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MEDIA STATEMENT

COMMEMORATING ANZAC DAY IN A DIFFERENT WAY

RSL Tasmania is encouraging all Tasmanians to commemorate ANZAC Day on the 25th April this year in a different way than how they traditionally pay their respects to those who have fallen in service to this Country.

RSL Tasmania State President, Robert Dick said “although we are devastated by the need to cancel traditional ANZAC Day commemorations this year, we’ve been encouraged by the alternatives many of our community have shared. RSL Tasmania has adopted the Light up the Dawn campaign, and we ask that at 6am on ANZAC Day, let’s gather – separate but united – at the end of our driveways or on our balconies and observe a minute’s silence as the sun rises.”

RSL Tasmania is encouraging the community to pay their respects this year, and at the same time we must protect the health and safety of our veterans and all who honour them. We are asking Tasmanians to follow Australian Government instructions not to gather in groups, and instead commemorate the day in different ways, Mr Dick said.

While we are faced with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, RSL Tasmania has been actively working with the Tasmanian Liberal Government and ABC Tasmania to ensure that all Tasmanians have the opportunity to pay their respects and participate in a special commemorative service from their homes.

This year, to **5.30am Australian War Memorial Commemorative Service ABC TV, ABC Radio, Facebook and iView**

This year, the Australian War Memorial in Canberra will hold a private, nationally televised Anzac Day commemorative service. The traditional Dawn Service, National Ceremony and veterans’ march will not take place. For more information on broadcast and streaming services and start times, please visit www.awm.gov.au

- **6.00am Light up the Dawn**

Let’s be united in the ANZAC spirit. Across the nation, Australians are being invited to honour the service of our Defence Forces, past and present, by standing at their front door or on their balcony at 6.00am and observing a minute’s silence.

- **11.30am RSL Tasmania Commemorative Service ABC Radio**

In a special event, RSL Tasmania will hold a private service. The event will not be open to the public but we invite you to join in the live broadcast via ABC’s Facebook page and local radio.

More information on broadcast and streaming services will be promulgated on the RSL Tasmania Facebook page in the near future. This is a joint initiative of RSL Tasmania and the Tasmanian Government.

For more information, please contact RSL Tasmania State President, Robert Dick at robert.dick@rsltas.org.au or by telephone on 0448 889 848.