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Mayoral Message

Dear Residents



Tomorrow we remember the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we all enjoy today.

As in past years, the number of veterans marching has dwindled, but the force of their spirit and legacy lives on through their children and grandchildren.

Anzac Day is met with mixed emotions. We have a sense of sadness as we remember those killed, but also a sense of pride for their courageous action in defending our nation.

It's also a day to remember the widows and families left behind by those killed, as well as to think about those currently serving in conflicts around the world.

It is unfortunate that, more than a century on from when our soldiers fought on the Western Front, we continue to see conflict and war around us; conflicts like the war in Ukraine and the plight of the Palestinian people under siege in Gaza.

This Anzac day, I encourage everyone to keep our cultural traditions of mateship, courage and sacrifice alive, and to attend a local dawn service to pay your respects.

It could also be an opportunity to take the family into the heart of Sydney and soak up the atmosphere of the Anzac Day march along George Street.

Be part of the hundreds of thousands of people cheering and waving the Australian flag as our veterans, some marching, others in vehicles, file past.

I am proud of our resilient community that continues to honour the memory of our fallen heroes.

To find an Anzac Day event near you, visit rslnsw.org.au

Lest we forget.

Regards

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