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Show your support for veterans on Anzac Day

The Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs, Peter Primrose, has encouraged people to show their support for our veterans and servicemen and women tomorrow by attending Anzac Day services.

In Sydney, the Dawn Service will take place at 4:15am followed by the march at 9am and the Commemoration Service at the Anzac Memorial in Hyde Park South at 12:30pm.

The Dawn Service at the Martin Place Cenotaph is the largest of its kind in Australia attracting thousands of people who want to pay tribute each year.

Mr Primrose said this year would mark both the 95th Anniversary of Gallipoli and 65 years since the end of World War II.

"This anniversary provides a special opportunity for us to remember the bravery of the first Anzacs and honour the service and sacrifices of those who served in World War II," Mr Primrose said.

"A whole generation of men and women were impacted by the terrible onslaught of two world wars, but the same generation of Australians rose to the challenges of wartime hardship. They bore the sacrifice and the loss and have left their mark on our history.

"However, Anzac Day recognises those who served in all conflicts and I'm pleased there will also be a number of younger veterans marching alongside those who served in World War II.

"I would encourage anyone who would like to show their support for our veterans to attend the Dawn Service or the official commemoration service at the Anzac Memorial."

For details of Anzac Day services, visit www.rsl.org.au

The NSW Government is also putting on extra services to help people travel to the Dawn Service and offering free travel for veterans and their families on Sunday.

The toll for the Harbour Bridge and Tunnel will be waived from midnight to midday.

"There will be special bus and trains services running on Sunday morning and there will be road closures in the CBD, so where possible we are encouraging people to leave their car at home and catch public transport," Mr Primrose said.

Defence Force personnel, war veterans and their families can travel free on public transport on Anzac Day if they are in uniform, wearing medals or have a letter from their local RSL branch.

Anzac Day transport details

TRAINS

Special early morning trains will operate to get people to the CBD for the Dawn Service at the Cenotaph.

Eastern Suburbs & Illawarra Line

- Leave Bondi Junction at 3.20am and 3.35am
- Leave Cronulla at 2.30am
- Leave Waterfall at 2.20am

Bankstown Line

- Leave Birrong at 2.40am

Inner West Line

- Leave Liverpool at 2.44am

Airport & East Hills Line

- Leave Macarthur at 2.25am

South Line

- Leave Campbelltown at 2.19am
- Leave Liverpool at 2.28am

North Shore Line

- Leave Berowra at 2.30pm and 2.50pm

Western Line

- Leave Emu Plains at 2.09am
- Leave Richmond at 2am (change at Seven Hills for connecting Penrith service)

Northern Line

- Leave Berowra at 2.17am

Blue Mountains Line

- Leave Lithgow at 12.36am

Newcastle & Central Coast Line

- Leave Newcastle at 12.40am
- Leave Gosford at 1.51am

South Coast Line

- Leave Kiama at 1am

BUSES

Special early morning buses will be operating to get people to the CBD for the Dawn Service at the Cenotaph. They will start around 2.30am from:

Sydney's North

- Chatswood, East Lindfield, Lane Cove, Mosman, Northbridge

Sydney's North West

- Epping, Marsfield

Sydney's Northern Beaches

- Dee Why, Narrabeen, Palm Beach, Newport

Sydney's Inner West

- Abbotsford, Balmain, Ermington, Glebe, Lilyfield, Rozelle, Ryde

Sydney's South

- Kingsgrove, Port Botany

Sydney's East

- Clovelly, Coogee Beach

Between 6am and 3pm, some bus services will be diverted and will start and leave from different places in the CBD due to the road closures.

More information on public transport is available by calling the Transport Infoline on 131 500 or by visiting www.131500.com.au

ROADS

The Sydney Harbour Bridge and Sydney Harbour Tunnel will be toll-free for 12 hours until noon on Anzac Day to cater for people travelling to and from the dawn service.

The toll enforcement cameras will be turned off and a price of \$0.00 will be displayed at Sydney Harbour Bridge and Tunnel tolling points during this period.

Road closures and special event clearways will also be in place for the Dawn Service and Anzac Day march.

The Dawn Service starts at 4.30am until 5am. Special event clearways will be in place from 1 am and road closures will begin at 3am

The Anzac Day march begins at Martin Place at 9am and travels along George Street, Bathurst Street then Elizabeth Street and ends at the Anzac Memorial in Hyde Park at around 3pm.

All special event clearways and road closures should be finished just afterwards.

To cater for the march and the large number of people expected to attend there will be numerous road closures and special event clearways in the Sydney CBD.

Major streets affected include George, Castlereagh, Pitt and Elizabeth streets.

Motorists driving to the city for the 9am march should remember that delays are expected in the CBD and are advised to use public transport when possible.

Motorists must check signs before parking as illegally parked vehicles will be towed and heavy fines will apply.

On Anzac Day, people travelling to the northern CBD are advised to use Goulburn Street, Wentworth Avenue, College Street and Macquarie Street or Goulburn Street, Harbour Street, Day Street, Bathurst Street and Kent Street.

For southbound travel, motorists are advised to use Bridge Street, Macquarie Street, College Street and Wentworth Avenue or Grosvenor Street, York Street, Erskine Street and Sussex Street.

For travel to the eastern part of the CBD, use Goulburn Street while westbound motorists are advised to use Goulburn Street or Liverpool Street.

For a full list of road closures and special event clearways, please go to www.rta.nsw.gov.au and click on news and events or ring 132 701.