RELA Weekly Notice

23 April 2026

What is Anzac Day in NZ? ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. April 25th marks New Zealand's first major engagement of World War I at Gallipoli, Turkey. While it was a terrible defeat, it has gone on to become a legend of sacrifice.

In New Zealand, people wear red poppies on Anzac Day (25 April) to remember those who died in war or are serving in the armed forces. While many countries wear poppies on Armistice Day (11 November), in New Zealand the tradition is linked to Anzac Day, making the poppy a symbol of war remembrance.

Rotorua ANZAC Day Services
Saturday, 25 April 2026

Dawn Service at Ōhinemutu:

- **5:45am: Gather**
- **5:50am: Parade to Muruika Soldiers' Cemetery (St Faith's Church)**
- **6:00am: Service begins (mihi, prayers, hymn, guest speaker)**
- **Ends around 6:30am**

ANZAC Day Parade:

- **9:00am: Departs from Te Arawa War Memorial (Government Gardens)**
- **Civic Memorial Service: 9:30am: Starts at Sir Howard Morrison Centre (1 hour)**

ANZAC biscuits date back to World War I and were sent by families to soldiers overseas because they kept well and didn't spoil easily during long journeys.

ANZAC BISCUITS

a classic recipe

INGREDIENTS

1 cup rolled oats	25g butter
1 cup plain flour	2 tablespoons golden syrup
1 cup brown sugar	1 tablespoon water
½ cup coconut	½ teaspoon bicarb soda

TOMAKE

1. Preheat oven to 180°, fan forced.
2. Combine oats, sifted flour, sugar and coconut in a bowl.
3. Combine butter, golden syrup and water in a small saucepan, stir constantly over medium heat until butter is melted.
4. Stir in soda.
5. Stir mixture into dry ingredients.
6. Place rounded tablespoons of mixture 5cm apart onto baking paper covered oven trays.
7. Bake in oven for 20 mins, cool on trays.

Next week we welcome

From Taiwan

Justin Lin

From Saudi Arabia

Faisal Alhossan

This week we say goodbye to

Hiromi Kotake

RELA Activities

Monday 27 April is a Public Holiday / School is closed

Friday 24 April

Tree Trust Reserve (Centennial Park)

1—3pm

Friday 1 May

Velocity Valley

1-3pm

24 hour number 07 349 0473.

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