



Centenary of ANZAC – Special Edition

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The E-Newsletter is usually sent out once a month, but in certain circumstances there are important events with specific time frames that I need to highlight in our community.

This year our Nation will commemorate one of our most important historical events, the [Centenary of ANZAC](#). The [ANZAC legend](#) has shaped our nation like no other event before it or since. One hundred years is a vital occasion to pass on the significance of remembering all of our brave servicemen and women, of then and now to today's generations.

For it is those who made the ultimate sacrifice, who have made Australia the great, free nation that it is today. We owe it to those who went before to stop, remember and say thank you for another one hundred years. I would like to express my appreciation to the [Centenary of ANZAC Hills Community](#) Committee whose dedication to this cause has been unwavering, in particular, the President Col. Ret. Donald Tait OAM, for his boundless determination.

Through all of us the ANZAC legacy will live on.

Regards,
Alex

2015 - Commemorating 100 years of ANZAC



During the month of April there will be a variety of commemorations and events held throughout the Mitchell electorate to commemorate 100 years of ANZAC. From the formation of [ANZAC at Gallipoli](#) to present day, in all theatres of war and peace, this milestone year is significant in our [nation's history](#).

Locally, the Centenary of ANZAC Hills Community Committee has established a program of events for the Centenary of ANZAC commemorations. A copy of the programme can be collected from my electorate office.

Events and Local Services in Mitchell:

Saturday 18 April

10:00am:

Launch of The Hills Centenary of Anzac Week Celebrations

by HE General David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), Governor of New South Wales

Bella Vista Farm – Elizabeth Macarthur Drive, Bella Vista
(10:00am gates open with [official launch](#) by General Hurley at 2pm)

Sunday 19 April

8.45am:

Castle Hill RSL Sub-Branch Sunday Parade, Commemorative Service

Address by Major General Paul Symon OAM

Centenary of Anzac Reserve – Wrights Road, Castle Hill (Opp Kellyville Plaza)

Monday 20 April

6:00pm:

Centenary of ANZAC Carillion recital and 1812 overture

by Castle Hill RSL Youth Orchestra

Bella Vista Farm, Bella Vista Farm – Elizabeth Macarthur Drive, Bella Vista

Saturday 25 April

6.00am:

Castle Hill RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Day Dawn Service

Address by Brigadier Phillip Bridie AM

Veterans assemble to march at 5.45am

Centenary of ANZAC Reserve - Wrights Road, Castle Hill (Opp

Kellyville Plaza)

TRANSPORT for Anzac Day dawn Service:

- There will be free shuttle buses from Castle Hill Showground and Rouse Hill Town Centre to Dawn Service at the Centenary of Anzac Reserve, Wrights Rd, Castle Hill.
- The Hillsbus shuttle buses will start at 4.15am and run continuously with additional pick-up stops at the Samantha Reilly Drive T-Way stop and Merriville (park at the Ettamogah).
- Parking at Kellyville Plaza, Aldi car park, the vacant land opposite Centenary of ANZAC Reserve off Harrington Road, William Clarke College and at the Castle Hill TAFE car park off Green Rd which is a short walk to the Centenary of Anzac Reserve.

11:00am:

[Annangrove Progress Association](#) ANZAC Day Service followed by lunch

Annangrove Park War Memorial –

Cnr Currie Avenue & Annangrove Road, Annangrove

12.00pm:

[The Hills Club](#) ANZAC Day Commemoration Luncheon.

1pm - Wreath Laying Ceremony

2 Jenner Street, Baulkham Hills

Centenary of ANZAC Cannon Dedication



(Castle Hill RSL Club Directors, HE Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay and members of the Sarkis family)

Last week I attended the Centenary of ANZAC Cannon Dedication held at Castle Hill RSL.

The Sarkis family donated the [hand-carved sandstone cannon](#) to Castle Hill RSL to honour those who fought in World War I. The cannon was dedicated by His Excellency, Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay and attended by [Antoinette Sarkis](#) and other members of the Sarkis family.

Support the Troops this ANZAC Day



With the impending commemoration of Centenary of ANZAC, also spare a thought for our current serving personnel and recently returned veterans who have served on operational service overseas. You can send a serving member of the Australian Defence Forces a [Message of Support](#) at supportthetroops@defence.gov.au.

In recognition and gratitude for the service of our current personnel consider donating to ex-service organisations, such as [RSL](#), [Legacy](#) and [Soldier On](#). These organisations provide incredible support to our Australian Defence Force personnel, past and present, and their families.

Hills Relay for Life – 16-17 May, 2015 – join my team Alex Hawke MP



[Hills Relay for Life](#) is being held on **May 16-17 at Centenary of Anzac Reserve, Wrights Road, Castle Hill**. The Hills Relay for Life is a great event that brings the community together to make a difference to the lives of future generations. With only 32 days to go come and join the fight against cancer.

For the eighth consecutive year, the [Alex Hawke team](#) will be participating at Hills Relay for Life. For more information or to join my team click [here](#).

Representing the communities of Baulkham Hills, Beaumont Hills, Bella Vista, Box Hill, Castle Hill, Kellyville, Maraylya, Nelson,

Northmead, North Rocks, Rouse Hill, West Pennant Hills and Winston Hills

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