

# COOGEE DAWN SERVICE



**SATURDAY  
25 APRIL 2026**

## **CEREMONIAL CUSTODIAN**

Coogee Randwick Clovelly RSL sub-Branch

## **EVENT PRODUCER**

Randwick City Council





## **HIGH CROSS PARK PRELUDE**

### **LONE PIPER**

Barry Gray

### **CADETS**

324 (City of Randwick) Squadron





## **THE PARADE ASSEMBLES**

### **THE CATAFALQUE PARTY**

Guard Commander Petty Officer Nathan Arnold and sailors from HMAS Watson

### **THE PARADE**

Parade Marshall Flight Lieutenant (AAFC) Mitch Clark, cadets from Waverley College and St Catherine's School Cadet Unit, 306 Squadron Darlinghurst and the 324(City of Randwick) Squadron

## **WELCOME TO COUNTRY**

Aunty Lola Ryan  
La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council

## **WELCOME ADDRESS**

Russ Evans, committee member of the Coogee Randwick Clovelly RSL sub-Branch

## **MAYOR'S ADDRESS**

Cr Dylan Parker, Mayor of Randwick





### **OPENING PRAYER**

Lelania Currie, Maritime Spiritual Wellbeing Officer,  
RAN, from Navy Chaplaincy at HMAS Penguin

### **SONG - "SALUTE"**

Steve Cheers accompanied by South Coogee  
Public School Choir

### **ANZAC ADDRESS**

Captain Cadeyrm Okely RAN





## **WREATH LAYING CEREMONY**

Erica Williams

Members of the public wishing to lay wreaths are requested to do so at the end of the ceremony.

## **“THE ODE”**

Lieutenant Colonel Julian West CSM

## **“THE LAST POST”**

Warrant Officer Stephen Johnson,  
Australian Army Band Sydney

## **ONE MINUTE SILENCE**

## **“REVEILLE”**

Warrant Officer Stephen Johnson,  
Australian Army Band Sydney



## THE NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL ANTHEM

### Maori “*Āotearoa*”

*Sung by Brendon Hui and accompanied by Bondi Brass*

*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.*

### English

*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.*



## THE NATIONAL ANTHEM OF AUSTRALIA

*Sung by Amber Lawrence and accompanied  
by Bondi Brass*

*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.*



## **LONE PIPER**

Iain McLennan

## **DISMOUNT**

The Parade Marshall dismounts the Catafalque Party

## **SONG – “I AM AUSTRALIAN”**

Performed in English and Yawuru language by  
Olivia Coe Fox

## **DISPERSAL**

The Parade Marshall dismisses the Parade

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

Russ Evans



## **THANK YOU**

The Coogee Randwick Clovelly RSL sub-Branch would like to extend their thanks to Randwick City Council for the continuous support of the Coogee Anzac Day Dawn Service event both financially and in kind.

Thank you to the Randwick City Council staff including but not limited to: Events, Communications, Open Spaces, Waste, Cleansing, Public Safety, Transport and Road Services.

Special thanks to Petty Officer Nathan Arnold and sailors from HMAS Watson, FLTLT (AAFC) Mitch Clark, Cadets from Waverley College and St Catherine's School Cadet Unit, 306 Squadron Darlinghurst and the 324(City of Randwick) Squadron.

We would also like to thank local emergency services including NSW Police, NSW Ambulance and the NSW SES Randwick Unit.

The support of all these organisations and individuals have enabled the RSL sub-Branch to hold this special event.

## **GUNFIRE BREAKFAST – 7AM**

A free breakfast for anybody in uniform, current service men and women, and any other veterans at Coogee Diggers.



**THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR ATTENDANCE**

