Day Commemoration Committee. The Committee was charged with paying homage to the Gallipoli fallen and support to the survivors. It was decided that the first commemorations would take place on April 25, 1916 one year after the Gallipoli landings and so was born the ANZAC Day tradition. The first Brisbane Dawn service was held at the newly dedicated Shrine of Remembrance on April 25, 1931.

On this day, we commemorate the service and sacrifice of all Australians and New Zealanders who have served– and we honour those who are currently serving.

The ADCC (Qld) sincerely thanks:

- Her Excellency the Hon Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM, Governor of Queensland
- The Australian Army Band Brisbane under the direction of Major Cameron Earl
- Brisbane Boys' College Collegians Choir under the direction of Mr Simon Schmidt
- Members of the Australian Defence Force
- Brisbane City Council
- Queensland Police Service
- St John Ambulance and the Queensland Ambulance Service
- Translink and Queensland Rail for the provision of free rail transport for veterans
- Queensland Fire and Emergency Services
- Members of ADCC, students of Brisbane Boys' College and Anglican Church Grammar School, Venturers and the many volunteers whose services and support made this ceremony possible

Captain Adele Catts

Honorary President ANZAC Day Commemoration Committee (Qld)



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