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**ANZAC DAY 2020 IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION ON
SERVICE AND SACRIFICE**

Anzac Day is a significant day for all Australians and a time to remember and reflect.

This Anzac Day will be different for all of us with all public events cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

While there will be no traditional services and marches this time, there will still be opportunities to pay our respects and reflect on the service and sacrifice of our veterans and serving defence personnel.

Australians are encouraged to continue to mark this important national date by watching a televised National Commemorative Service from the Australian War Memorial.

This service is scheduled to commence with a pre-service program from 5am and the national service at 5.30am.

People can also hold their own private commemorations in their homes through initiatives like the RSL's #lightupthedawn campaign and stand in their driveway, on their balcony or in their living room at 6am, following the televised Dawn Service.

However Australians choose to mark Anzac Day, they should do so in line with the latest health advice and in a way that is solemn and dignified.

Anzac Day is a time to reflect upon the Anzac values of mateship, courage, initiative

and resilience, and how these values are upheld by Australia's servicemen and women today.

These qualities have never been more important as we come together as a nation and harness the Anzac spirit to get through the current coronavirus crisis.

While we cannot physically gather this year, we will come together in spirit.

We remember all Australians who have served and died in all conflicts and operations, and this year we particularly recognise those personnel who are supporting the COVID-19 pandemic response and bushfire recovery efforts.

Australians should also look out for veterans in their local community who may be self-isolating and experiencing loneliness, by picking up the phone and talking to them, and asking how they are going.

On 25 April this year, we should all take the time to remember those men and women who have served and who continue to serve our country.

Lest We Forget.

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