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Around the South

ANZAC DAY 2011

ANZAC Message from Amanda

Dear Resident,

Every year on the 25th of April we remember our servicemen and women as part of ANZAC day commemoration services. I encourage you to attend one of the local services that honour our veterans and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.



This year's ANZAC day commemorates the 70th anniversaries of two World War II battles, the Siege of Tobruk and the Battle for Greece and Crete.

The Siege of Tobruk was a lengthy confrontation during the Western Desert Campaign in Libya, and the Battle for Greece and Crete supported Greek forces against a German invasion. The human cost of these battles was great, with 879 Australian soldiers killed and 3,006 taken prisoners of war.

ANZAC day is a time to remember these brave men and women and all who have defended our country. We must also pay tribute to our current Defence Force personnel who are currently serving and remember the sacrifices that they and their families make.

I hope to see you at one of the local ANZAC day services to express our gratitude to those Australians who have served in the defence of our nation.

Yours Sincerely

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Services

Youth Vigil

City of Onkaparinga
Memorial Gardens,
Morphett Vale (24th April)
Commences at 8.15pm

Morphett Vale

City of Onkaparinga Memorial
Gardens, Morphett Vale
Commences at 6am

McLaren Vale

McLaren Vale Memorial Park,
Gemmel Tassie Reserve,
Commences 6.15am

Hackham

War Memorial, 12 Penneys Hill Rd
Commences 8am

Willunga

Main Road Willunga
Commences 6.15am

Port Noarlunga

RSL Clubroom at Port Noarlunga
Commences at 5.30am





The McLaren Vale RSL has established a memorial in McLaren Vale commemorating the service and sacrifice of Australia's Peacekeepers. The focus of the memorial is a decommissioned Leopard Main Battle Tank. Amanda encourages locals to view the memorial on Valley View Drive, McLaren Vale.

Taskforce 1 (MRTF1). As a serving member of the Australian Army, Corporal Bartlett as part of MRTF1 played a pivotal role in training the Afghan National Army – essential to the restoration of peace and stability in the region.

Corporal Bartlett's service did not go unnoticed and he was awarded a Silver Commendation medal by the Australian Forces Commander in the Middle East Major General Kelly, for the important work he did during his time in Afghanistan. Corporal Bartlett has also been awarded with the Soldiers Medallion for his role in assisting with the removal of Australian nationals from Cambodia whilst with the 3rd Battalion Royal Australian Regiment (3RAR) as part of Rifle Company Butterworth in Malaysia in November 1996.

Serving with Distinction

Since joining the Army at the age of 21, Hackham West resident Corporal Ray Bartlett for 20 years has served our nation with distinction, including peacekeeping operations in East Timor and Mentoring and Reconstruction operations in Afghanistan.

Corporal Bartlett was deployed as a part of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor on ANZAC day in 2001 to undertake important peacekeeping operations during the nation's first democratic elections. Out of respect for those who had gone before them, Delta Company of the 4TH Battalion Royal Australian Regiment (4RAR) paused to hold an impromptu dawn service before flying later that day to Maliana, in western East Timor to prevent

insurgency operations by the Aitarak Militia forces.

Australia's defence force has a proud history of providing transitional support to regions troubled by conflict or political turmoil. Corporal Bartlett said that he was proud to be involved in this operation to provide security and stability during East Timor's first free and fair elections. Australian soldiers like Corporal Bartlett put their own lives at risk to establish and maintain a peace around the world.

In September of 2008 Corporal Bartlett was deployed to Afghanistan as part of the Mentoring Reconstruction

Our Defence Force personnel often face difficult and challenging situations and Corporal Bartlett knows just how valuable mateship is in these circumstances – he considers his fellow soldiers "mates for life" who are "always there to lend support".

“I have the privilege of meeting citizens such as Corporal Ray Bartlett of Hackham West that have served our country with distinction”

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This ANZAC day it is important to pay tribute to those that have, and continue to serve our country. It is important that we take the time, as a nation, to remember the sacrifices and courage of our servicemen and women.

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