

ANZAC Day 2024

Each ANZAC Day is a unique and important opportunity for the Australian community to come together. This was certainly true at the many different services the TGSACU were privileged to serve. Each service commemorated the brave people that served and still serve our country.

Ashfield RSL

The first catafalque party (consisting of WO2 Violet Loane, SGT Annabel Van Ede, CPL Lahna Jung, WO2 Olivia Lee and SGT Melody Chia commenced with the Ashfield RSL service.

Drummoyne RSL

The Drummoyne dawn service (consisting of WO2 Isabella Wong, WO2 Olivia Lee, WO2 Punyashree Khan, CPL Jasmine Dong, CPL Eloise Dargan, CUO Anya Gupta and CUO Poppy Georgas) commenced at 5:45am. A huge crowd gathered in front of the Cenotaph, everyone watching the service quietly. Community involvement was particularly evident during the wreath laying ceremony: many people from a variety of backgrounds and organisations laid wreaths to pay respect. The end of the service saw the colour party and catafalque party marching off. A sausage sizzle followed the service, another important Aussie tradition to mark the end of a wonderful service.

Burwood RSL

Another dawn service was held at the Burwood Park Memorial Arch, commencing at 5:45am. Meriden students present were WO2 Violet Loane, SGT Annabel Van Ede, SGT Melody Chia, SGT Angelina Le-Lo, SGT Hannah Lui, CDT Juliet Loane, CPL Varnikaa Kannan, CUO Kayla Molesworth, CUO Cassandra Seeto, CUO Rachel Xie and CUO Andrea Cheng. The TGSACU was involved with the Catafalque party, wreath organisation and ushers.

City march with the Royal Australian Army Nurses Association

The cadets involved in the city march (CPL Varnikaa Kannan, WO2 Alana Ikladios, SGT Asha Cunningham, CPL Steffi Trinh, CDT Kyana Jajoo, CPL Abigail Chan, CPL Keira Waked, CUO Anya Gupta, CUO Andrea Cheng, CUO Rachel Xie and CUO Poppy Georgas) had the honour of marching alongside nurses from the Royal Australian Army Nurses Association. The march was broadcast on TV which was an incentive for the cadets to display their best drill and uniform.

West Harbour Rugby Union Club

The short service held at West Harbour Rugby Union Club consisted of a catafalque party in the centre, flag bearers positioned near the teams and two lines of reserves facing inwards. Teams, spectators, and TV viewers alike joined in the minute of silence and the singing of the Australian National Anthem. The service was followed by the start of the game.



WO2 Punyashree Khan at the West Harbour Rugby Union Club Service

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Strathfield Council

Sub-branches of local areas sometimes hold small ceremonies on ANZAC Day, and Meriden was selected as the colour party for the Strathfield Council service. Unit members WO2 Olivia Lee, CPL Lahna Jung, CPL Eloise Dargan, SGT Melody Chia, CPL Jasmine Dong and SGT Anjana Kailasanathan were present.

School services at Trinity Grammar School and Meriden

School services are held at both Meriden and Trinity Grammar School to commemorate the fallen, show solidarity as a single Cadets unit, and to educate students on the impacts of our soldiers.

On Tuesday 30 April, the catafalque party (consisting of WO2 Olivia Lee, SGT Melody Chia, WO2 Violet Loane, CPL Lahna Jung and SGT Annabel Van Ede) attended four services: Trinity Senior School, Trinity Junior School, Meriden Senior School, and Trinity Prep School. These were the last ANZAC catafalques that were held for the year – an appropriate way to serve each of the school communities.

The TGSACU is very proud to have been involved in all ANZAC Day services for 2024. It was a great learning experience for everyone involved and was a true honour to be involved in the services, allowing us to take time to commemorate the brave sacrifices of all Australian soldiers.

We would also like to thank all the staff who supported the cadets.

**CPL Lahna Jung, CPL Eloise Dargan
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