

Rhodesian Light Infantry Regimental Association
Australia/New Zealand Branch



The Rhodesian Light Infantry

ANZAC Day 2024

ANZAC Day of 2024 fell on Thursday 25th of April, with military parades being held across Australia and New Zealand.

The day started with the Dawn Service at Kings Park with over 30,000 people in attendance, at which Les Garratt was called upon to lay a wreath on behalf of all Rhodesians who had made the ultimate sacrifice in past wars and our own bush war.

The march through the city followed the traditional route along St Georges Terrace before turning down Victoria Avenue and into Langley Park where the parade disbanded.

The march was led by Air Lieutenant Dave Shirley, an ex-pilot of 7 Squadron. In recognition of his decoration, Rob Smith, BCR of the Rhodesia Regiment was asked to be the right-hand marker for the parade.

There were 45 Rhodesians from various units making up the parade, with the RLI forming the first ranks of the parade.

All members from various battalions and units of the Rhodesian forces, marching in the parade, were asked to arrive no later than 08:30 hrs for briefing prior to forming up. We had very clear skies, it was however a very cold morning, especially the Dawn Service which started at 05:30 (being in position from 04:45hrs).

The parade went exceptionally well. Immediately following the parade, we made our way towards Kings Park, where the RLI contingent again formed up and laid a wreath at the base of the cenotaph on behalf of our fallen.

The wreath was laid by Tony Young and Doug Paxton.

Thanks go to Tony Young, Doug Paxton, and Granny Johnson for making the trip interstate to attend the event.

This now concluded the formal part of the parade, and we could now relax into the more social aspects of the day. A Braai, with all the trimmings etc, had been organised (thanks to Dawn and Glyn). Additional treats were provided by Serena Liebermann and Suzanne Garratt. A good time full of camaraderie was had by all with many humorous stories, jokes and experiences being shared.



The Rhodesians getting ready to "Form Up" for the parade.



Rob Smith BCR, Right Hand Marker for the parade



Air Lt Dave Shirley and Gary Liebermann



Rhodesians on parade



Col John Pritchard RAR, on the Dias for the March Past



The RLI Contingent



Gary Liebermann, Rod Howden, and Johnny Berringer



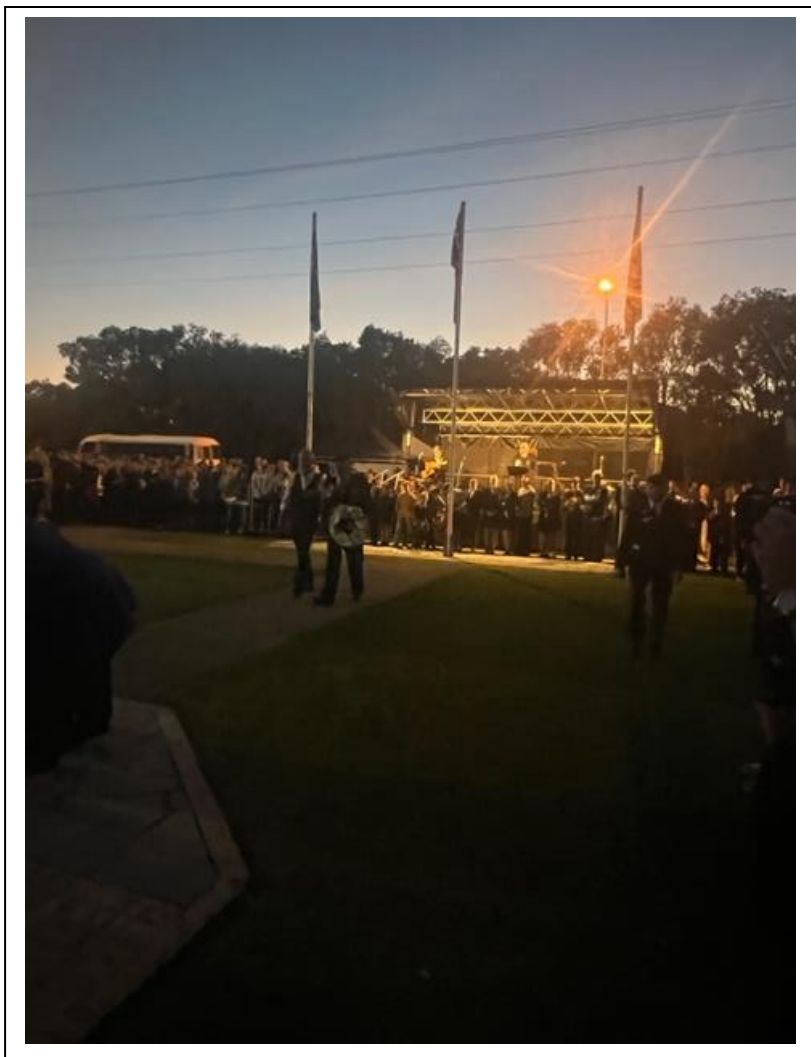
The RLI Wreath Laying.
Doug Paxton and Tony Young.



Anzac Day report back from the East Coast with thanks to Vince Zoricic.

The 2024 ANZAC day gathering at the Coolum RSL turned out to be an excellent event. The event is growing in popularity each year with the Police giving an estimated 6000 people in attendance for the dawn service and subsequent activities. The RLI were well represented and led the parade behind the colours. Mention of the RLI was made on a number of occasions during the memorial service.

Thanks go to Vince Zoricic, our East Coast Rep for once again organising and coordinating this event.



The Dawn Service Laying of the Wreaths



Left to Right, Athol Charlton, Miles McDonald, Simon Lamont, Don Fraser, Mark Eales, Vince Zoricic, Marshall Ross, Mark Johnson, Andy Tattam, Ernie Patterson.



In front of the Coolum Memorial



With some Family.

Newcastle Dawn Service.

A small heartfelt affair, but as always, fully supported by the Rhodesians. Members of RLI 1, 2, 3, and Support Cdo's, and Artillery and the BSAP at the wreath laying.

They even had their own brew for the occasion!!

After the official service, at which wreaths were laid on behalf of our fallen, all went back to Kevin Caseys house for light refreshments (starting with Bloody Marys?)



Andy Evans, Frederick Oberholzer, Paul Gael, Kevin Casey, Bobby Graves, Wayne Ingram.



Laying the Wreath



The Wreath to our Fallen





With very best regards

Les Garratt
Chairman

Dawn Losper
Secretary

Richard (Granny) Johnson
Treasurer