# Manly Life Saving Club & Manly Surf Club

ANZAC Day Service 09:00 25 April 2025





**TOP:** The March past of lifesaver teams at the surf carnival made Gaza Beach, at least for a short while, ty[ically Australian (negative by G. Silk c September 1941)

**BELOW:** Since the RAAF organised surf lifesaving patrols along the North New Guinea coast, many lives have been saved. Within ten days of the formation of this patrol, twelve men were saved in treacherous cross currents. Flight Lieutenant Reg Field of Cronulla, NSW, explains surf rescuing gear to interested New Guinea natives who appeared on the scene to watch RAAF men at practice. The reel was made locally by RAAF personnel. (Harrison, John Thomas, c. 1945)



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

#### Order of Service

#### Flags

Before the start of the ceremony, flags will be lowered to half-mast.

# The Roll of Honour Boards Manly Life Saving Club

The Manly Life Saving Club has Roll of Honour Lists for World War I (Bronze Tablet at the top of the stairs) and World War II (Board in the Main Hall). The Roll of Honour Tablet for WWI lists 20 members who died on active service; the Board for WWII lists every member that served including 16 members who died on active service. Recent research has confirmed 22 members KIA with the latest addition in 2023 of Sapper Frederick Reynolds.

The WWI Roll of Honour Tablet and WWII Roll of Honour Board were refurbished in 2010 under the careful guidance and advice of Club Curators Ray Moran and Ray Peterson.

#### **Manly Surf Club**

The Manly Surf Club has Honour Boards for World War I and World War II. The Roll of Honour Board for WWI lists 61 members that served including 8 members who died on active service. The Board for WWII lists every member that served including one member who died on active service.

The restoration of the Honour Boards was arranged by Club members Michael Maher and Scott Calcraft and completed in 2014.

# Reading of the Requiescat Reading by: Tony Bonner (Member of Manly Life Saving Club)

On this day, above all days, we remember those Australian men and women who died or suffered in the great tragedy of war.

On the morning of April 25th, 1915, Australian and New Zealand troops landed under fire at Gallipoli, and it was then and in the violent campaign which followed, that the ANZAC tradition was forged. The elements of that tradition have inspired and offered an enduring example to later generations of Australians.

Each year we pay homage not only to those original ANZACs, but to all who died or were disabled in their service to this country. They enrich our nation's history. Their hope was for the freedom of mankind and we remember with pride their courage, their compassion and their comradeship. They served on land and sea and in the air, in many places throughout the world.

Not only do we honour the memory of those Australians who have fallen in battle; we share the sorrow of those who have mourned them and of all who have been the victims of armed conflict.

On this day we remember with sympathy those Australians who have suffered as prisoners of war, and those who, because of war, have had their lives shortened or handicapped.

We recall staunch friends, allies, and especially those of the first ANZAC Day. May we and our successors prove worthy of their sacrifice.

#### **ANZAC Day Address**

Corporal Dan Richmond - Special Operations Command

#### Prayers of Remembrance

#### Reading by: Alanna Toouli (Manly Life Saving Club, Junior Club Captain)

Today we remember with thanksgiving those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war. We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain. Today we dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace; and for the wisdom and strength to build a better world.

## Reading by: Saxon Goodwin (Manly Life Saving Club, Junior Club Captain)

Their glory will never die. The whole world is their tomb. Their epitaphs are written in the hearts of mankind and wherever there is talk of noble deeds, their names will be held on grateful remembrance. May we and our successors prove worthy of their sacrifice.

## Prayer for ANZAC Day

Reading by: Ken Buckley (Manly Life Saving Club, Club Chaplain)

#### Wreath and Book Laying

- Tim Cuthbert President, Manly Life Saving Club
- Stephen Russell President, Manly Surf Club

#### The Ode of Remembrance

## Tim Cuthbert (President, Manly Life Saving Club)

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 (Audience responds) We will remember them. Lest we forget

The Ode for commemoration services is the famous fourth stanza 'For the Fallen', a poem by the English poet and writer Laurence Binyon. It was first published in London's 'The Times' newspaper on 21 September 1914.

#### The Last Post

#### Performed by: Jupiter Lawson

At military funerals and commemorative services, such as Anzac Day and Remembrance Day, it is sounded as a final farewell and as a symbol that the duty of the dead is over, their day has drawn to a final close and they can rest in peace. During the sounding of The Last Post all members in uniform are to stand to attention and salute. Armed parties are to be given the command to present arms.

#### One Minute's Silence

On Remembrance Day, a one (or two) minute silence is traditionally held at 11 am, the 'eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month'. This is the time when the armistice ending WWI came into effect. This silence is the key element to Remembrance Day ceremonies throughout the British Commonwealth. The same tradition is followed on ANZAC Day.

# Reading the Names of the Fallen

# Read by:

- Manly Life Saving Club, WWI Kirsty Dollisson (Club Captain and 2023 Club Member of the Year, Manly LSC)
- Manly Life Saving Club, WWII Chris Bell (Past President and Life Member, Manly LSC)
- Manly Surf Club, WWI Don Gain (Manly SC & Manly LSC)
- Manly Surf Club, WWII Stephen Russell (President Manly SC)

Manly Life Saving Club bell to 'toll' (ring) after the Reading of the Names of the Fallen as a commemoration.

#### Bell tolled by Tony Bonner (Life Member, Manly LSC)

#### The Rouse

#### Performed by: Jupiter Lawson

After the two minutes silence following The Last Post, the Rouse is sounded. The Rouse is traditionally the lively trumpet or bugle call to signal soldiers that it is time to rise and prepare for a new day.

"Get up at once, get up at once, the bugle's sounding,

The day is here and never fear, old Sol is shining.

The Orderly Officer's on his rounds."

During the playing of the Rouse, flags are to be raised slowly to the masthead.

Peace, not war, shall be our boast But, should foes assail our coast Make us then a mighty host God defend our free land Lord of battles in Thy might Put our enemies to flight Let our cause be just and right God defend New Zealand Let our love for Thee increase May Thy blessings never cease Give us plenty, give us peace God defend our free land From dishonour and from shame Guard our country's spotless name Crown her with immortal fame God defend New Zealand May our mountains ever be Freedom's ramparts on the sea Make us faithful unto Thee God defend our free land Guide her in the nations' van Preaching love and truth to man Working out Thy glorious plan God defend New Zealand.

# Australian National Anthem Led by: Robert Darke (Barrie Feldman, Keyboard)

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.

Advance Australia Fair is played to conclude the commemorative ceremony.

# Manly Life Saving Club Roll of Honour

Name	Age
World War I (1914 to 1918)	
Trooper Carl Adelt	23
Corporal Jack Stewart Caswell	19
Private Alexander Cooper	21
Sergeant George Albert Cruickshank, MM	26
Gunner Reginald Arthur Hawksford	31
Captain John Keith Henderson	24
Lance Corporal George Thomas Hill	31
Sergeant Arthur Boxham Kyle	22
Captain Brian Hamilton Mack	24
Sergeant Leonard S. McLean	24
Private Aubrey Benedict Payne	19
Lieutenant George Harold Pugh	26
Sapper Frederick Austin Reynolds	21
Private John Donaldson Reynolds	23
Private Thomas Richardson	29
Corporal Norman Roberts	27
Major Verner Stanley Rowlands	28
Private Fredrick Thompson	35
Lance Corporal James Daly Vernon	25
Lance Corporal Stanley Lykke Wald	22
Second Lieutenant John Edward Steele Walsh	22
Private David West	28
World War II (1939 to 1945)	
Flight Sergeant Alwyn Walter Beves Barrett	23
Flying Officer Edwin Hanlon Brown, DFC	25
Flying Officer Robert Langford Percival Browne	27
Flying Officer Neville Edward Butler	27
Gunner Francis James Clarke	23
Pilot Officer Geoffrey Landas Cohen	27
Trooper Harold George Fraser	34
Sergeant (RAAF) David James Ross Gale	24
Warrant Officer Ernest Roy Lumsdaine	25
Trooper James Edwin Maubon	24
Godfrey Norman Shead	26
Flight Lieutenant Kenneth McDonald Simpson, DFC	28
Sergeant (RAAF) Frank Webster Tregear	20
Pilot Officer Edward George Wicky, DFC	22
Squadron Leader John Edwin Ashley Williams, DFC	24
Lieutenant Brabazon Duke Yonge, RAN	22

Members of Manly Life Saving Club who died on Active Service in WWI and WWII

# Manly Life Saving Club Roll of Honour

Name	Age
World War I (1914 to 1918)	
Gunner Maurice Duncan Benjamin	30
Bombardier Stanley Octavius Benjamin	36
Lieutenant Robert David Burns	28
Second Lieutenant Cecil Patrick Healy	34
Captain Errol Wharton Kirke	28
Second Lieutenant Thomas Edward McGowan	35
Bombardier Kenneth Robert Taylor	18
World War II (1939 to 1945)	
Pilot Officer Graham Brindley Robertson	28

World War 1



Corporal Norman Roberts (Manly LSC) Killed in Action: 25 April 1915 - Gallipoli, Turkey. Grave: Quinn's Post Cemetery, Gallipoli, Turkey.



Second Lieutenant Cecil Healy (Manly SC) Killed in Action: 29 August 1918 - Somme, France. Grave: <u>Assevillers</u> Cemetery, Somme, France.

World War 2



Pilot Officer Edward George Wicky, DFC (Manly LSC)
Killed in Action: 3 February 1945 - returning from a combat mission behind enemy lines in Europe. Grave: Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, England.



Squadron Leader John Williams, DFC (Manly LSC) Killed in Action: 28 March 1944 - Most, Czechoslovakia after escaping Stalag Luft III. Grave: Poznan Old Garrison Cemetery, Pozan, Poland.

## **Acknowledgements**

Bugler: Jupiter Lawson

Australian National Anthem: Robert Darke (vocalist), Barrie Feldman (Keyboard)

Manly Life Saving Club History and Records: Ray Moran and Ray Peterson

Many Surf Club History and Records: Restoration of the Honour Boards arranged by Club members Michael Maher and Scott Calcraft

Australian War Memorial

All members and guests of Manly Life Saving Club and Manly Surf Club



**Top**: Following a few casualties in the rough surf of the Aitape coast, Australian troops organised surf teams to police the bathing areas. Life-saving work became so popular, many teams are now formed and competition runs high between rival teams. A new form of entertainment is now available to the troops, in the frequent surf carnivals, held on rest days. Five of the competing reel-men line up to form typical life-saver types. With their home-made reels, caps and trunks they look the real thing. Left to right: Corporal E. Miller of Lismore, NSW (ex Ballina Lighthouse and Lismore Surf Club); Lieutenant J. West of Sydney, NSW; Sergeant R. Fyles of Manly, NSW (ex Manly Surf Club); Leading Aircraftman B. Cunnington of Eumundi, Qld (ex Noosa Club); Craftsman R. Green of Melbourne, Vic. c.16 April 1945

**Below**: Manly Beach barbed wire sea wall 27 November 1942. Vang Tau, South Vietnam, November 1968. Checking the surf conditions posted by the Australian Logistics Support Group (1ALSG) Surf Life Saving Club (Photo: W Errington)



**Below**: World War II: Twenty-three Manly Life Savers, with two other north side surfmen, participated in a surf carnival at Gaza while serving with the A.I.F. in the Middle East early in 1942.



L to R: Frank Davis (partly obscured), Bill Wallach, Bill Kasch, Bill Grose (Nth Narrabeen), Ken Hindmarsh, Sam Ford, Ron Webb, Frank Lane, Terry Short, Jack Drinkwater, Ron Martin, Bob McLachlan. Kneeling: Mort Cansdell, Bob Cameron, Jim Austin, Len Woolfe, George Pike, Verdi Gorman, Noel Emery (behind Gorman), Don Wauchope (Freshwater), Eric Merrett. Sitting: Jack Crombie, Jock McKessar, Jim Pashley, Alan Wlson.