



shire of Ashburton
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**Shire of Ashburton
ANZAC Day Commemorations
2022**

Lest We Forget

Acknowledgement of Country

The Shire of Ashburton acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land in which our Shire resides.

We recognise the richness of their culture and the responsibility of all Australians to respect Aboriginal heritage.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a long history of military and civilian service. Despite laws that prevented or discouraged their enlistment, First Australians have served with distinction and bravery in most major conflicts and peacekeeping operations involving Australia.

The Ode

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"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them."

The Ode comes from 'For the Fallen', a poem by the English poet and writer Laurence Binyon and was published in London in *The Winnowing Fan: Poems of the Great War* in 1914. The verse, which became the League Ode, was already used in association with commemoration services in Australia in 1921.

Australian National Anthem

Advance Australia Fair

Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are one and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
We'll toil with hearts and hands;
To make this Commonwealth of ours
Renowned of all the lands;
For those who've come across the seas
We've boundless plains to share;
With courage let us all combine
To Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

ANZAC Commemorations

ANZAC Day, 25 April, is one of Australia's most important national occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. The meaning of ANZAC Day today includes the remembrance of all Australians who have taken part in military operations.

It is often suggested that the Dawn Service observed on ANZAC Day has its origins in a military routine still followed by the Australian Army. The half-light of dawn was one of the times favoured for launching an attack. Soldiers in defensive positions were woken in the dark before dawn, so by the time first light crept across the battlefield they were awake, alert, and manning their weapons; this is still known as the 'stand-to'.



Onslow was actively involved in World War II with all three Australian services; Army, Navy and Air Force, being present at one time or another from 1942 until the end of the war in 1945.

The Australian Navy was involved in unloading tankers at the jetty and the transfer of marine diesel into a lighter for refuelling of submarines and fuel oil for ships. The additional construction of four fuel storage tanks, one for diesel, one for aviation fuel and fuel oil, in the town in 1942/43 required the unloading of oil tankers at the jetty. Royal Australian Air Force 76 Squadron were also based at the Onslow airstrip for a short time and the Australian Army provided logistics and artillery support.

Left: The Onslow jetty, May 1943

Onslow became the most southern town to be bombed during Japanese air raids in 1943. On the night of 15 May and in the early morning of 15 September, bombs were dropped on the town, however there were no casualties or damage to equipment recorded.



Above: Onslow War Memorial



The Shire's contribution to World War II was recognised through the naming of the HMAS *Onslow* (below). The submarine was one of six Oberon-class submarines operated by the Royal Australian Navy (RAN). The submarine HMAS *Onslow* was decommissioned in 1999, and presented to the Australian National Maritime Museum, where she is preserved as a museum ship.

Local story

The Shire of Ashburton would like to acknowledge residents past and present across Paraburdoo, Pannawonica, Tom Price and Onslow who have dedicated themselves to protecting our country.

On ANZAC Day, we come together as a community to honour people who have served, and those who continue to serve, in Australia's armed forces.

Tom Price resident Sharon Jager served in the Royal Australian Air Force as a military medic for 23 years, including a period overseas. Read her incredible story below.



Sharon Jager

As a 34 year old Corporal, Sharon was a member of an Australia Defence Force security team on board the suspected irregular entry vessel known as SIEV 36 on 16 April 2009 when passengers set fire to petrol, causing a horrific explosion that claimed the lives of

five Afghan men and left several dozen seriously injured.

After being blown approximately 15 metres into the ocean, Sharon nearly drowned when her life vest did not properly inflate, and an Afghan man attempted to climb over her to save himself when her Navy crewmates attempted to rescue her.

Sharon and a Navy Doctor were the only two crew members on the scene who had formal medical training. With several dozen people suffering serious burns and other injuries – some critical – the explosion and incredible rescue was just the beginning of a very

long day. Sharon's extraordinary efforts resulted in Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston paying tribute in the Citation that accompanied her Chief of the Defence Force Gold Commendation:

"I commend you for your exceptional dedication and outstanding competency in treating casualties on board HMAS CHILDERS, HMAS ALBANY and platform FRONT PUFFIN following an explosion on Suspected Irregular Entry Vessel 36 near Ashmore Reef on 16 April 2009.

You were on the suspected irregular entry vessel when it exploded but despite your injuries you worked tirelessly, in extremely difficult conditions, to administer life saving treatment to dozens of casualties, including many critical or very seriously ill patients.

Your dedication and tireless efforts, and your succinct and accurate medical information and direction,

inspired and enabled others to provide the highest quality of care possible to the injured.

Your professionalism and personal courage, combined with your calm demeanour, pragmatism, initiative and inspirational leadership were fundamental to the survival of the casualties in your care.

Your achievements are of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Air Force and the Australian Defence Force."



Onslow Event Proceedings

Events

- 5.30am** ANZAC March, Beadon Bay Hotel to ANZAC Memorial
- 5.45am** Dawn Service, Onslow War Memorial
- 7.00am** Gunfire Breakfast, Onslow Beach Resort
- 12.00pm** Two-up, Onslow Sports Club

Dawn service

Welcome address

Prologue

Prayers of Remembrance

Poem reading, 'In Flanders Fields'

Song, 'Amazing Grace'

Poem reading, 'We Shall Keep the Faith'

ANZAC Day Address

Laying of the wreaths

'The Ode'

The Last Post, and minute's silence

The Reveille, and raising of the flags

National anthems of New Zealand and Australia

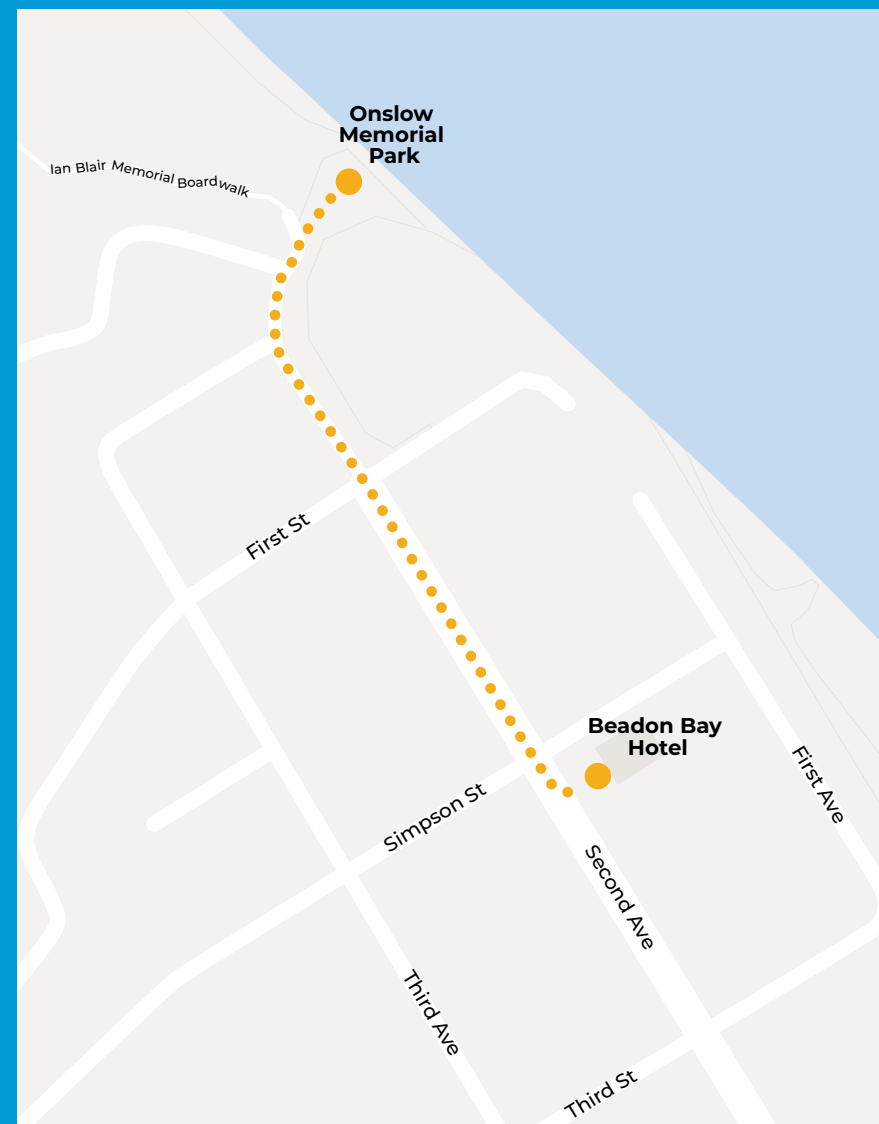
Military history of Onslow

Poem

Song, 'Once I Was A Soldier'

Close

Onslow March Map



Tom Price Event Proceedings

Events

- 5.30am** Dawn Service, ANZAC Park
- 6.00am** Gunfire Breakfast, Tom Price Community Centre
- 8.00am** ANZAC March, Tom Price Police Station to ANZAC Park
- 10.00am** Two-up, Tom Price Army Barracks

Dawn service

Welcome address

Prologue

Invocation

Scripture reading

Poem reading, 'The Australian'

Poem reading, 'Home; Not a Hero'

Poem reading, 'A Hundred Years From Now'

ANZAC Day Address

The Lord's Prayer

Laying of the wreaths

'The Ode'

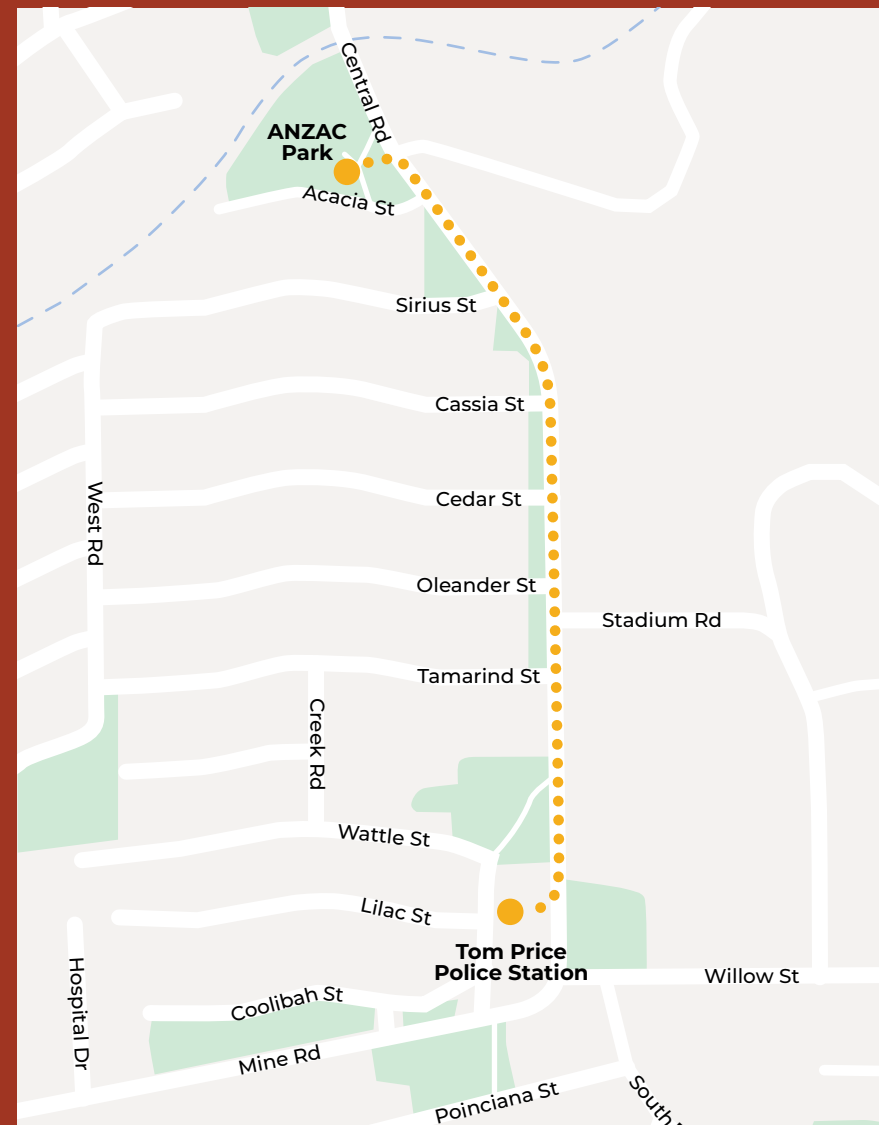
The Last Post, and raising of the flags

Benediction

National anthems of New Zealand and Australia

Close

Tom Price March Map



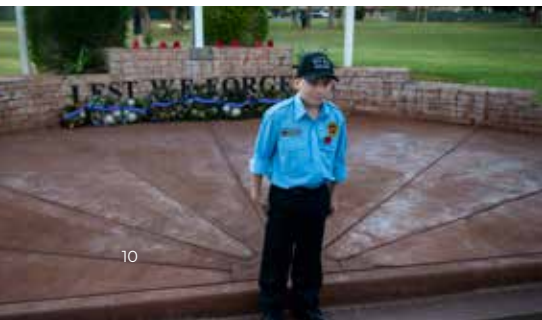
Paraburdoo Event Proceedings

Events

- 5.45am Dawn Service, ANZAC Memorial Garden
- 6.00am Gunfire Breakfast, Paraburdoo Bowls Club

Dawn service

- Welcome address
- Prologue
- Poem reading, 'A Poem for ANZAC Day'
- Poem reading, 'A Tribute to ANZAC Day'
- Poem reading, 'Campfire Thoughts'
- ANZAC Day Address
- The Lord's Prayer
- Laying of the wreaths
- 'The Ode'
- The Last Post, and minute's silence
- The Reveille, raising of flags
- National anthems of New Zealand and Australia
- Close



Pannawonica Event Proceedings

Events

- 5.30am** Dawn Service, Tony Lyons Park, Pannawonica Memorial Park
- 6.00am** Gunfire Breakfast, Pannawonica Sports Club

Dawn service

Welcome address

Prayer of remembrance

Poem reading, 'A Tribute to ANZAC Day'

Laying of the wreaths

'The Ode'

The Last Post, and minute's silence

The Rouse, raising of flags

National anthems of New Zealand and Australia

Close



