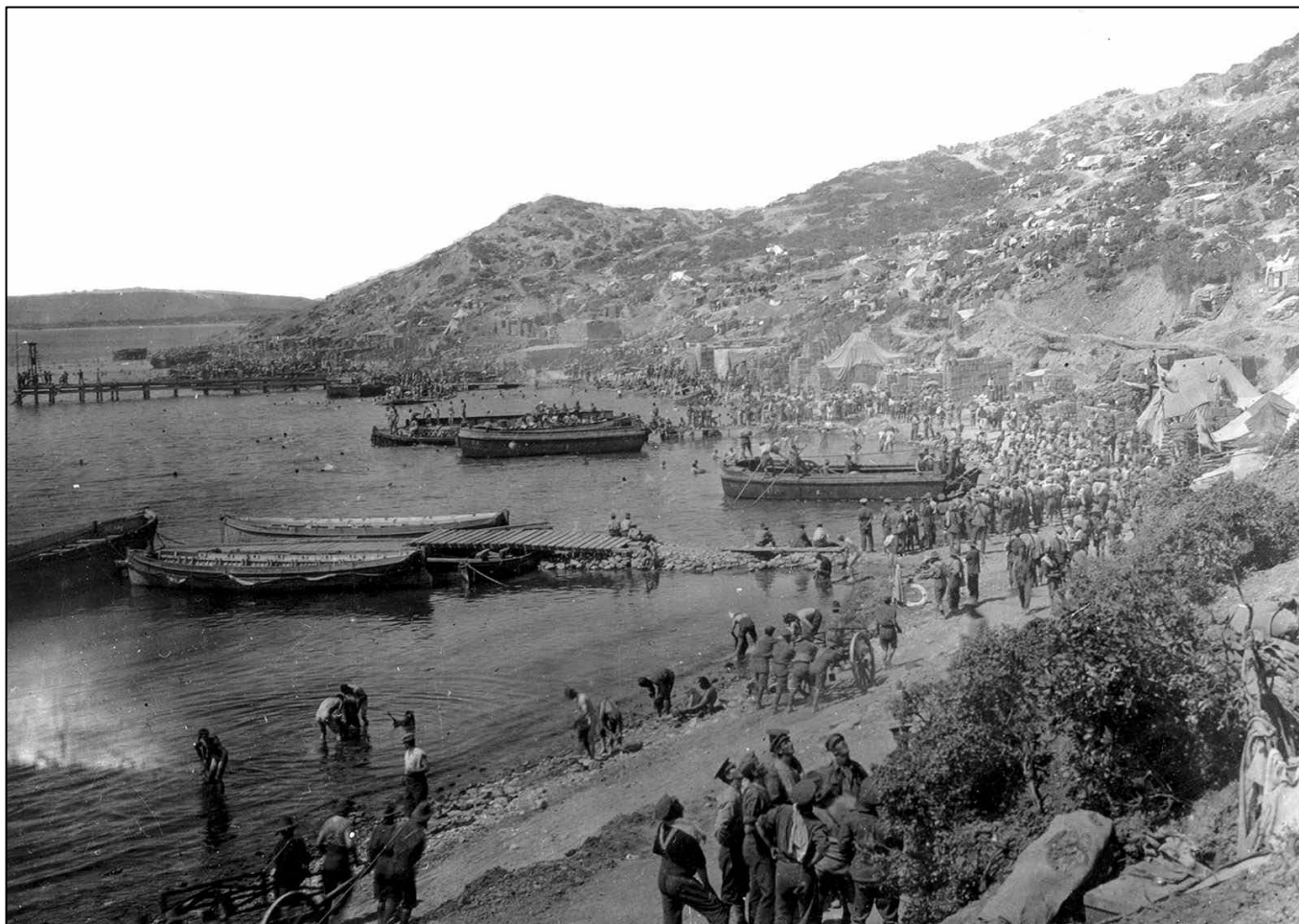


## ANZAC Day – 2022

The 25th of April was officially named ANZAC Day in 1916. The word 'ANZAC' stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of April 1915, Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the allied expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli peninsula. They became known as ANZACS and the pride they took in that name continues to this day.

### Why is this day special to Australians?



On the morning of 25<sup>th</sup> April 1915, the ANZACs set out to capture the Gallipoli peninsula in order to open the Dardanelles to the allied navies. The objective was to capture Constantinople (now Istanbul in Turkey), the capital of the Ottoman Empire, and an ally of Germany. The ANZACs landed on Gallipoli and met fierce resistance from the Ottoman Turkish defenders. Their plan to



knock Turkey out of the war quickly became a stalemate, and the campaign dragged on for eight months. At the end of 1915, the allied forces were evacuated. Both sides suffered heavy casualties and endured great hardships. Over 8,000 Australian soldiers were killed. News of the landing on Gallipoli and the events that followed had a profound impact on Australians at home. The 25<sup>th</sup> of April soon became the day on which Australians remember the sacrifice of those who had died in the war.

The ANZACs were courageous and although the Gallipoli campaign failed in its military objectives, the Australian and New Zealand actions during the campaign left us all a powerful legacy.

### **What does ANZAC Day mean today?**

With the coming of the Second World War, ANZAC Day also served to commemorate the lives of Australians who died in that war. The meaning of ANZAC Day today includes the remembrance of all Australians killed in military operations.

### **What happens on ANZAC Day?**

ANZAC Day remembrance takes two forms. Commemorative services are held at dawn (the time of the original landing in Gallipoli) across the nation. Later in the day, ex-servicemen and women meet to take part in marches through the major cities and in many smaller centres. Commemorative ceremonies are more formal and are held at war memorials around the country.

***Members from Australia's Federation Guard form a catafalque party around the Tomb of the Unknown Australian Soldier at the Australian War Memorial.***

A typical ANZAC Day ceremony may include the following features:

- an introduction,
- hymn,
- prayer,
- an address,
- laying of wreaths,
- a recitation,
- the Last Post,
- a period of silence,
- either the Rouse or the Reveille,
- and the national anthem.



After the Memorial's ceremony, families often place red poppies beside the names of relatives on the Memorial's Roll of Honour, as they also do after Remembrance Day services.





Rosemary is also traditionally worn on ANZAC Day, and sometimes on Remembrance Day. Rosemary has particular significance for Australians as it is found growing wild on the Gallipoli peninsula. Since ancient times, this aromatic herb has been believed to have properties to improve the memory.



### The ANZAC Biscuit

During World War One, the friends and families of soldiers and community groups sent food to the fighting men. Due to the time delays in getting food items to the front lines, they had to send food that would remain edible, without refrigeration, for long periods of time that retained high nutritional value; the ANZAC biscuit met this need.

Although there are variations, the basic ingredients are:

- rolled oats,
- sugar,
- plain flour,
- coconut,
- butter,
- golden syrup or treacle,
- bi-carbonate of soda,
- and boiling water.



The biscuit was first known as the Soldiers' Biscuit. The current name, ANZAC Biscuit, has as much to do with Australia's desire to recognise the ANZAC tradition and the ANZAC biscuit as part of the staple diet at Gallipoli.

The ANZAC biscuit is one of the few commodities that are able to be legally marketed in Australia using the word 'ANZAC', which is protected by Federal Legislation.

See how to make ANZAC biscuits [HERE](#).

## 2022

This year, with Covid seemingly under-control, or more accurately, with restrictions relaxed as Mr Covid is still out there and causing discomfort to a huge number of people, people throughout Australia were once again able to celebrate and commemorate ANZAC Day as they normally would. In the last couple of years people celebrated the Day by holding vigils at home by standing in their driveways at or about an hour before dawn usually with a lighted candle in their hands. Someone up or down the street would either attempt to play the Last Post on either a bugle or trumpet, or someone would broadcast the music from a pair of speakers placed at the curb. Although mass gatherings were not permitted, the people did not forget the significance of the Day.



This year it wasn't Covid that put a dampener on things, it was mother nature. The eastern side of Oz was abnormally wet. In Brisbane ANZAC Day is usually hot and sunny, with marshals handing out bottles of water to help overcome the heat.

Not this year.

About half-way through the March the heavens opened up and dumped buckets of water on those that were lined up on the streets. The RAAF were last on the grid, after Army and Navy and by the time the March was completed, everyone was soaked to the bone.

Those with a brain found shelter and hoped the rain would have gone by the time their turn to head off arrived – didn't work. Mother Nature had other ideas.







The WRAAFs also braved the weather and weren't to be discouraged by a bit of rain. They too lined up in the rain, patiently awaiting the nod to head off.



*Dave Fields (banner bearer), John Griffiths (OC), Trev Benneworth, (banner bearer) Narelle Grigoriou (banner bearer over-rider).*

At about 11.45am, RTFV-35Sqn stepped off and began the 1Km march through the streets of Brisbane. As usual, and in spite of the terrible weather, thousands of Brisbane people, both young and elderly, lined the route clapping, holding up complimentary signs and shouting "thank yous" and even though the weather wasn't as most would want it, the atmosphere created by those wonderful people made you feel proud to have served.





As usual, it was the Army who showed us all how to march, though they stepped off early before the heavens opened.



After being dismissed, people who marched under the RTFV-35Sqn and 3Sqn banners headed for the Jade Buddha for a cold one or two, a casual meal and to catch up with mates, some of whom hadn't been together for some years. The beautiful girls from the Vietnamese Community were there to greet everyone and to handout a colourful lei. These lovely ladies, along with Thai and Diamond Dang give up hours of their time each year to brighten up a dull old "Old-boys" get together. We thank them very much.







Once again, members from 35 Sqn at Amberley joined the Associations at the Jade Buddha, led by their new CO, WngCdr David Torrington. It's great to have the current serving members join us, though they probably get sick of hearing "the way we used to do it".



*John Sambrooks, Secretary/Treasurer RTFV-35sqn Assoc, WngCdr David Torrington, CO 35 Sqn, Amberley.*



*WngCdr David Torrington, WngCdr Scott Egan - at the handover-takeover ceremony at Amberley.*

David took over from Scott Egan on the 18<sup>th</sup> Jan this year after completing a "get to know the C-27 Aircraft course" and a few plates of spaghetti, in Italy.





Dave Torrington was introduced to everyone and gave a brief “this is who I am” speech.



**Those at the Jade Buddha included, all names left to right:**



*Andrew Willersdorf, Felicity Hull, Antonia Guterres, Nicholas Pound, Caitlin Snowdon.*





*Beth and Amelin Muffett.*



*Alison Cridland.*



*Brandon Hoger, Paula Schultz.*



*Chuck Connors, Thien Khuong.*





*Dave Fields, Bill Luyton,*



*Elizabeth Colbran, Mitchell Cocks.*





*Emily Renshaw (from south of Oatlands), John McDougall, President of the RTFV-35Sqn Assoc.*



*Emily Renshaw (agreeing that Launceston is the better City) with friend.*





*Jakeb Thorogood, Mackenzie Golightly, Daniele Helman, Josiah Eggert.*



*John Donohue with his lovely God-daughter Shan-Belinda Strugnell.*



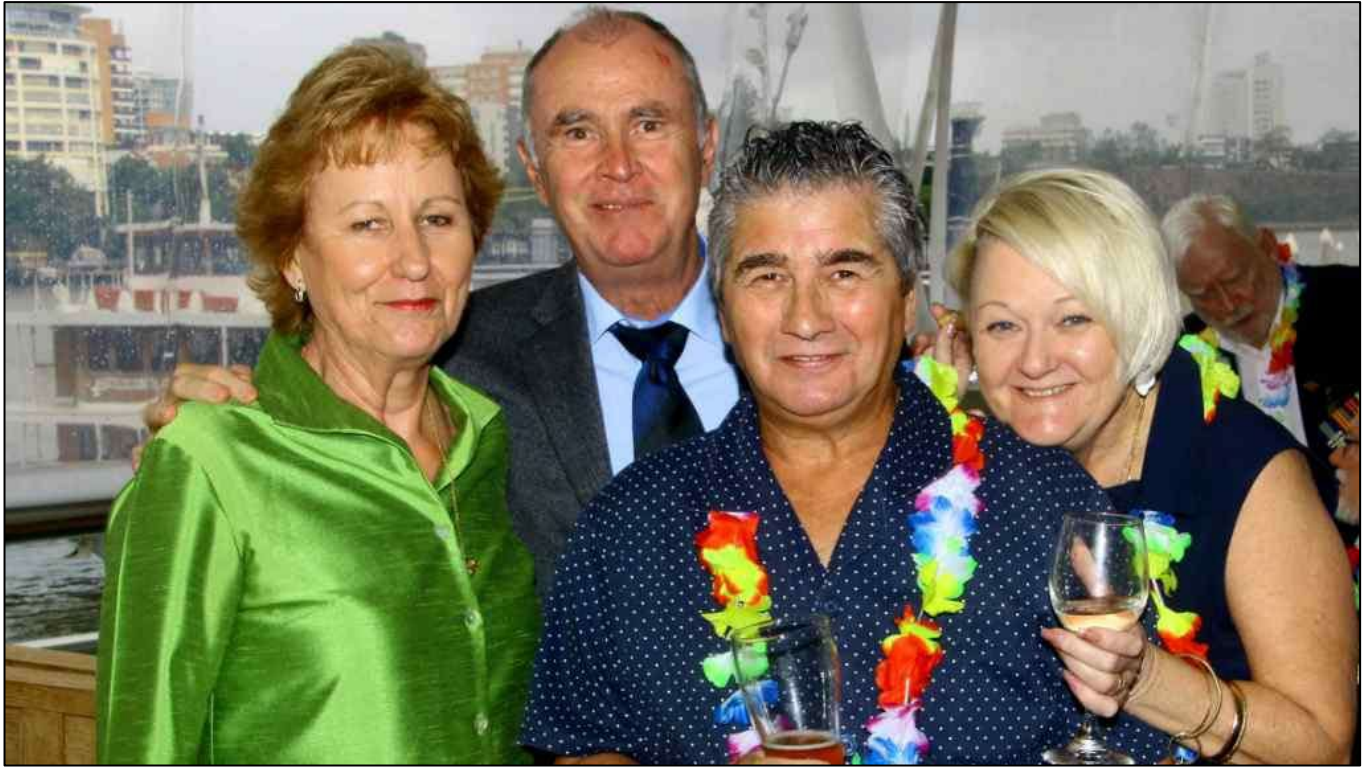


*John Millsom, 'Jake' Jacobsen, John Griffiths, Bob Williams..*



*Julie Struthers, Sonja Brown.*





*Laurel and Liam Shanley, John and Jennie McIntosh.*

Laurel is the CO of KM Smith Funeral Directors, the major sponsor of the RTFV-35Sqn Association. Jennie is their PR manager.



*Jennie and Laurel present Sambo with their much appreciated annual sponsorship cheque.*





*Lesley Farrell, Megan Bayfield, Jarrad Seaton, Janet Thompson.*



*Lila Samysheva, Joanna Fletcher.*





*Linda Thompson, Tim Heyman.*



*Lila Samysheva, Mitch Pieper-Mills*





*Bill Luyton, Diamond Dang, Chris Bramwell.*



*Peter Gleeson, Molly Schulze, Ash Brunotte.*





*Rhonda Griffiths, Alison Cridland.*



*Rob Crawford, Laura Sevil*





*Sarah McLoughlin, Katrina Puranik.*

*John "Sambo" Sambrooks with Elizabeth, one of the Jade Buddha's lovely young ladies that looked after us all day.*







*Thai and Diamond with the Vietnamese community who gave of their time and helped those at the Jade Buddha enjoy the day.*



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