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MOOLOOLABA BEACH ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

91.1 HOT FM will be broadcasting the Service live across the Sunshine Coast, from 5.00 am

PROGRAMME 2024

THURSDAY 25 APRIL 2024
SERVICE STARTS 4.55 AM
SERVICE CONCLUDES 6.00 AM



2024 marks the 15th Dawn Service held at Mooloolaba Beach, providing locals and visitors with an opportunity to honour and reflect on the sacrifices made by so many brave men and women.

This Service is delivered by Mooloolaba Surf Life Saving Club and The Surf Club Mooloolaba. Mooloolaba SLSC has a proud history of support for its veteran members, including Vietnam and young Veterans.

THE LAST ANZAC



Alexander William
"Alex" Campbell
26 February 1899-16 May 2002



VETERANS MARCH ON CATAFALQUE PARTY MOUNTS

Parade Marshal WO1 Steve McDonald
Soldiers of 9th Battalion, Royal Queensland
Regiment, Commanded by CPL Brent Trewen

Flag Bearers. Mooloolaba SLSC Junior Club Captains. Will Skerman, Claire Walsh

WELCOME ADDRESS DIDGERIDOO SOLO HAKA GUEST SPEAKER HYMN RECESSIONAL PRAYER

AVM Peter Yates, AM, CSC
Mr Peter Tilney
Haka Group
Colonel Clay Sutton (Rtd)
Sunshine Coast Grammar School Bel Canto Choir
Ms Lani Morton

WREATH LAYING *The Piper Mr Ian Power will play a lament during the wreath laying*

- 9th Infantry Battalion AIF 9th WO2 Aaron Caldwell, CSM D Coy, 9 RQR
- Royal Australian Navy Mr Brian Biddle
- The Australian Army Lt Col John Hickey, Rtd
- Royal Australian Air Force WOFF Bob Stewart, RAAF, (Rtd)
- Federal Member for Fisher Mr Andrew Wallace MP TBC
- State Member for Maroochydore Ms Fiona Simpson MLA
- Division 4 Councillor Joe Natoli
- Queensland Police Service (QPS)-Superintendent District Officer Craig Hawkins
- Mooloolaba SLSC President Matthew Horder
- Mooloolaba SLSC Club Captain Rachael Robinson
- **Mooloolaba SLSC Junior Lifesavers**

Mooloolaba SLSC Junior Lifesavers will lay 12 wreaths, representing Australia and New Zealand's past campaigns, wars, peacekeeping missions, and nurses

ODE LAST POST SOLO ONE MINUTE SILENCE

WO1 Rick Brittain (Rtd)
Trumpeter Mr Garry Buckley

Surf boat crews will lay wreaths in honour of those who fought with the Armed Forces of Australia and New Zealand, then toss oars as a mark of respect. Wreaths will be laid off shore (subject to conditions)

FLOWERS OF FOREST REVEILLE

Piper Mr Ian Power
Trumpeter Mr Garry Buckley

NZ NATIONAL ANTHEM AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM

Mr Graeme Stewart
Sunshine Coast Grammar School Bel Canto Choir

CATAFALQUE PARTY DISMOUNTS



Prayer

Dear Lord in Heaven, today we honour our war Veterans. Those who have died, suffered and are still suffering because they gave their best when called to protect our, and others' freedoms, way of life and heritage.

They have been where others feared to go.

They have done what others failed to do.

They have seen the face of terror.

They have felt the stinging cold of fear.

And to those who remain with us still, let them know that we, the protected, are so very, very proud of them.

We ask you to watch over, guard and protect the men and women of our Country, who this ANZAC morning, are manning the ramparts and watchtowers of freedom in places far from home.

God, embrace them all and reserve a special place for them in Your Kingdom.

Amen

ODE

From the poem "To the Fallen" by Laurence Binyon (1869-1943)

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.

THE HISTORY OF THE DAWN SERVICE

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On 25th April 1923, at Albany in Western Australia, the Reverend White led a party of friends in what was the first ever observance of a Dawn parade on ANZAC Day, thus establishing a tradition which has endured, Australia-wide ever since.

As the sun was rising, a man in a small dinghy cast a wreath into King George Sound while White with a band of about 20 men gathered around him on the summit of nearby Mount Clarence, silently watched the wreath floating out to sea. He then quietly recited the words: "As the sun rises and goes down, we will remember them". All present were deeply moved and news of the Ceremony soon spread throughout the country; and the various Returned Service Communities Australia-wide emulated the Ceremony.

Eventually, Reverend White was transferred from Albany to serve other congregations, the first in South Australia, then Broken Hill where he built a church, then later at Forbes. In his retirement from parish life, he moved to Herberton where he became the Chaplain of an Anglican convent. However, soon after his arrival (26 September, 1954) he died, to be buried so modestly and anonymously as 'A Priest'.

White's memory is honoured by a stained glass window in the All Soul's Church at Wirrinya, a small farming community near Forbes. Members of the parish have built the church with their own hands and have put up what they refer to as 'The Dawn Service Window', as their tribute to White's service to Australia.

In a small cemetery some kilometres outside the northern Queensland town of Herberton is a grave bearing the simple inscription on a cross, just two words 'A Priest'.

In recent times a marker has been placed next to the grave. It reads:

"Adjacent to, and on the right of this marker, lies the grave of the late Reverend Arthur Ernest White, a Church of England clergyman and padre, 44th Battalion, First Australian Imperial Force.



Percy Jakeman 1925/26

Born in Liverpool, England, in 1892 and arrived in Australia in 1913 before enlisting and serving with Australian Forces in France, where he was injured in action during the Great War. One of the most influential figures in the history of the Mooloolaba SLSC. Appointed Life Governor - its highest level of recognition in 1925/26 and a Life Trustee in 1939.

Lest We Forget

Mooloolaba SLSC regretfully announces the sad passing of our ANZAC Day horse Jack in April 2024

Jack was much-loved and an honorary member of our club.

His owner and rider Trooper Rusty Perry would like our community to know of the sad passing of his horse Jack, 2nd Light Horse Regiment, Woombye Troop. Jack was taken in by Rusty sixteen years ago as a broken down race horse and after many hours of love and care, Jack and Rusty became valued members of Woombye Light Horse.

Rusty and his horse Jack have supported our Dawn Service on Mooloolaba Beach since the Centenary of Gallipoli in 2015.

Rusty would like to thank our club members, veterans and community for your support over the years.

We would like to dedicate the 2024 ANZAC Day Service programme to Jack.

Jack, with honour you served, and it was our honour to serve with you

