

NEWS TIME

Kilcoy RSL Sub Branch

Edition 20

Message from your President

In these trying times with the Corona Virus going around I ask that we all take care, remember our hygiene and social distancing and look out for each other as you are aware, we are now closed and do not know when we can open again. The Committee will still be coming in as required to keep up to date with Admin, so if you need help please ring and we can see what we can do.

If we all do as required, we will get through this. All the best.

All meetings are cancelled until further notice. The AGM has been postponed for a maximum of six months at this stage.

The Committee is working hard behind the scenes, keeping in touch with members to check on their wellbeing etc.

Once we are able to have the AGM, we would like anyone interested in taking on a position on the committee to please think about it and advise us if you are interested, so we can send the appropriate paperwork.

A Message from The Military Shop:

This is your special day. A day when a nation stops to recognize your service, the sacrifices you have made and your selfless dedication to our country. It is a different ANZAC Day and you will

miss the comradery of years past. But know that it is you we honour in our homes. We are proud to tell your stories and to share your history. Thank you from all at Military Shop.

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A message from CEO of RSL Qld Melanie Wilson:

As I've reflected on how Australia stopped to remember on ANZAC Day, I'm reminded of the enormous respect and gratitude we all have for those who have served, and do serve this country. Like so many Australians, of all ages, I stood with a candle on my balcony and listened to the RSL Qld service, and thought to myself, this is one of the most intimate and personal experiences of ANZAC Day I have ever had. It was an incredibly special moment

As the CEO of RSL Queensland, I am filled with pride. Light up the dawn started as a simple alternative to commemorate ANZAC Day during the onset of a pandemic. Eventually, the idea grew into a nationally supported movement that captured the imagination of Australians everywhere, and the RSL Queensland team played a crucial role in bringing it to life. In the end, Light Up the Dawn was owned by the Australian people, and there are already calls to make it an ongoing tradition.

This is a poem from another District:

I was told of a plan by some wiser than me

History is to be made this ANZAC dawn, for all to see

No virus can kill our spirit, or blind our eyes to a very special day

No parades or cheering crowds, yet all as one, we will do it our way

In early dawn, there will be lights, candles and torches, row upon row

In front of family homes, they will flicker and glow

Beloved national flags on show from windows, fences and lawns

All to be readily seen by the ghosts of our fallen, in the light of dawn

Their long columns will march on the streets, unseen and with no sound

Imagine them at once was, so young with dreams abound

Marching to war, heads held high and never looking down

In that special dawn, on parade again in every street of every town When the sun rises high, and families are back behind closed doors

The columns will be gone, and the streets empty once more

Surely you heard the echoes of their footsteps as they marched away?

To a camp where they sleep, until bugles call for the next ANZAC Day.





Regards from your Committee