



SYDNEY ANZAC DAY MARCH

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THANK YOU

The organising committee of the 2015 Sydney ANZAC Day March would like to thank everyone who participated in making the March such a success in marking the Centenary of the Gallipoli landings. Particular thanks needs to go to the NSW Government agencies such as the Department of Premier and Cabinet, Office of Veterans, Police, Fire Brigades, Ambulance, Traffic Management Centre and Transport NSW for the resources and man-hours they committed to the event. We also owe a debt of gratitude to the City of Sydney Council, Dawn Service Trust, the SES, our volunteer bands and especially our group of dedicated volunteer Marshals. Your hard work made all the difference on the day. Thank you.

NEXT YEAR

As you are no doubt aware there is a Light Rail Project starting construction later this year which will make the use of George Street impossible for future Marches. A group of senior members of the March committee have investigated and evaluated a number of alternate routes within the CBD paying particular attention to aspects such as the width and gradient of the street for senior veterans, having an appropriate focal point for an Act of Remembrance, access to public transport and minimal disruption to existing form up locations.

After careful discussion with key participants and government agencies the committee feels the best alternate route for the Sydney ANZAC Day March is;

- start line at Martin Place and Elizabeth St
- march south on Elizabeth St
- observe the Act of Remembrance adjacent to the ANZAC Memorial in Elizabeth St
- participants wheel left into Liverpool St for dispersal
- vehicles and bands wheel right into Liverpool St and use Castlereagh St to return to the start line

This route will allow the March to continue as a solemn March of Remembrance while also allowing as many spectators including senior veterans and Legacy widows to participate.

While the March will no longer pass the Cenotaph, an Act of Remembrance will still be observed and the Cenotaph will continue to hold the Dawn Service and Sunset Service Commemorations on ANZAC Day.

Greater detail about these changes will be forwarded to participants in due course however we ask that people keep an eye on the RSL NSW website and encourage all associations to register to receive these updates.