

10:00 A.M. - SUNDAY 3rd JULY 2016

RECOGNISING THE VALUE OF RESERVE SERVICE TO THE NATION



Reserve Forces Parade

ANZAC MEMORIAL



The National Reserve Forces Day Parade is being held on Sunday 3 July 2016 at the ANZAC Memorial in Hyde Park South from 10.00am. The parade of serving and former members of the Reserve Forces is to acknowledge the Centenary of the Western Front battles in 1916.

2016 A CENTURY SINCE THE PLANNING COMMENCED FOR THE MEMORIAL

The Anzac Memorial was created by the people of New South Wales as a place to remember the impact of the Great War (1914 – 1918). Although the Memorial did not open until 1934 the need for the Memorial was recognised as soon as the casualty figures from the 1915 Gallipoli campaign became public knowledge. Planning for a Memorial of some kind began with the establishment of a fund on the first anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli in 1916. As the war was fought far from Australia and those who died in the war were buried "far from home", with no opportunity for repatriation of the remains, communities around Australia demanded memorials as an appropriate focus for their grief and remembrance. Few would ever be able to visit the battlefields and cemeteries in which their loved ones lay." The centre photo shows the opening and dedication of the Memorial by HRH the Duke of Gloucester on 24 Nov 1934 before 100,000 spectators

The Parade

The formal part of the day will commence with the presentations of Medallions and Western Front War Bars to descendants of WWI Veterans by the VIPs.

Banners of the Associations and units will move to both sides of the Pool of Reflection in "holding ground" positions. A ceremonial contingent of tri-service flags, 5 New Zealand and 5 Australian flags, representing the 10 decades since 1916 will take their places. These will be followed by the tri-service formations marching on with the Standards of the Units and Associations around the Pool. The Standards carry the traditions of the WWI units with most of the units linked to the famous 2nd Division, Battalions and Services that fought in the Gallipoli campaign and the Battles of the Western Front.

A new Standard "Western Front" to acknowledge the centenary of the major battles in 1916 will be formally presented and uncased for the parade in front of the reviewing officer and VIPs. This will be the first time the Standard will be seen in public.

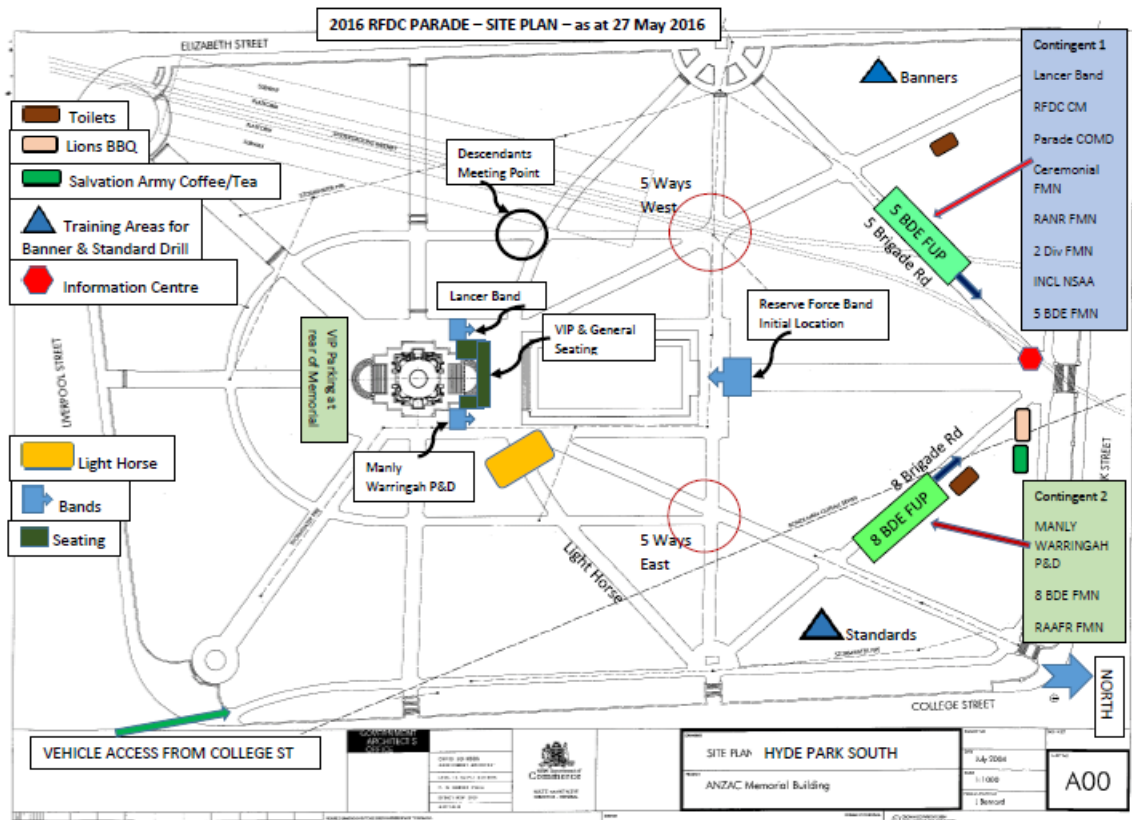
After formal speeches the parade will march past paying compliments to the Reviewing Officer His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd) who is also our Patron. The Governor will arrive at the Memorial from Government House with an escort provided by the NSW Mounted Police and Light Horse.

Today Reservists carry on the proud traditions established in the Boer War, the AN&MEF, the ANZACs and in subsequent wars. More recently Reservists of all ranks from the three services have served on active duty in Iraq, Afghanistan and United Nations as well as humanitarian missions. This experience and vital wealth of knowledge has been passed on to their home units. Their service is voluntary and made possible by the wonderful support of their families and employers.

Music will be provided by the 1/15 Royal New South Wales Lancers, the Manly Warringah Pipes and Drums and the Reserve Forces Day Band. The first band to perform from 10.00am will be the Reserve Forces Day Band playing appropriate music of WWI. 29/5

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU AT THIS HISTORIC, COLOURFUL AND MEANINGFUL PARADE.

Invitation to serving and former members of the Defence Forces to take part in the Reserve Forces Day Parade. This year will be the first time the parade will be held at the historic ANZAC MEMORIAL since the parades started in 1998.



CEREMONIAL CONTINGENTS - FORMING UP POSITIONS - FUP

Information Centre – See map:

All serving and former members are to meet in Hyde Park South by 1000h. On arrival report to your Association Sergeant Major to ensure you know your position and where to go when asked to fall in.

The areas will be clearly sign posted.

By 1030h members are to fall in with their Ceremonial Formations. Formations will be placed in 2 Contingents:

CONTINGENT ONE FORMATIONS: 1/15 RNSWL Band, Ceremonial, RANR, 2nd Division including NSAA, 5th Brigade will be marched to the West side of the Pool of Reflection.

CONTINGENT TWO FORMATIONS: Manly Warringah Pipes and Drums, 8th Brigade, and RAAFR will be marched to the East side of the Pool of Reflection.

Initially the Formation RSMs will be in control before handing over to the Formation Commander/2IC.

Chairs will be placed at the rear of the Associations for anyone needing a seat when the parade is formed up. If you feel you may need to sit down please do not hesitate and do it ASAP. If you are able you can then march off with your Association. First aid support will be provided by St John Ambulance.

UNIT ASSOCIATION REUNIONS - Unit Association reunions will be held at the conclusion of the parade.

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.

In this parade spectators will view members on parade 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 our Associations in this historic and symbolic location as we remember the Centenary of the battles of the Western Front.

Remember we will be marching past within two metres of the VIPs and your guests and poor dress will be more obvious than ever before.

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. 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. The RSMs will be checking the dress on the day. Berets and badges can be purchased from Christies in 276 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.

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: Only officially issued decorations, campaign and service medals should be worn. Medals such as commemorative or souvenir medals - i.e. medals that are purchased - not issued by the Government - must not be worn. Relatives medals are not worn.

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

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

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

Serving members' dress: We would like you to wear your uniform as it has now been approved for you to wear uniform on RFD (for officers less sword).

MORNING TEA & LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE PARK ST. END OF THE PARK FOR A GOLD COIN DONATION

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT JOINING AN ASSOCIATION SEE THE RFDC WEB SITE www.rfd.org.au – ASSOCIATIONS

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS: The Reserve Forces Day Council would like to thank the many RSL Sub Branches and Clubs and our major sponsors including the ADF and NSW Government. Without such support these celebrations could not be held.