



ANZAC DAY

Commemorating 100 years of the War Memorial – Cenotaph and 110 years of the Palmerston North RSA.

Saturday 25 April
2026

Civic Service 9am

The War Memorial - Cenotaph
Te Marae o Hine - The Square
Palmerston North



Parade	Major Mike Pettersen, MNZM, RNZE Led by the Manawatū Scottish Pipe Band
Master of Ceremonies	WGCDR Peter Hurly O.St.J., D.S.D., J.C.D., RNZAF (PNRSA, President)
Formal Welcome	Wiremu Te Awe Awe, Rangitāne His Worship the Mayor of Palmerston North, Grant Smith
Hymn “Sons of Gallipoli” by Fr Chris Skinner SM	<i>We sang “God of Nations at Thy Feet” As we stood on that sacred shore With a heartfelt pride Somewhere deep inside For the sons of Gallipoli.</i> <i>We sang “E Ihowā Atua” From the place they call Anzac Cove We gazed out to sea Where our home would be For the sons of Gallipoli. How still you lie And how still you die On other hillsides.</i> <i>We sang “Hear our voices, we entreat” As the wind blew from off the sea With a tearful sigh And the question why For the sons of Gallipoli.</i> <i>We sang “God defend our free land” And for all whose lives are torn With one voice implore No more talk of war For the sons of Gallipoli.</i>
The Lesson and Prayer	Revd. Amy Houben CHAPCL4, RNZChD
Service Address	Colonel Michael van Welie Commander, 1st (New Zealand) Brigade, New Zealand Army
Youth Address	Leo Arnault-Martin, Palmerston North Youth Council
Wreath Laying	Councillor Mark Arnott, Palmerston North City Council (as called forward in group order to be laid together) Lament by Stuart Easton, Easton Pipes and Dance

The Ode	All please stand
Te Reo	Zoe Faiz, Palmerston North Youth Council
English	LTCOL (Rtd) Joe Hollander, RNZE - Chair, PNDHAG
NZSL	Annette Hansen, Deaf Aotearoa
The Last Post (Salute Flag)	All remain standing for one minute silence Bugler - Corporal Tim Cook, NZ Army Band
Reveille	All remain standing Bugler - Corporal Tim Cook, NZ Army Band
National Anthem of Australia	<i>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.</i> <i>In joyful strains then let us sing, Advance Australia Fair.</i>
New Zealand National Anthem	<i>E Ihowā Atua, O ngā iwi mātou rā Āta whakarangona; Me aroha noa Kia hua ko te pai; Kia tau tō atawhai; Manaakitia mai Aotearoa.</i> <i>God of Nations at Thy feet, In the bonds of love we meet, Hear our voices, we entreat, God defend our free land. Guard Pacific’s triple star From the shafts of strife and war, Make her praises heard afar, God defend New Zealand.</i>
Benediction	Revd. Amy Houben CHAPCL4, RNZChD
Thank you to	New Zealand Defence Force, Palmerston North Cadet Unit, Mayoral Escorts 2LT Brodie Krippner, RNZIR and FGOFF Shahnaz Baldwin, RNZAF, the Palmerston North Brass Band and ‘Bella and the Fellas’ choir from Freyberg High School, New Zealand Sign Language interpreters Annette Hansen and Fiona Love, Longburn Adventist College, and parade and service participants.