ANZAC Day Commemoration 2021

Light Up the Dawn

"As the sun peeks over the horizon, the country stands united – in uniforms or pyjamas, wearing medals, poppies or sprigs of rosemary – to let Australia's veterans know that their service and sacrifice will never be forgotten."(NSW RSL)

With respect and reverence, people around the world gathered at ANZAC memorials, in driveways, sat quietly in cars or around the breakfast table to reflect on the sacrifice given, both in lives lost and lives impacted forever by those who gave everything for their country during times of conflict and peace keeping.

In Gundaroo predawn darkness, the poignant laying of wreaths at the memorial was surrounded by impromptu sharing of song and verse culminating in the sounding of the Last Post, one minutes silence and the Reveille.

Throughout the remainder of the day, visitors paused to reflect and lay red poppies and rosemary sprigs.

The Monuments Subcommittee who maintain the memorial and coordinate and conduct the ANZAC Dawn Service were deeply saddened the formal service was cancelled again this year. Whilst COVID-19 restrictions eased prior to ANZAC Day, new indemnity insurance requirements and COVID-19 gathering restrictions at the time forced the committee to make the decision well in advance. Thank you to all who were so supportive and understanding of this decision.

The Monument Subcommittee will address the issues affecting this year and is committed to holding a full ANZAC Dawn Service commemoration in 2022.

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