

Anzac Day
Saturday 25 April 2026

Shannon Civic Service Programme

Shannon Cenotaph Te Maire Park, Plimmer Terrace, Shannon

- 11:15am Parade assembles at the corner of Vance Street and Plimmer Terrace
- 11:25am Parade moves off to Cenotaph
- 11:35am Cenotaph Service begins

Wet weather alternative: Shannon Memorial Hall, Grey Street & Plimmer Terrace.



Karakia	Ngāti Whakātere
Kaikarakia	Reverend Priscilla Wade
Lament	Hamish Brown-Hatchard
Wreath Laying	

Poems

- The Challenge** - May 1915 *"In Flanders Fields"* Lt Colonel John McCrae
Recited by Hilton Williams
- The Response** - November 1918 *"We Shall Keep The Faith"* Moina Michael
Recited by Nellie McKenzie

COMMITMENT TO THE TRADITION OF ANZAC
by all present, Bob Pearce to lead

"We declare our intention to accept a personal responsibility to lead our community in a spirit of self-sacrifice worthy of the ANZAC tradition. We will accept the challenge of defending the standards that made our nation strong and devote ourselves to winning the peace for the sake of all."

Letters

- Jill Timms, reading letter from **Hon Dame Cindy Kiro**, GNZM, QSO Governor-General of New Zealand
- John McKenzie, reading letter from **Rt Hon Christopher Luxon**, Prime Minister of New Zealand

The Ode

Read in Te Reo Māori by Cr Lani Ketu

E kore rātou e kaumātuaia
Pēnei i a tātou kua mahue nei
E kore hoki rātou e ngoikore
Ahakoa pehea i ngā āhuatanga o te wā.
I te hekenga atu o te rā
Tae noa ki te aranga mai i te ata
Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou.
Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou.

Read in English by Cr Paul Olsen

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.
We will remember them.

Last Post	<i>Flag lowered, one minute silence</i>	Bugler Andrew Willis
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NATIONAL ANTHEM OF AUSTRALIA

by all present, Bob Pearce to lead

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM OF NEW ZEALAND

by all present, Bob Pearce to lead

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

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.

AN INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO THE PUBLIC TO PLACE THEIR POPPIES
ON THE CENOTAPH AND PERCY NATION MEMORIAL

In the placing of poppies, together we honour the service of all Shannon War Veterans who served our district well in past overseas conflicts. In particular, we acknowledge with honour the following who made the supreme sacrifice for the cause of freedom and world peace.

BOER WAR (1899-1902)

NATION, Percy

WORLD WAR I (1914-1919)

BUTLER, William Joseph Ignatius
GARDNER, James
HENSMAN, Albert Almadio
HOWE, Leonard Alfred
JONES, Rhys Huw
KNYVETT, Edmund Charles
LAW, Edward Henry
MACDONALD, Alexander
MCNAUGHTON, William Alexander
MILLAR, James Grewar
MILLIGAN, Edward Noel
MITCHELL, Wilfred William James
PETERS, Charles Ernest
PICKENS, G
POOLE, Mostyn
PROSSER, Harold Clarence
SAMMETT, John
SAUNDERS, Norman George
SMITH, John Ernest
STEPHENS, Arthur Francis Noble

WORLD WAR II (1939-1945)

AISSLABIE, HC
BOWLER, AP
CRONQUEST, RM
EASTON, Lindsay Ballantyne
EASTON, EH
KERR, Stephen Victor
MERCER, Douglas G
PENI, L
ROLSTON, RA
SEATON, GAT
TUCK, Douglas Haig
VEALE, IG
WOOD, Edward George

VIETNAM (1959-1975)

RAUHIHI, P



Horowhenua District Council, Mayor Bernie Wanden and Councillors thank you for your attendance and support given to this Shannon Civic Service.

Acknowledgement and thanks are also extended to the New Zealand Defence Force for their continued support.
