

AUSTRALIAN WORLD WAR ONE DESCENDANTS (Inc.)

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Dear Member, it's that busy time of year again for Descendants!! A timely reminder to let you know we will participate in the 2017 Sydney Anzac Day March on Tuesday 25th April 2017.

Assemble in **PITT STREET**, on the **NORTH SIDE** (Sydney Harbour Bridge side) of **KING STREET**. **As usual look for our grey banner**. We ask you to **form up from 10.00 a.m.** It is always difficult to know exactly what time we may move off. We march behind the Boer War Descendants who are a small contingent of around 20 people.

****Unfortunately, we will not have the use of a Land Rover from now on.** They have been sold off by the Army and are no longer available to transport anyone including veterans during the March. The RSL have advised that those unable to walk the distance of the March may use a wheel chair assisted by one person, at the rear of our group. This new development applies to all Contingents and Units participating in the March.

****In accordance with our Model Rules of Incorporation, you must be a Financial Member to March.** Your membership is due for renewal now, and **only new members will be processed on Anzac Day**. Children are welcome, the minimum age to march is 10 years without a parent or guardian accompanying them, but a parent or guardian must be present at the beginning and end of the March. Membership remains at \$10 Ordinary Member / \$5 Pensioners/Children. Please bring correct money with you as we will only have limited funds with us.

****March Dress**** Business attire (no joggers or jeans) – Suit, Pants/Skirt & Jacket/Blazer. Gentlemen must wear a tie. **AWWOD Ties (\$25) and Scarves (\$20) are available on Anzac Day for purchase.** Please pre-order so that we have enough with us on the day. NB: Children may wear school uniform or service cub uniform (e.g. Cubs, Guides, Brownies, Scouts, Girls/Boys Brigade etc). Yellow/clear rain ponchos are acceptable if wet. Remember according to the RSL March rules **only one family member per veteran is allowed to march on the day i.e. medals are not to be divided up!** Medals are to be worn on your right side. Copy medals are allowed if originals are framed or lost. **Please note according to the RSL March Rules, your participation in the Sydney Anzac Day March will not be permitted if you are not wearing medals, and photographs are not to be carried.** Remember to wear your name badge. New members can pick up their name badges on the day. Replacement badges are available for \$2.

****We will have a group photo taken before the March and throughout, and all photos will be posted to our website.**

****There will be a gathering afterwards (approx 1pm) at our usual venue Hotel Harry, Cnr Wentworth & Goulburn Sts,** where we have reserved a room and lunch is available at the bistro for a reasonable price. Children are welcome. This is always a good chance to chat and celebrate the day, so we look forward to catching up with you. Please feel free to invite friends who share our aims, and who have their relative's medals (or copies) and would like to march with us. They can become a member on the day, or (preferably) contact us through our website prior to Anzac Day.

****Please keep an eye on our website www.AWWOD.org.au for details on joining the Committee at a pre-Anzac Day service and March on Sunday 23rd April.** Details are yet to be confirmed.

We look forward to another successful March and look forward to seeing you on Anzac Day.

With regards,

Arline Ronsisvalle (Secretary 0413 231 051)

On behalf of the Committee