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### **ANZAC BRIDGE LIGHTS UP FROM DUSK TO DAWN**

Thousands of Sydneysiders will see the words ‘Lest We Forget’ projected onto the Anzac Bridge to bring in the dawn of Anzac Day, in honour of our veterans.

Minister for Veterans Geoff Lee said the lighting display is one of many ways Anzac Day will be acknowledged this year.

“The display is a powerful reminder of the immense sacrifices made by our heroes who have served our nation and kept us safe,” Mr Lee said.

“Lighting up this significant bridge is a way to honour the service and sacrifices of veterans and inspire younger generations to continue to commemorate our important Anzac history”.

Originally named the Glebe Island Bridge, Anzac Bridge was renamed on Remembrance Day in 1998, as a memorial to those who fought in World War One.

“Not only is Anzac Bridge the largest cable stayed bridge in Australia, but it has immense historical significance,” Mr Lee said.

“The monument of a New Zealand soldier, located at the eastern side of the bridge, has a handful of sand from the shores of Gallipoli resting beneath it – a profound tribute to the fallen soldiers who remain on the battlefield in Turkey”.

Parliamentary Secretary for Veterans James Griffin said Anzac Day is a significant day of remembrance, stemming from the First World War to encompass all conflicts past and present.

“This year also marks 100 years of the Royal Australian Air Force, so we particularly acknowledge their service on land and in the sky,” Mr Griffin said.

“All veterans and their families that support them are recognised on Anzac Day. There are so many ways we can commemorate their sacrifices this Anzac Day. Lest We Forget.”

Anzac Bridge will light up from 6pm on 24 April to 6am on Anzac Day.

For more information on how the NSW Government is supporting NSW Veterans, view the [NSW Government Veterans Strategy](#).

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