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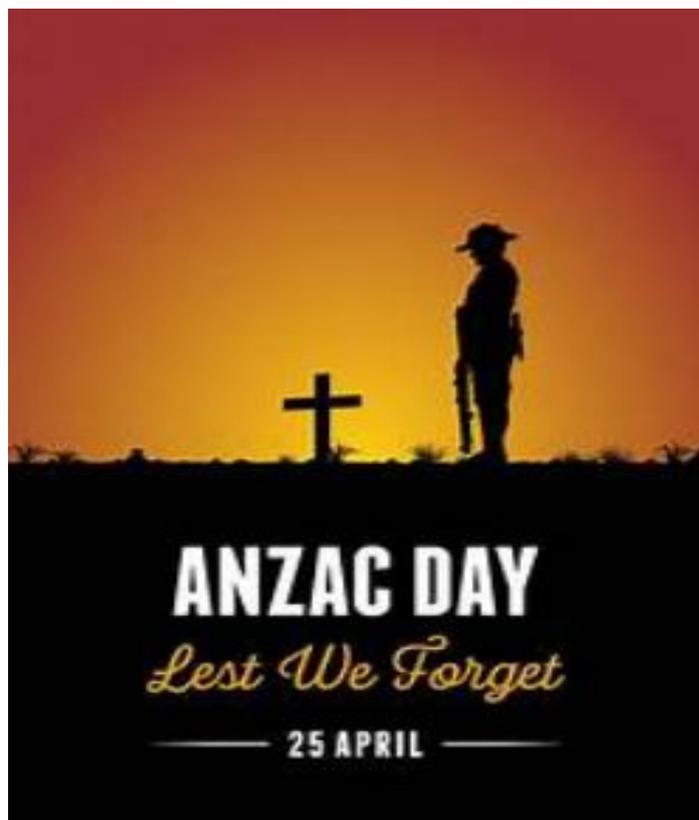
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RAEME Association of SA

DIARY DATES 2025



Activity/Function

Date

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| - 2025 RAEME ANZAC Reunion (Coopers Ale House, Gepps Cross) | Saturday 12 th April |
| - 2025 ANZAC Day March | Friday 25 th April |
| - Committee of Management Meeting | Wednesday 4 th June |
| - RAEME "Harry the Horse" Luncheon (West Adelaide FC) | Tuesday 2 nd September |
| - Committee of Management Meeting | Wednesday 3 rd September |
| - RAEME and other Log Association's Combined Function | Friday 31 st October |
| - Annual General Meeting (West Adelaide FC) | Saturday 29 th November (10.30am) |
| - RAEME Birthday Family Function (West Adelaide FC) | Saturday 29 th November (Lunch) |

Allied Military Association Functions

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| - REME Functions | To be notified when advised |
| - Keswick Museum History Week Lunch (See Page 7) | Wednesday 14 th May |

To view all functions happening around Australia by the various **RAEME Associations**

[Hold down the Control button and Click on this link](#)

VALE – Lest We Forget



MAJ Terry Forde (Retd)

Passed away 6 March 2025 aged 91

Ulrich Karl Josef "Rick" Rack

Ex Appy 30th Intake (F&T)
Passed away 13 March 2025 aged 67



Lest We Forget

Online lists of recent RAEME members Deaths and Illnesses are always available at:

- <http://www.raeme.org.au/index.php/notices/vale-alt>
- <http://www.sa.raeme.org.au/index.php/notices/vale-report>

The 2025 ANZAC Commemorative March

Friday 25th April - Commencing at 9:30am.

ANZAC March 2025 Group Details

GROUP 5

ARMY VETERANS – VIETNAM

Assemble in northern side of North Terrace (east from near Bonython Hall to the underground car park).

Australian Intelligence Corps (Vietnam)
Royal Australian Army Service Corps (Vietnam)
86th Transport Platoon (Vietnam)
Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps (Vietnam)
Pipes and Drums of the Royal Caledonian Society of South Australia & Scotch College Adelaide
1st Australian Field Hospital
2nd Australian Field Ambulance
8th Australian Field Ambulance
Royal Australian Electrical & Mechanical Engrs (Vietnam)
All Group 5 Transport Vehicles

All Group 5 sections are to continue along the western side of King William Road, to the corner of Pennington Terrace, before halting and dispersing.

GROUP 12

RETURNED & NON-RETURNED FORMER & SERVING PERSONNEL

Assemble in northern side of Grenfell Street (west from Pulteney Street to east of Rundle Place car park).

Royal Australian Corps of Transport
Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps
Royal Australian Electrical & Mechanical Engineers
Tea Tree Gully Redbacks Band
Australian Army Catering Corps
Royal Australian Army Pay Corps
Royal Australian Corps of Military Police
Royal Australian Air Force (former members)
No. 24 (City of Adelaide) Squadron RAAF
Australian Merchant Navy
All Group 12 Transport Vehicles

All Group 12 sections are to continue along the eastern side of King William Road, to the corner of Pennington Terrace, before halting and dispersing.

Full details available at <https://www.rlsa.org.au/anzac-day/>



The Route and Order of March has not changed from last year. (See pages 11 & 12 for maps).

ASSEMBLY AREAS

- RAEME Vietnam Veterans – northern side of North Terrace roughly opposite Pulteney Street.
- RAEME Association Group – northern side of Grenfell Street fronting onto Pulteney Street.

The Association ANZAC Day March co-ordinator will again be John Howard, look out for him and/or the Association Banner. **We look forward to the OJT members joining us again this year.**

We are assuming there will be enough Vietnam Veteran Members to march under their own banner again this year. Trevor Parrott, our Vietnam Group coordinator passed away in 2024 so we are unsure what will be happening with the group this year. It is recommended that if there are insufficient numbers to make up a group that members (including the banner) join the Association in Group 12.

The route is the same as last year and salutes will occur at the National War Memorial, the South African War Memorial and the Vice-Regal Saluting Point on the eastern side of King William Road near the Parade Ground at Torrens Training Depot.

DRESS Jacket and tie for men, equivalent for women. Medals are to be worn.

AFTER THE MARCH:

We all usually meet back at the Torrens Parade Grounds for something light to eat and drink. We have not been advised of any planned RAEME Lunch activities, but last year some of our members adjourned to the Hilton Hotel, Victoria Square and reported that it wasn't crowded and the food and drink prices were good. If you have nowhere else to go it could be worth a try. More information at the March.

ASEME'S ROLE IN OJT

The Army School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering (ASEME) continues to play a vital role in training Army personnel in electrical and mechanical engineering fields. While ASEME's primary location is at the Army Logistic Training Centre in Bandiana, Victoria, it maintains an active On-the-Job Training (OJT) program in Adelaide, South Australia. Currently, 14 trainees are undertaking ASEME's OJT program in Adelaide, gaining hands-on experience at various military and civilian establishments.

This training is crucial in equipping personnel with the technical skills required to support and maintain defence equipment. The apprenticeship allows trainees to apply their theoretical knowledge in real-world settings, ensuring they are prepared for operational demands. Adelaide's involvement in ASEME's training initiatives highlights the city's ongoing contribution to developing skilled military personnel. Beyond ASEME, local institutions offer additional engineering and technical training opportunities, complementing the skillsets gained through military training.

Previously there were up to 50 trainees in Adelaide, however, recently we have had a reduction in size due to the defence strategic review. There is a goal to slowly bring back numbers over the next 12 months.

**Update provided by SGT Jai McKenzie
(and WO2 Travis Hertweck)**

For the past few years, the OJT soldiers have joined our Association group marching under the RAEME Banner. The picture below shows our RAEME group including the OJT members during the 2024 ANZAC March. Their youth and enthusiasm was an example for us all (particularly carrying the banner).



RAEME MATES GATHERING March 2025

As advertised in the February Newsletter a RAEME Mates Gathering was held in Club Marion on 8th March 2025 for all the members living 'Down South'. It was good for old friends to be able to get together for a shared ale (or two) and to talk about old times.



Front row (L-R)- Ian Jeisman, Lou Leurik, Doug Pammenter, Brian Maddern, George Cooke
Back row(L-R) - Marc Riches, Brenton Beck, Dave Bridgman, James Boulton, Steve Beaty, Scott Fishlock, Trent Ryan, Ian Starick, Bob Matthew.



DON'T miss this year's ANZAC activity



RAEME ASSOCIATION-SA



2025 ANZAC Function

To be held at the **Coopers Ale House, Gepps Cross,**

560 Main North Rd, Blair Athol.

Plenty of onsite parking at the rear of the hotel

Saturday 12th April 2025

From 1200hrs through until 1500hrs

Neat casual attire

. Food can be ordered directly from the hotel's standard menu.

Drinks are available at bar prices.

Members, guests, friends, and family are all welcome

Vast array of raffle prizes to be won on the day

Medals may be worn

Important

For catering purposes please confirm your attendance to

raeme.sa.association@gmail.com

or phone 0412 021 411 by Tuesday 8th April





Festival Lunch

80 Years since WWII

**Wednesday 14 May 2025
commencing at 12 noon.**

**Building 34A Keswick
Barracks**

Our annual history lunch with a two course meal and a talk from some experienced and knowledgeable speakers about the development of South Australia in the post war period. Changes in preparedness, technology, transport, communications, military and international links will be part of the discussion.

For a booking and a seat at a table with your friends please send to:

<https://tinyurl.com/amosa25>

Cost for the lunch and talk is \$35 and a concession of \$25 for volunteers at the Museum.

**Please book early to avoid disappointment—
this year will be seating for 100 people.**



There will be a RAEME table so if you want to make your own group or be part of the RAEME table contact Greg Rosser on 0423 715 464 or email gregrosser@adam.com.au

RAEME OUR NEW HEAD OF CORPS

8261164 BRIGADIER GABRIELLE M. FOLLETT, AM

Brigadier Follett commenced training at the Australian Defence Force Academy in 1996 and graduated from the Royal Military College – Duntroon in December 1999.

She has served in a variety of regimental appointments including as the Officer Commanding the Operational Support Squadron, 1st Combat Engineer Regiment, and the Officer Commanding Gallipoli Company, Royal Military College – Duntroon. Brigadier Follett commanded the 3rd Combat Service Support Battalion in 2016-17.



Brigadier Follett has held a range of staff appointments, including as Deputy Chief of Staff to the Chief of the Defence Force, Staff Officer Grade One Logistic Plans (Army Headquarters), and as the Commander Force Sustainment Group and Chief of Staff of the 17th Sustainment Brigade. In 2020-21 Brigadier Follett served in Special Operations Command as the Director of the Joint Inter-Agency Liaison Office.

Brigadier Follett has deployed to Timor Leste twice, with the 5th/7th Royal Australian Regiment Battalion Group on Operation Citadel (2002) and as the Plans Officer of the International Stabilisation Force on Operation Astute (2010). From June 2007-January 2009 she deployed on Operation Paladin, first as a United Nations Military Observer in Syria and subsequently as the Staff Officer to the United Nations Head of Mission based in Jerusalem. Brigadier Follett has also deployed to Afghanistan twice, firstly to Tarin Kowt with the 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (Operation Slipper, 2012) and in 2018 to Kabul as the embedded Australian member of the US Army Commanding General's Commander's Action Group (Operation Highroad).

Brigadier Follett has humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations experience in Sumatra, Indonesia, as part of Operation Padang Assist following an earthquake in 2010. She was the J3 (Operations Officer) of Joint Task Force 637 during Queensland Flood Assist II (2012) and was part of the 3rd Brigade's response to Cyclone Debbie (2017). Also domestically, she deployed on Operation Relex (2001) conducting border protection operations from on board Navy vessels.

Brigadier Follett holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and Mathematics, a Bachelor of Medical Science (Pathology), a Master of Arts in Strategy and Policy, a Master of International Relations, and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Brigadier Follett completed the Australian Command and Staff College in 2011 and the Defence and Strategic Studies Course in 2022. She has studied Spanish for several years and is a keen but slow distance runner. Since July 2020, she has served as a Non-Executive Director on the Board of the Australasian College of Paramedicine. Brigadier Follett is the current Patron of the ADF Running and Athletics Association.

In 2006, Brigadier Follett was awarded a Silver Commendation for her leadership of Gallipoli Company and in 2013 was awarded a Gold Commendation for her work on Operation Slipper. She was awarded the US Meritorious Service Medal for her performance in Kabul in 2018. Brigadier Follett was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in the 2018 Queen's Birthday Honours.

Brigadier Follett assumed the role of Director General Fuel Services Branch on 16 January 2023.

YOUR PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

During March, our President – WO1 John Prince has been marching on with Soldier On to stand with our brave veterans and their families and his 100km challenge which ended on Sunday 30th March with a final 5km walk from the Henley Jetty to Grange and return. Check out his progress on the link below.

John is committed to making the biggest impact he could on the final days of his challenge, and he'd love your support.

John says "Every dollar I raise will fund Soldier On's life changing mental health services and programs to help prevent veteran suicide and save lives".

Simply click below to view John's fundraising page to make a donation.

<https://www.marchonchallenge.org.au/fundraisers/johnprince>



Well done John - Ed

My Fundraising

Raised	My Target
\$2,340	\$2,000

My Kokoda Track Journey

So far, I have marched:	My goal to Kokoda:
120km	100km

I've conquered **Kokoda!**

Membership Renewal

Is your Membership up for Renewal??????

Subs are due on 1st July in the year your membership expires. Reminders have been sent out so if you have forgotten to pay **NOW IS THE TIME TO DO IT.**

Subs are \$10 per year with a maximum forward payment of 5 years eg \$50 for five years.

If in doubt please contact our Treasurer/Membership Member
CPL Bob Matthew (mobile) **0409 962 208**

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) facilities are available.

BSB **065-127**

Account No. **00900324**

Account Name **RAEME ASSOCIATION of SA INC**

Please send an email to our Membership Member advising him of the payment.
robert.m1@bigpond.com

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED JOINING OUR ASSOCIATION?

You can join by applying on the website <https://sa.raeme.org.au/>

or contacting our Membership Member - Bob Matthew

Email: robert.m1@bigpond.com Mobile: 0409 962 208



Other Coming Events

RAEME LUNCHEON

The RAEME Luncheon get-togethers are held twice a year on the first Tuesday in March and September. They are open to all serving and ex-serving RAEME personnel and are held at the **West Adelaide Football Club**, 57 Milner Road, Richmond, at 12:00pm. This Luncheon is organised by Bob Killoran.



Next Luncheon is on Tuesday 2nd September

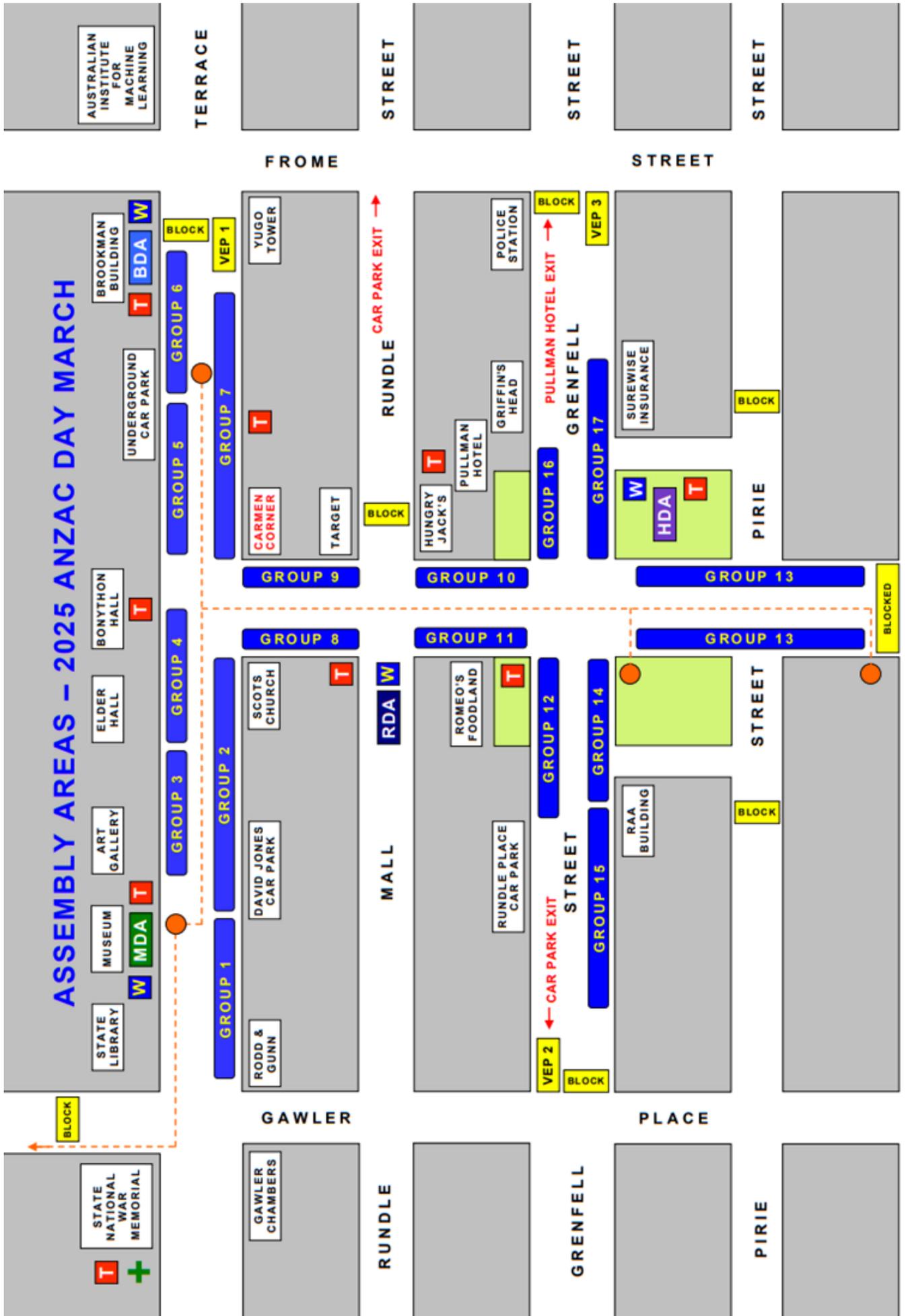
If anyone would like to attend, please contact Bob by phone on 0412 060 315 by the Friday before the luncheon so they can let the West Adelaide FC know how many to cater for. If you know of others who spent time with RAEME, please let them know or bring them along.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

Meetings are now held approximately Quarterly at the **Plympton-Glenelg RSL**, nominally on the 1st Wednesday of the month commencing at 5.00pm. Meetings are held in March, June and September with the AGM in November/December. **See the Diary dates on Page 2**

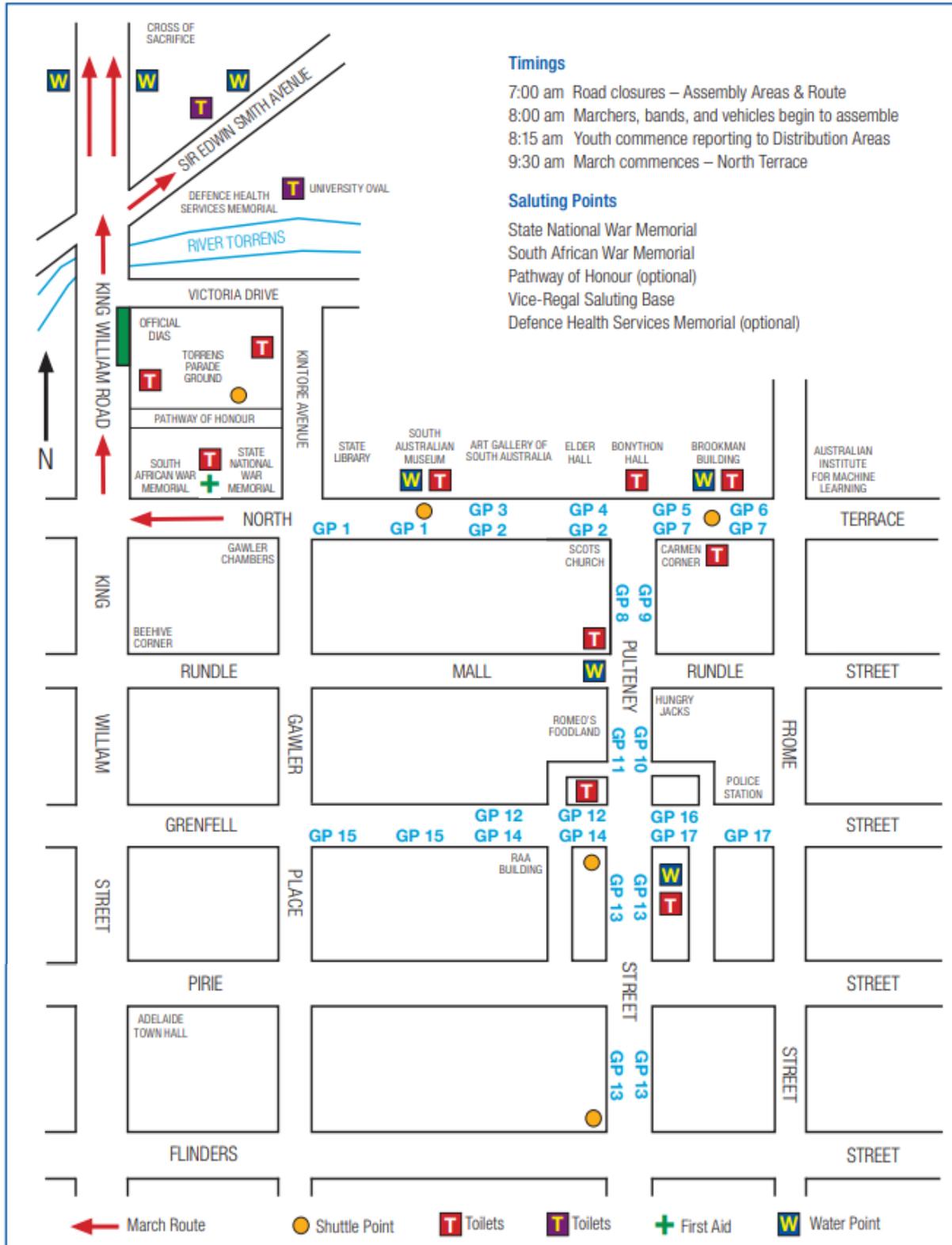
All members are welcome to attend.

Please confirm location and timings if you are planning to attend as it sometimes changes.



ADELAIDE ANZAC DAY MARCH - 2025

Commences at 9:30 am from the corner of North Terrace & Gawler Place



Assembly, Shuttle Services, Frontages, and Commencement of the March

Reviewing Officer: Her Excellency The Governor will review the March from the Official Dais.

Assembly: public vehicle traffic access to the Assembly Areas, and along the March route, is to cease at 7:00 am.

Shuttle Services to Assembly Areas: will operate from Torrens Training Depot, the South Australian Museum, the University tram stop, Hindmarsh Square, and Flinders Street between 8:00 am and 9:15 am. Please see orange symbols on map for locations of Departure Points.

Frontages: all sections (less bands) are to march 6-abreast – except where ADF ceremonial instructions indicate otherwise, in Group 13.

March Commencement: from North Terrace, just east of Gawler Place at 9:30 am.