

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE RESERVE FORCES DAY PARADE 10 AM SUNDAY 1 JULY 12 SYDNEY DOMAIN

This year, the 110th anniversary of the end of the Boer War, recognises Reservists' service in the nation's first military campaign and their ongoing contribution to Australia's defence.



THE PARADE WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE GOVERNOR OF NEW SOUTH WALES HER EXCELLENCY PROFESSOR MARIE BASHIR AC CVO.

This will be a special parade to acknowledge the wonderful contribution made to Australia's military heritage by the veterans of the Boer War and encourages all serving or former members of the Reserve Forces, RANR, Militia, CMF, CAF, permanent members and National Service to take part in the Sydney parade.

The parade will include the colourful Association Standards and Banners and will commence with the march on of the Landers Band leading the Boer War descendants to the parade ground, bearing 11 Australian flags representing the 11 decades since the end of the war, for the presentation of their medallions in honour of their Boer War veteran. The descendants will receive a special salute by the Light Horse. Sing Australia will perform songs of the Boer War era. Massed pipe and brass bands will be followed by Associations marching onto the Parade Ground and the Governor arriving with a Light Horse escort.

In this 110th anniversary year, Her Excellency the Governor-General has very kindly agreed to sign a Reserve Forces Day Council commemorative certificate. To receive this certificate you must attend the celebrations and be nominated by your participating Association. If you are not a member see www.rfd.org.au Associations.

Descendant and in Memory Boer War commemorative medallions may be ordered through www.rfd.org.au. Proceeds will support the establishment of an official Boer War memorial on ANZAC parade in Canberra.

SPECTATORS ARE INVITED TO SUPPORT OUR CURRENT DEFENCE RESERVISTS WHO CONTINUE TO SERVE OUR NATION IN AUSTRALIA AND OVERSEAS



Entertainment will commence at 10am, Parade at 11am. Morning Tea will be available. Marchers are requested to enter from Art Gallery Road by 10.30 AM – see over.

INFORMATION FOR MARCHERS

Serving and former members of the Defence Forces

The parade is only for serving or former members of the forces.

CEREMONIAL CONTINGENTS

Ceremonial contingents comprising serving and former members are to form up in the area of Central Ave in the Domain opposite the Art Gallery of NSW by 1030h. If you are being driven to the parade please alight from the vehicle in the lay back in front of the Gallery.

Areas for the five formations, RANR, 2nd Division, 5th Brigade, 8th Brigade and the RAAF and the National Service Association to form up will be clearly sign posted. Please report to your Association Sergeant Major to ensure you know your position and where to go when asked to fall in. Initially the Formation RSMs will be in control before handing over to the 2IC/Formation Commander.

UNIT ASSOCIATION REUNIONS

Unit Association re-unions will be held at the conclusion of the parade. If you are not a member of your unit's association you would be most welcome to join their activities on the day. Here's your opportunity - 50 unit associations will be on parade. See RFDC web site - details below.

NEATNESS OF DRESS AND GENERAL BEARING

The Reserve Forces Day Parade is a military parade and former members take pride in their unit association turn out, as we did when we were serving. As a result many Associations have taken the lead by adopting a uniform Association dress code. The Reserve Forces Day Council congratulates them for their initiative and suggests to all Associations to follow their lead.

Members on parade will be viewed by spectators throughout its duration, including the march past. We ask Associations to work on this aspect to ensure we demonstrate the pride and esprit de corps we have in our service and association. We must remember that the Governor has given us the honour of reviewing the parade and every effort should be made by us in supporting our Association and being well turned out.

The parade will take less time as an inspection will not be carried out. The new format means we will be marching past within two metres of the VIPs and your guests on two occasions. Poor dress will be more obvious than ever before.

Dress Code for this year's Parade.

Headwear is very important as this unifies all marchers and is not expensive to purchase.

Beret: Marchers are requested to wear a beret with their former unit badge except for the Scottish Association, WRAAC and the RAAF NS Association. Many units already wear the beret with pride - for example the Commandos and NSAA. Dark blue is the correct colour for the majority of units. As a reminder the head band must be level and not more than 25mm/one inch above eyebrows join at centre rear, with ribbon neatly knotted and tucked in, cap badge above the left eye, top of the beret pulled over to right side. The RSMs will be checking the dress on the day. Berets and badges can be purchased from Christies in Pitt St.

Suit or Jacket: A navy jacket/or suit (done up) and tie is to be worn. Many associations dress code is a navy blue jacket, white/blue shirt, grey trousers, (coloured trousers do not look uniform) or kilt, black belt, alternatively a sports coat. Tie - official Association / Corps tie.

Lapel Badges: It is suggested that one or two is adequate.

Gloves: White gloves are to be worn by all members of Banner Parties, Standard Bearers and RSMs (and equivalent) for each formation and dress standardised.

Medals: Officially issued decorations, campaign and service medals should be worn as appropriate. Medals such as commemorative or souvenir medals - i.e. medals that are purchased not issued by the Government - must not be worn. This year only relatives' medals of Boer War veterans are to be worn.

Carried items: No items (newspapers, cameras) are to be carried by members during the parade.

Saluting: Leading members of Contingents wearing headwear are requested to salute (with the hand in traditional fashion) to Her Excellency when marching past the dais. The salute with hand to heart is not appropriate for this Parade

Serving members dress: We would like you to wear ceremonial uniform (for officers less sword). Otherwise please attend in the civilian dress as listed above. This may make it easier for you to attend Association reunions.

MORNING TEA & LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE DOMAIN FOR A GOLD COIN DONATION

TO RECEIVE THE SPECIAL RFDC COMMEMORATIVE CERTIFICATE FOR THIS YEAR SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL FOR ATTENDING THE PARADE YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF AN ASSOCIATION. FOR INFORMATION ABOUT JOINING AN ASSOCIATION SEE THE RFDC WEB SITE www.rfd.org.au - ASSOCIATIONS

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

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