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Lest we forget

# We will remember them. Thank you for your service



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# Mayor's message



# Hello and welcome to ANZAC Day 2022.

On behalf of the Bundaberg Region community, I extend my sincere thanks to all veterans for their service.

Over the past few decades we've seen dwindling numbers with the passage of time from conflicts such as the Anglo-Boer War, the Great War and Second World War.

Seventy years ago today the Korean War was raging and Australian personnel were under hostile fire. The youngest of those sailors, soldiers and airmen are today around 90 or older.

Along with our remaining veterans from the Second World War and all other survivors from subsequent conflicts, they inspire us with their courage.

The world today is in the most volatile situation it's been since the height of the Cold War.

The men and women of the Australian Defence Force are

at the frontline of our safety and national security.

On this special day, we honour them.

Our respect and honour needs to be more than words.

Australia needs to care for its current and former members of the ADF. This includes appropriate support for their wellbeing.

We've seen the trauma suffered by many of those who returned from places like Vietnam and Afghanistan.

We've seen the challenge of recruiting and retaining skilled military personnel who are stationed around Australia and the world in sometimes difficult conditions.

A modern, agile Defence Force will manage these issues in a way that protects the men and women who serve.

Lest we forget.

Mayor Jack Dempsey
Bundaberg Regional Council

# Bargara

Dawn Service

#### Location

Bargara War Memorial The Esplanade and Bauer Street

#### Time

5.30am

#### Order of service

- Parade Assembles 5am
   Cnr Bauer and Tanner Streets,
   Bargara
- Parade Forms 5.15am under direction of Parade Marshal
- Parade Marches 5.30am
- Mounting of the Catafalque Party 5.40am provided by TS Bundaberg Navy Cadets
- Welcome and Opening Address
   by Greg Barnes Chair, Bargara Commemorations Committee
- Invocation and Prayer by Service Padre
- Reading 'What ANZAC Day Means To Me' by Bargara State School student
- Recording 'Sir'
- Reading The Oration
- Fly Past Approximately 6.10am
- The Lament by parade piper
- Laying of Wreaths
- Reading Tribute to the Fallen
- The Ode
- The Last Post by parade bugler
- One Minute's Silence
- Reveille by parade bugler
- National Anthems
- Thanks and Acknowledgements
- Dismounting of Catafalque Party
- Parade Marshal Dismisses Parade
- Band leads Diggers to Bargara Beach Hotel for priority serving of the Gunfire Breakfast



Immediately following the Service, Diggers and the Community are invited to the Bargara Beach Hotel for a complimentary Gunfire Breakfast.

Two-up will commence at 8am.

### Bucca

Dawn Service

#### Location

Bucca Community Hall Bucca

#### Time

4.20am

#### Order of service

- Parade Assembles 4.20am
   at the Memorial Gardens and Plaque
   Continuous slideshow of local families, war heroes
- Laying of Wreaths
   open to local residents and visiting guests
- The Ode/Last Post/One Minute's Silence by bugler: Local Bucca resident
- 21 Gun Salute
- Parade Marshal Dismisses Parade

A free Gunfire Breakfast with tea and coffee will be provided at the Bucca Community Hall following the conclusion of the service.





# Bundaberg

Dawn Service

#### Location

Bundaberg Cenotaph Cnr Bourbong and Barolin Streets Bundaberg

#### Time

#### 4.15am

#### Order of service

- Parade Assembles 4am outside the Bundaberg RSL, Quay Street, Bundaberg
- Parade Marches 4.10am from Quay Street via Barolin Street to Cenotaph
- Mounting of the Catafalque Party 4.15am Bundaberg Cenotaph
- Welcome by RSL Sub Branch President, Graham Crowden
- Laying of Wreaths The President invites representatives of Bundaberg Regional Council, representatives of Sub-Branch and Ex-Service Organisations to lay wreaths and extends an invitation to those in the gathering to lay a wreath or place a poppy in remembrance of the fallen.
- Prayer by representative of the Bundaberg Ministers' Association
- Lament by Lone Piper
- Ode/Last Post/One Minute's Silence/Reveille please refer to page 29
- Dawn Service concludes

4.55am Parade participants are invited to coffee/tea in the RSL building

5.25am A bus will depart from the RSL building for the Cemetery Service

**5.30 - 7.30am** Breakfast downstairs in the RSL building. Restricted to all Ex-Service and Serving Personnel with current ID, provided free. Accompanying family may attend for a small fee of \$5 per person.



# Bundaberg

Civic Service

#### Location

ANZAC Park Quay Street, Bundaberg

Time

8.30am

#### Order of service

- Parade Assembles 8am
   Bourbong Street, Bundaberg
- Parade Marches 8.30am
   past the Cenotaph to ANZAC Park
- Salute to be Taken by 2022 guest, Max Francis
- Mounting of Catafalque Party ANZAC Park, Quay Street
- Opening Address by the Mayor, Bundaberg Regional Council
- Reading Shalom Catholic College
- Hymn 'O God Our Help in Ages Past' by Suellen Cusack-Greensill accompanied by Bundaberg Municipal Band
- First Uniform Resolution by the Mayor, Bundaberg Regional Council
- Laying of Wreaths led by the Mayor, Bundaberg Regional Council
- Reading Norville State School
- Hymn 'God Bless Australia' by Suellen Cusack-Greensill accompanied by Bundaberg Municial Band
- Second Uniform Resolution
   by representative of the Bundaberg Ministers' Association
- Third Uniform Resolution by RSL Sub Branch President, Graham Crowden
- Parade called to order by March Commander
- Please stand for the Ode/Last Post/One Minute's Silence and remain standing until the Catafalque Party has dismounted please refer to page 29
- Rouse by bugler: Darren Large
- Flag Raising
- New Zealand National Anthem by Jordan Nio accompanied by Bundaberg Municipal Band
- Australian National Anthem by Suellen Cusack-Greensill accompanied by Bundaberg Municipal Band
- Parade to attention by March Commander
- Catafalque Party dismounts, March Commander Dismisses Parade



Following local tradition,
a Guest of Honour,
representing all serving
and ex-service members,
is invited to take the
salute, accompanied by
the Mayor, at the
official Dias.

# Burnett Heads

Civic Service

#### Location

Cnr Moss and Zunker Streets Burnett Heads

#### **Time**

2.55pm

- Parade Assembles 2.30pm
   Community Hall, Zunker Street, Burnett Heads
- Parade Marches 2.45pm
   from Community Hall to Memorial Park
- Salute to be Taken
   by SGT James Ingram (RAAF Military Working Dog Handler),
   served in Butterworth & East Timor
- Mounting of the Catafalque Party 2.55pm
   Memorial Park (TS Bundaberg Navy Cadets)
- Welcome to Country by Student from the Burnett Heads State School
- Opening Address by President of the Burnett Heads Memorial Park Committee, Ken Graham
- First Uniform Resolution by Stephen Bennett MP Member for Burnett
- Laying of Wreaths led by representative of Bundaberg Regional Council
- Second Uniform Resolution by Major Melissa Millard of Salvation Army
- Third Uniform Resolution by President of the Burnett Heads Memorial Park Committee Ken Graham
- Ode/Last Post/One Minute's Silence/ Rouse by bugler
- National Anthem
- Benediction by Major Melissa Millard of Salvation Army
- Conclusion





### **Buxton**

Memorial Service

#### Location

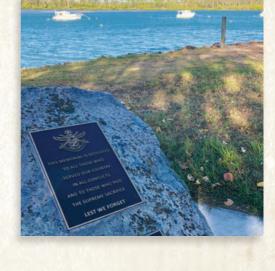
Buxton Riverside Memorial Buxton

#### Time

#### 10am

#### Order of service

- Welcome by Warren Ball, JP President Buxton Friendship Association
- Opening Address by special guest COL S. Goltz
- Laying of Wreaths
- Ode/Last Post/One Minute's Silence
- Rouse by bugler
- National Anthem
- Conclusion



A free morning tea is provided at the conclusion of the Service.



Dedication ceremony for Fallen Soldiers Monument Bourbong Street Bundaberg, 1921.

# **Childers**

Dawn Service

#### Location

#### **Childers Memorial Precinct**

#### **Time**

#### 5<sub>a</sub>m

#### Order of service

- Parade Assembles 4.20am
   Childers RSI
- Parade Marches 4.28am from Childers RSL to Memorial Precinct
- Opening Address by the Isis RSL
- Laying of Wreaths
- Ode/Last Post/One Minute's Silence
- Rouse
- Parade Marshal Dismisses Parade



Participants not attending other Dawn Services in our area are invited to attend a Gunfire Breakfast at the Isis RSL following this Service.

# Doolbi

Dawn Service

Location

Doolbi Memorial

Time

5am

- Parade Assembles 4.55am Doolbi Memorial
- Opening Address by the Isis RSL
- Laying of Wreaths
- Ode/Last Post/One Minute's Silence
- Rouse
- Parade Marshal Dismisses Parade

# **Apple Tree Creek**

Dawn Service

**Apple Tree Creek Memorial** 

5.20am

#### Order of service

- Parade Assembles 5.20am **Apple Tree Creek Memorial**
- Opening Address by the Isis RSL
- Laying of Wreaths
- Ode/Last Post/One Minute's Silence
- Rouse
- Parade Marshal Dismisses Parade



# Cordalba

Dawn Service

Location

Cordalba Memorial Park

Time

5.40am

#### Order of service

- Parade Assembles 5.25am Central Store, Cordalba
- Parade Marches 5.40am from Queen Street to Memorial Park
- Opening Address by the Isis RSL
- Laying of Wreaths
- Ode/Last Post/One Minute's Silence
- National Anthem by Cordalba State School Band
- Rouse
- Parade Marshal Dismisses Parade

Public are welcome to attend a free cooked Gunfire Breakfast at the Cordalba Pub, commencing at 6am.

# **Childers**

Citizens' Service

#### Location

Isis Cultural Centre Churchill Street Childers

#### Time

10.05am

- Parade Assembles 9.40am
   North Street, Childers
- Parade Marches 9.55am
   from North Street to Isis Cultural Centre
- Salute to be Taken by Isis RSL and invited representatives
- Australian and New Zealand National Anthems by Isis District State High School Band
- Opening Address by John Russo MC
- First Uniform Resolution by the Isis RSL
- Hymn
- Second Uniform Resolution by the Isis RSL
- Hymn
- Speech by the Isis RSL
- Reading Names of the Fallen
   by representative of Isis District State High School
- Laying of Wreaths
- Ode/Last Post/One Minute's Silence
- Rouse
- Poem by Childers State School Captains
- Parade Marshal Dismisses Parade



# **Elliott Heads**

Dawn Service

#### Location

Submarine Lookout Elliott Heads

#### **Time**

5.40am

- Welcome by Master of Ceremonies, Mr Bob Hibbard
- Flag Ceremony
   Flag Masters: Mr Bruce McPherson and Mr Bruce Austin
- The Lord's Prayer by Major Chris Millard, Salvation Army
- Remembrance Prayer by Major Chris Millard, Salvation Army
- Requiem by Mr Lawrence Cremin
- The Oration by Cr Tanya McLoughlin Bundaberg Regional Council, Division 6
- Laying of Wreaths
- The Ode by Mrs Teeny Patterson
- Last Post by bugler: Kit Howkins
- One Minute's Silence
- Rouse by bugler: Kit Howkins
- New Zealand National Anthem
- Australian National Anthem



# **Elliott Heads**

Memorial Service

#### Location

#### Submarine Lookout Elliott Heads

#### **Time**

#### 11.15am

- Welcome by Master of Ceremonies, Mr Bob Hibbard
- Mounting of the Catafalque Party by TS Bundaberg Naval Cadets
- Poem: In Flanders Fields by John McCrae Harrison Shield, Elliott Heads State School Captain
- Poem: We Shall Keep the Faith by Moina Michael Skye Jones, Elliott Heads State School Captain
- The History of the Last Post Kristian Apostol, Bundaberg Christian College
- The Last ANZAC by Elliott Heads State School Choir
- Fly Past 11.25am approximately
- Lord's Prayer
   by Major Melissa Millard,
   Salvation Army
- Remembrance Prayer by Major Chris Millard, Salvation Army
- Requiem by Cr Tanya McLoughlin, Bundaberg Regional Council, Division 6
- Hymn: Kipling's Recessional led by Mr Sean Raffaut



- The Oration by Kristen Apostol Captain, Bundaberg Christian College
- Laying of Wreaths
   led by Bundaberg Regional
   Council, Elliott Heads ANZAC Day
   Committee, Samuel Cole-Bloore
   and Hannah Threadgate Elliott
   Heads State School Vice-Captains
   and students, Kristen Apostol and
   Elizabeth Edwards Bundaberg
   Christian College School leaders.
- The Ode by Mr Lawrence Cremin
- Last Post by bugler: Kristian Apostol
- One Minute's Silence
- Rouse by bugler: Kristian Apostol
- Salute by TS Bundaberg Naval Cadets
- Doves of Peace
- New Zealand and Australian
   National Anthems
   by Elliott Heads State School Choir
   Bundaberg Christian College
   Symphonic band
   The Salvation Army Band
- Acknowledgements by Master of Ceremonies, Mr Bob Hibbard

# **Gin Gin**

Dawn Service

#### Location

Cenotaph Mulgrave Street, Gin Gin

#### Time

#### 4am

#### Order of service

- Parade Assembles 3.45am Gin Gin RSL
- Parade Marches 4am Gin Gin RSL to the Cenotaph
- Mounting of the Catafalque Party 4.05am
   Cenotaph, Gin (The Catafalque Party is provided by 9th Battalion Royal Queensland Regiment)
- Extract from Official War History by President Gin Gin RSL
- Prayers
- Laying of Wreaths led by Gin Gin RSL representative
- Dedication of Purpose by President Gin Gin RSL
- Ode/Last Post/One Minute's Silence/Rouse
- Dismounting of the Catafalque Party
- Parade Marshal Reassembles March for return to RSL Hall



Battle of Villers-Bretonneux by Gary Woodfield

Participants are invited

to attend a breakfast at the RSL Memorial Hall.

commencing at 5am.

# Gin Gin

Civic Service

#### Location

Cenotaph Mulgrave Street, Gin Gin

#### Time

9.30am

#### Order of service

- Parade Assembles 9.15am
   Gin Gin RSL
- Parade Marches 9.30am
   Gin Gin RSL to the Cenotaph
- Salute to be Taken
- Mounting of the Catafalque Party 9.40am Cenotaph, Gin Gin (The Catafalque Party is provided by 9th Battalion Royal Queensland Regiment)
- Welcome by Gin Gin RSL representative
- Prayer by Chaplain/Salvation Army Officer
- Address by School Captain Gin Gin State High School
- Reading of the Names of the Fallen by Gin Gin State High School Students
- The Uniform Resolution by Gin Gin RSL representative
- Laying of Wreaths
- Ode/Last Post
   One Minute's Silence/Rouse
- New Zealand National Anthem by Ginia Morrison
- Australian National Anthem by Susan Bengtson
- Dismounting of the Catafalque Party
- Parade Marshal Re-assembles March for return to RSL Hall
- Flag Ceremony in May Street for World War II fallen



Participants of the parade are invited to attend a lunch at the RSL Memorial Hall, commencing at 12pm.

# **Moore Park Beach**

Dawn Service

#### Location

**ANZAC Memorial Park ANZAC Parade** Moore Park Beach

#### Time

5.30am

#### Order of service

- Flag Ceremony
- Opening Address
- Laying of Wreaths
- Ode/Last Post/One Minute's Silence
- Reveille
- Conclusion



Service attendees are invited to join Veterans and members for a Gunfire Breakfast at Moore Park Beach Bowls Club immediately after the service.

I saw the going down of the sun on that first ANZAC Day I was your mate ... the kid across the street ... the med. student at graduation ... the mechanic in the corner garage

the gardener who cut your lawn ... the clerk who sent your phone bill I was an Army private . . . a Naval commander . . . an Air Force bombardier No man knows me ... no name marks my tomb, for I am every Australian serviceman...

I am the Unknown Soldier

# LEST WE FORGET

Bargara War Memorial plaque

# **Moore Park Beach**

Civic Service

#### Location

ANZAC Memorial Park ANZAC Parade Moore Park Beach

#### Time

11.30am

#### Order of service

- Parade Assembles 11.20am at Community Hall
- Parade Marches 11.30am
   to Memorial Garden via ANZAC Parade
   Salute taken by Warrant Officer Allan Burgess OAM
   Parade Marshal Warrant Officer Russel Kilpatrick
- Welcome and Acknowledgements
- Reading by Moore Park Beach State School
- Reading by Gooburrum State School
- ANZAC Day Address
- The Last ANZAC by Moore Park Beach and Gooburrum School Choirs
- Catafalque Party March On Australian Naval Cadets Training Squadron
- Laying of Wreaths by Bundaberg Caledonian Pipe Band
- Lament
- The Ode to the Fallen by North Bundaberg High School
- Last Post/One Minute's Silence
- Reveille
- Lest We Forget by Moore Park Beach and Gooburrum School Choirs
- National Anthems both Australian and New Zealand by Moore Park Beach and Gooburrum School Choirs led by Corina Evans
- Thank you by Major Sharon Cord (R'td)
- Catafalque Party March Off
- Service Complete, Parade Marshal Dismisses Parade



Refreshments,
entertainment
and luncheon will be
available at the Community
Hall following the Service.

# South Kolan

Dawn Service

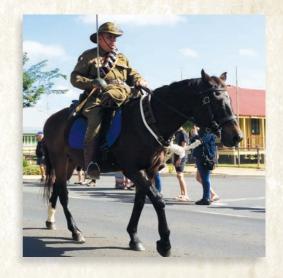
#### Location

Kolan South State School Gin Gin Road, South Kolan

#### Time

6am

- Parade Assembles 5.45am at bottom of School Oval
- Parade Marches 6am led by Kolan South State School Corps of Drums
- Salute to be Taken
- Welcome
- Opening Address by Mr Ken Peterson
- School Captains Presentation
- ANZAC Day Prayer
- Laying of Wreaths by Local Member, Service Club and the Public
- Ode/Last Post/One Minute's Silence
- Reveille/Rouse
- National Anthems led by Kolan South State School Band



# **War Nurses**

Service

#### Location

War Nurses Memorial Park Cnr Bourbong and Takalvan Streets Bundaberg

#### Time

10.15am

#### Order of service

- Parade Assembles 10.10am at War Nurses Memorial Park
- Mounting of Catafalque Guard and Flag Orderly 10.15am by TS Bundaberg Australian Navy Cadets
- Address by President, Bundaberg District Women Veterans
- Prayers
- Reading of the Names of our Fallen War Nurses School student
- Lament piper: Bundaberg Caledonian Pipe Band During laying of the wreaths
- Laying of Wreaths
- Ode female veteran
  If able, please stand
- Last Post/One Minute's Silence/Rouse by bugler: Aaron Hunter
- Australian National Anthem
- Parade Commander Dismisses Parade
- Closing remarks

This service honours Bundaberg Region War Nurses plus all Australian Service Nurses who have served or are serving. Everyone is welcome to attend and place a tribute at the Australian Service Nurses Memorial Wall.



# **Woodgate Beach**

Dawn Service

#### Location

Centenary of ANZAC Memorial Community Park, The Esplanade Woodgate Beach

#### Time 5.50am

#### Order of service

- Welcome
- **Opening Address**
- **Opening Prayer**
- ANZAC Address by Stephen Bennett MP Member for Burnett
- Presentation by students of Goodwood State School
- The Requiem
- Mounting of the Catafalque Party
- Laying of Wreaths
- The Ode by the President of the Woodgate Beach RSL Sub Branch
- Last Post/One Minute's Silence/Rouse
- **New Zealand National Anthem**
- Australian National Anthem
- Dismounting of the Catafalque Party
- Hymn O God our Help in Ages Past
- Closing Prayer and Benediction
- Parade Assembles/Marches with salute taken by guest speaker



山 Those who have attended today are invited to a Gunfire Breakfast at the Woodgate Club at a subsidised cost of \$5 per head.



# **Hymns and Anthems**

# **God Bless Australia**

Here in this God-given land of our Australia, This proud possession, our own piece of earth That was built by our Fathers who pioneered our heritage, Here in Australia, the land of our birth.

God bless Australia, our land Australia Home of the ANZACS, the strong and the free, It's our homeland, our own land, to cherish for eternity, God bless Australia, the land of the free.

Here in Australia we treasure love and liberty, Our way of life, all for one, one for all, We're a peace-loving race, but should danger ever threaten us, Let the world know we will answer the call.

God bless Australia, our land Australia Home of the ANZACS, the strong and the free, It's our homeland, our own land, to cherish for eternity, God bless Australia, the land of the free.

# 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.

A thousand ages in thy sight Are like an evening gone; Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Bears all its sons away; They fly, forgotten, as a dream Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guide while troubles last,
And our eternal home!

# 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 need Thy presence every passing hour, What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power? Who like Thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through sunshine and cloud, Oh 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.

# 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.

# Advance Australia Fair

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.

# **God Defend New Zealand**

E ihowa atua, O nga iwi matou ra Ata whakarangona Me aroha noa Kia hua ko te pai Kia tau to atawhai Manaakitia mai Aotegrog

God of Nations at thy feet, in the bonds of love we meet, Hear our voices, we entreat, God defend our free land.

Guard Pacific's triple star from the shafts of strife and war, Make her praises heard afar, God defend New Zealand.

Men of every creed and race, gather here before thy face, Asking thee to bless this place, God defend our free land.

From dissension, envy, hate, and corruption guard our state, Make our country good and great, God defend New Zealand.

Peace, not war, shall be our boast, but, should foes assail our coast, make us then a mighty host, God defend our free land.

Lord of battles in thy might, put our enemies to flight, Let our cause be just and right, God defend New Zealand.

Let our love for thee increase, may thy blessings never cease, Give us plenty, give us peace, God defend our free land.

From dishonour and from shame, quard our country's spotless name, crown her with immortal fame, God defend New Zealand.

May our mountains ever be freedom's ramparts on the sea, Make us faithful unto thee, God defend our free land.

Guide her in the nations' van, preaching love and truth to man, Working out thy glorious plan, God defend New Zealand.



# The Ode

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.

(All present repeat)

We will remember them

The sounding of the "Last Post"

- One Minute's Silence -

(All present repeat)

**Lest We Forget** 

Rouse/Reveille



Sergeant John Degnin on 17 December 1916, at the presentation to him of 'Mosman Cottage', a house built by volunteers through the Frenchs Forest soldier settlement scheme.

WINDOWS INTO WARTIME is an exhibition that has been produced by NSW State Archives for the Centenary of Anzac and to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the First World War. The exhibition presents a selection of images produced by the NSW Government Printing Office Photographic Branch during and immediately after the Great War. As society mobilised on the home front in support of Australia's military effort overseas, government photographers were on the ground in Sydney and across the state shooting the image.

They photographed a raft of activities and produced an extraordinary body of work that not only documented, but promoted and shaped how the people of NSW responded to the impact and upheaval caused by the First World War.

**EXHIBITION SHOWING** 22 April - 25 May 2022 HINKLER HALL OF AVIATION Mount Perry Road, Bundaberg North hinklerhallofaviation.com.au









# Ula looks back on Australian Women's Army Service career

Anzac Day is a special time for local resident Ula Agnew, who is one of Bundaberg's remaining World War II veterans.

Mrs Agnew enrolled in the Australian Women's Army Service in 1941 when she was just 21 years old.

She recalls catching the train from Bundaberg to Brisbane with only a suitcase in tow.

"It was a big thing for a country girl – I was sworn in at the showgrounds, and then I was off to the rookie course, it was hard work, but everyone was in the same boat," she said.

"You learnt just to keep your nose clean and that was it.

"I went in as a Private and came out a Warrant Officer and I am proud of that – I am proud to have served."

Mrs Agnew said Anzac Day was a significant time of year and it was important for the community to remember the sacrifices made.

"I say never lose the thoughts for the Anzacs, no matter what is happening around us," Mrs Agnew said.



Local World War II veteran Ula Agnew.

"Australia is unique and unlike anywhere else in the world; it's important to love Australia, our home, our country."

For the 2022 Anzac Day commemorations, Mrs Agnew was invited to be a special guest but was unable to confirm her attendance. Mayor Jack Dempsey said it was veterans like Mrs Agnew who embodied what it was to be an Anzac.

"Ula is deeply passionate and proud of her country and Anzac Day is an opportunity to honour her, and those like her, who have served and are currently serving our great nation," he said.

