



110th Anzac-Day-Speech-for-Nursing-Homes- Honouring-Sacrifice-Community-and-The-Anzac-Spirit

Ladies and gentlemen, residents, and honoured guests,

This morning, we gather on [Gadigal] Country, and with great reverence, we acknowledge and pay our respect to their Elders past, present, and emerging.

I would also like to extend my deepest respect to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who have contributed to the defence of Australia, both in times of peace and in times of war. Today, we also acknowledge the service and sacrifice of all current and former members of the Australian Defence Force, as well as the families who have stood by their loved ones in service to our nation. Your contributions are immeasurable, and we thank you for your dedication and support.

Today, we come together to commemorate a significant milestone in our nation's history – the 110th anniversary of Anzac Day. This is a day of remembrance, reflection, and respect as we pause to honour the enduring legacy of those who have served our country with unwavering courage and sacrifice.

Anzac Day, a day marked by the landing of Australian and New Zealand forces at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915, is not just a historical event; it is a living part of who we are as a nation. Over the past 110 years, it has become a symbol of the bravery, mateship, and sacrifice of all who have served in our defence forces.

As we remember the brave soldiers who fought at Gallipoli, we reflect on the harsh realities they faced on those rugged shores, and on the incredible resilience they displayed. Their actions forged the spirit of mateship that has since become the bedrock of our national identity – an unbreakable bond formed through shared struggles, triumphs, and sacrifices.

This day serves as a reminder that Anzac Day is not only about remembering those who fought in battle but also acknowledging the families, the loved ones, and the communities who bore the weight of their absence, who endured anxiety and uncertainty, and who continued to support them from home. Their sacrifices are no less significant, and it is important we remember and honour them too.

As we mark this 110th anniversary, it is also a time to consider the countless men and women who have served in conflicts since Gallipoli – those who have fought on battlefields far from home, and those who have served in peacekeeping missions, humanitarian efforts, and as part of the ongoing protection of our nation. Each has contributed to the legacy of the Anzacs, and their service continues to be vital in safeguarding the values we hold dear.

The Anzac spirit lives on, not only in the actions of our armed forces but also in the everyday acts of kindness, unity, and resilience that shape our communities. It is in the way we care for one another, in the way we respond in times of crisis, and in the respect we show for those who serve and their families.

As we gather here today, let us also reflect on the importance of continuing to uphold the values of mateship, sacrifice, and service that the Anzacs demonstrated so brilliantly. By embodying these values, we ensure that their sacrifices are not only remembered but are also carried forward in the way we live our lives and contribute to the betterment of our society.

We must also acknowledge the ongoing contributions of those who serve today in our armed forces. Let us keep them in our thoughts, wishing them strength and safety as they continue their important work in protecting our nation and its interests.

In conclusion, as we commemorate the 110th anniversary of Anzac Day, let us remember the sacrifices of the men and women who have served and continue to serve our nation. Their bravery and selflessness have shaped the history of our country, and their legacy endures in the values they passed down to us.

Let us honour their memory by living with the same commitment to unity, kindness, and community that they showed.

Lest we forget.