



New South Wales

Remembrance Day 2024

Order of Service



The Cenotaph, Martin Place, Sydney
Monday 11 November

Order of Proceedings

Wing Commander Peter Overton AM
Master of Ceremonies

ARRIVAL OF OFFICIAL GUESTS

Arrival of

The Honourable Tanya Plibersek MP
Representing the Prime Minister of Australia

Arrival of

The Honourable Chris Minns MP
Premier of New South Wales

Arrival of

Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC
Governor of New South Wales
and Mr Dennis Wilson

ROYAL SALUTE

(with music)

Catafalque Party takes post at the Cenotaph

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Uncle Harry Allie AM BEM
Gudjala Elder

POEM

‘In Flanders Fields’ by John McCrae, 1915
Mr Joshua Davison and Miss Olivia Wright
2024 Premier’s Anzac Memorial Scholars

PLACING OF WREATHS

Wreaths will be placed by:

The Governor of New South Wales

The Premier of New South Wales

Representative of the Prime Minister of Australia

State President of the Returned and Services League
of Australia (NSW Branch)

NSW State President of the Families of Veterans Guild

President of Sydney Legacy

Chief Justice of New South Wales

President of the Legislative Council

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Leader of the New South Wales Opposition

Representative of the Leader of the Federal Opposition

Representative of the Lord Mayor of Sydney

Senior Officers of the Defence Forces

Senior Officers of Emergency Services

Dean of the Consular Corps of New South Wales

Representatives of the 2024 Premier's Anzac
Memorial Scholars

THE ODE

Mr Mick Bainbridge

State President of the

Returned and Services League of Australia (NSW Branch)

*They went with songs to the battle, they were young
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow,
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.*

*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.

(Repeated by all)

Lest we forget.

(Repeated by all)

THE LAST POST

Sounded by Sergeant Curtis Wilcox
Australian Army Band, Sydney

ONE MINUTE'S SILENCE

At 11 o'clock, bells will sound 11 times
followed by silence kept for one minute
(Thoughts and reflections during silence)

ROUSE

REMEMBRANCE DAY REFLECTION

Group Captain Rodney Srinivasan
Headquarters Air Command

HYMN

*(Please join the Sydney Male Choir accompanied
by the Australian Army Band, Sydney)*

'I vow to thee my country'

*I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love.
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best.
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.*

*And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know.
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King,
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering.
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.*

PRAYER

Chaplain Amanda Campbell
Royal Australian Air Force - 22 Squadron

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM

Led by Corporal Stuart Fong

Australian Army Band, Sydney and the Sydney Male Choir

'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.*

Catafalque Party depart the Cenotaph

ROYAL SALUTE

(with music)

Guests wishing to lay a wreath on the Cenotaph are invited to come forward at the conclusion of official proceedings

**The New South Wales Government acknowledges
the following participants:**

Wing Commander Peter Overton AM, Master of Ceremonies

Uncle Harry Allie AM BEM, Gudjala Elder

Mr Joshua Davison, Oran Park Anglican College

Miss Olivia Wright, Hurlstone Agricultural High School

Mr Mick Bainbridge, State President of the Returned and Services
League of Australia (NSW Branch)

Group Captain Rodney Srinivasan
Headquarters Air Command

Chaplain Amanda Campbell
Royal Australian Air Force – 22 Squadron

The Catafalque Party from RAAF Base Richmond
led by Flight Lieutenant Barry Sutherland

Flag and Door Orderlies from RAAF Base Richmond

Australian Army Band, Sydney

Sergeant Curtis Wilcox, Bugler

Corporal Stuart Fong, Vocalist

Musician Thomas Barter, Piper

Mr Rod Holtham, Mr Wally Murans and Mr Terry James
RSL NSW Cenotaph Attendants

The significance of the red poppy

Red poppies were among the first plants to spring up in the devastated battlefields of northern France and Belgium. In soldiers' folklore, the vivid red of the poppy came from the blood of their comrades soaking the ground. The sight of poppies on the battlefield at Ypres in 1915 moved Canadian medical officer John McCrae, to write the poem 'In Flanders Fields'. The poppy soon became widely accepted as the flower of remembrance.

