

2019 NATIONAL CEREMONY

MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER, 10.30 AM AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL



Welcome to the Australian War Memorial on Remembrance Day 2019, commemorating the 101st anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended the First World War.

Order of Service

Arrivals

His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, and Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley

Playing of the Didgeridoo

Able Seaman Braidon Newman

Commemorative Address

His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

The Ode

Major General Greg Melick AO RFD FANZCN SC National President, Returned and Services League of Australia

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.

The Last Post One Minute's Silence The Rouse Response

Lest we forget

Laying of Wreaths

Wreaths will be laid by the following or their representative:

- The Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia
- The Prime Minister of Australia
- The Chief Minister of the Australian Capital Territory
- The Speaker of the House of Representatives
 The President of the Senate
- The Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia
- The Leader of the Federal Opposition
- The Chief of the Defence Force
 - The Chairman of the Council of the Australian War Memorial
 The National President of the Returned and Services League of Australia
- The Chief of Navy
 - The Chief of Army
 - The Chief of Air Force
- The National President of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans and Services Association
- The National President of the Naval Association of Australia
 The National President of the Air Force Association
- The National President of the War Widows' Guild of Australia
 The National President of the Australian Federation of Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Ex-Servicemen and Women
- The Chairman of Legacy Australia, and Junior Legatees

Hymn

O God, our help in ages past

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy Saints have dwelt secure; Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame, From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.

Laying of Wreaths

Members of the Diplomatic Corps will lay wreaths on behalf of the citizens of their countries

Epitaphs

Senator the Honourable Linda Reynolds CSC, representing the Prime Minister of Australia, and the Honourable Anthony Albanese MP, Leader of the Federal Opposition

Musical Performance

Mr Fred Smith and Band

National Anthem

Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are young 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.

Acknowledgements

Master of Ceremonies: Mr Scott Bevan

Australia's Federation Guard

Band of the Royal Military College, Duntroon

Mr Fred Smith and Band

FRONT COVER IMAGE: Australian soldiers wait with a Rwandan mother and child for a helicopter to evacuate them from the Kibeho refugee camp following the 1995 massacre. (George Gittoes, P04111.010)

Last Post Ceremony

The eulogy for the Unknown Australian Soldier, first delivered by the Honourable Paul Keating in 1993, will be read at today's Last Post Ceremony at 4.55 pm in the Commemorative Area.

The Last Post Ceremony is also streamed live on the Memorial's YouTube channel and Facebook page. These can be accessed via the Memorial website at www.awm.gov.au.





In Flanders fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:

To you from failing hands we throw

The torch; be yours to hold it high.

If ye break faith with us who die

We shall not sleep, though poppies grow

In Flanders fields.

John McCrae

