



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Local youth to lead ANZAC vigil

Three local teenagers will lead a public ceremony saluting the men and women who have served their country at Edwardstown Memorial Garden on ANZAC Day Eve, Sunday, 24 April.

They will be among more than 70 young people aged 13 to 18 from service organisations including the Australian Air Force Cadets, Ascot Park Scouts, Brighton Surf Lifesaving Club and St John who will stand guard in 30-minute shifts throughout the night leading up to the ANZAC Day Dawn Service.

The ANZAC Day Eve Youth Vigil will begin with a public ceremony at 8.30pm.

The ceremony will see 14-year-old Jayden Doe from Marion City Band perform the Last Post, 16-year-old Christopher Roberts conduct a performance by Marion City Band, and Australian Air Force Cadets Cadet Sergeant Kyle Roberts act as master of ceremonies.

Mr Roberts said it was an honour to be chosen to play a leading role in such a special event.

"I am privileged to be master of ceremonies at the ANZAC Day Eve Youth Vigil," Mr Roberts, 16, said.

"This will be third vigil I have been involved in and I am pleased to play a part in helping young people appreciate the sacrifice of the men and women who have served their country."

Mayor Kris Hanna urged people to attend the ceremony.

"I urge the community to attend the 8.30pm ceremony, pay their respects to our servicemen and women, and support the young people who will form an honour guard throughout the night," Mr Hanna said.

"The vigil helps youth connect with the past and keeps the ANZAC spirit alive."

The vigil will include an address by Lieutenant Tori Slattery of the 9<sup>th</sup> Combat Service Support Battalion from Warradale Barracks, the laying of tokens of remembrance, the playing of the Last Post and the reading of the Ode.

The ANZAC Day Eve Youth Vigil is being organised by Marion Council, the Australian Air Force Cadets, Ascot Park Scouts, Brighton Surf Lifesaving Club, St John and the RSL.

#### **ANZAC Day Eve Youth Vigil**

**Venue:** Edwardstown Memorial Garden, Raglan Parade, Edwardstown

**Date:** Sunday, 24 April

**Time:** Ceremony from 8.30pm to 9pm

Marion City Band will perform from 8pm.

**Photo opportunity:** Young people from service organisations at Edwardstown Memorial Garden.

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