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ANZAC FROM HOME

Prime Minister Scott Morrison is encouraging Australians to honour the service and sacrifice of our veterans and serving Defence personnel on ANZAC Day from home this year.

There will be a Dawn Service broadcast nationally from the Australian War Memorial and the public are invited to participate in the RSL's #lightupthedawn campaign.

RSL State and Territory branches are urging Australians to show their Anzac spirit at home by safely participating in a private dawn service at their own home.

The RSL's #lightupthedawn campaign year asks Australians to stand in their driveway, balcony or living room, with a torch or candle, immediately following in a televised dawn service, to remember all those who have served and sacrificed.

This year, a Dawn Service will be broadcast across Australia from the Australian War Memorial. In keeping with the national commitment to social distancing, this will be a service without crowds.

The coverage of the commemorative service will take place at the Australian War Memorial on Anzac Day, 25 April 2020, with the ABC starting pre-service coverage from 5am, with the service broadcast live from the Commemorative Area and Hall of Memory from 5.30am.

The Prime Minister said while ANZAC Day will be different this year, with no community commemorative services or marches, “we will be doing all we can to honour and commemorate the sacrifice of our Anzacs and thank all those who have served and continue to serve Australia in our defence forces.

“ANZAC day is a sacred day for all Australians. It is an important time to remember the sacrifices of those who have gone before us, those who have laid down their lives or suffered great hardship to protect Australians’ way of life,” the Prime Minister said.

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"This year, we will not be gathering at the local cenotaph, or attending gunfire breakfasts at the local RSL, or gathering together to bow our heads in silence and listen to the bugles at dawn.

"But we will still remember the sacrifice of those who gave so much for us at Gallipoli and on many fronts, as we ourselves give what we can to protect Australian lives while we face this terrible virus."

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