

**Event brief for Commemorative Procession and Commemoration of the Battle of Fromelles,  
Hyde Park, Sydney, Monday 19 July 2021**

<p><b>Event date, day and time of commencement:</b></p>	<p><b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021</b>          10:10 for 10:25 Commemorative Procession from the Archibald Fountain to the Anzac Memorial          10:40 for wreath-laying on the Anzac Memorial steps          11:00 Commemoration Service in the Anzac Memorial Auditorium          12:00 Star Ceremony, 5<sup>th</sup> Division wreath-laying, Last Post Ceremony, National Anthem in the Hall of Memory          Concluding at 12:15 pm.</p>
<p><b>Event name:</b> (and nature of event)</p>	<p><b>Commemorative Service for the Battle of Fromelles</b>          The Service commemorates the 105<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Fromelles in northern France, the first battle involving Australian troops on the Western Front following the withdrawal from Gallipoli. It was and remains the largest loss of Australian life in a 24 hour period with 1,917 killed or died of wounds, 3,416 wounded and 496 taken prisoner totalling 5,533 casualties. In 2008, the graves of 250 soldiers buried by the Germans after the battle were located and in 2010 reinterred in the new Fromelles (Pheasant Wood) Military Cemetery and 166 of these soldiers have now been identified by name.          Major Commemorative Services for the Battle of Fromelles will be held at Fromelles, Melbourne as well as Sydney.          Due to the Coronavirus restrictions last year the Commemorative Procession and Commemoration was a “closed event” with limited numbers of invitations and attendance limited to 35 who RSVP acceptance of their invitation and commit to physical distancing requirements. This year will be similar with 65 attendees.          In previous years, relatives of soldiers who participated in the Battle were among those attending, however this year they will again be invited to send the names of the soldiers they are commemorating for placement on a Commemorative Star to be cast into the Well of Contemplation following the laying of wreaths.</p>
<p><b>Brief description of event:</b> (purpose / background)</p>	<p>To raise awareness of and commemorate the service and sacrifice of Australian soldiers in the Battle of Fromelles.          The Commemoration will be preceded by a Commemorative Procession from the Archibald Fountain to the Anzac Memorial celebrating the bond between Australia and France in The Great War.          The Procession re-enacts the final march of the veterans of the 5<sup>th</sup> Division on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Fromelles (19 July 1966) to the Anzac Memorial to request that the Trustees of the Anzac Memorial always remember their service and the sacrifice of their comrades on 19 July 1916. It also symbolically represents crossing the “400 yards” of “No-man’s land” on the Fromelles battlefield.          The Commemoration at the Anzac Memorial will be a solemn and formal occasion with dignitaries and representatives of the Australian Army as well as descendant and ex-service organisations.</p>
<p><b>Host organisation(s) / Event invitation from:</b> (Name, role / title)</p>	<p><b>Families and Friends of the First AIF (FFFAIF)</b>, in conjunction with the Trustees of the Anzac Memorial</p>
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<p><b>Dress Code:</b></p>	<p>Lounge suit, Day wear, Decorations /Medals, Poppy umbrellas</p>
<p><b>Preparation)</b></p>	<p>To be familiar with the significance of the Battle of Fromelles, a <b>Background briefing on the Battle</b> is attached.          View the extraordinary <a href="#">Fromelles Documentary</a> produced by the Students of St Clare’s College, Waverley for an overview of the battle as well as an appreciation of its impact on families and the significance of the Battle of Fromelles in Australian history today in addition to highlighting the students’</p>

	<p>work. To be familiar with the Commemoration, a report on last year's Commemoration is attached.</p>
<p><b>Order of Proceedings:</b> (with associated timings)</p>	<p><b>A Running Sheet will be issued prior to the Commemoration</b> 10:00 Arrival of Dignitaries at the Archibald Fountain, Welcome, COVID-19 temperature checking, clarification of any organisational arrangements. 10:15 Arrival of Her Excellency and Presentation of Dignitaries. 10:20 Assembly of Procession in wreath-laying order by the Procession Marshall 10:25 Commemorative Procession steps off to arrive at the Anzac Memorial at 10:40 10:40 Wreath laying on the Anzac Memorial steps guided by the Master of Ceremonies 11:00 Commemoration Service in the Anzac Memorial Auditorium 12:00 Star Ceremony, 5<sup>th</sup> Division wreath-laying, Last Post Ceremony, National Anthem in the Hall of Memory 12:15 Official Proceedings conclude, Formal farewells and meeting with guests.</p>
<p><b>Running Order:</b> (guest arrivals, formalities, departures, conclusion)</p>	<p><b>At the Archibald Fountain</b> 10:00 40m COMMEMORATIVE PROCESSION 10:00 Arrival of Dignitaries at the Archibald Fountain, Welcome, COVID-19 temperature checking, clarification of organisational arrangements including Wreath laying sequence (Dignitaries will be allocated a numbered token which will be their position in the Procession, their wreath-laying position and allocated seat in the Auditorium). 10:15 Arrival of Her Excellency and Presentation of Dignitaries. 10:20 Assembly of Procession in wreath-laying order by the Procession Marshall 10:25 Commemorative Procession steps off to arrive at the Anzac Memorial at 10:40</p> <p><b>At the Northern Forecourt of the Anzac Memorial</b> 10:40 10m WREATH LAYING CEREMONY 10:40 Arrival of Commemorative Procession at the Northern Forecourt of the Anzac Memorial, with the Flag Bearers taking up their position. Procession Marshall ensures Dignitaries are in wreath-laying rows and Descendants and other Guests maintain their physical separation in rows behind the wreath-laying rows. 10:41 The Master of Ceremonies welcomes all and acknowledges the Governor and invites her to lay her wreath and take up her viewing position. 10:44 Master of Ceremonies then acknowledges other Dignitaries in the 1<sup>st</sup> wreath-laying row and invites them to lay their wreaths; the Procession Marshal then directs these Dignitaries to their viewing position, maintaining physical distancing and wreath-laying order. 10:46 Master of Ceremonies acknowledges Dignitaries in the 2<sup>nd</sup> wreath-laying row and invites them to move forward and lay their wreaths; the Procession Marshal then directs these Dignitaries to their viewing position, maintaining physical distancing and wreath-laying order. 10:48 Master of Ceremonies acknowledges Dignitaries in the 3<sup>rd</sup> wreath-laying row and invites them to lay their wreaths; the Procession Marshal then directs these Dignitaries to their viewing position, maintaining physical distancing and wreath-laying order. 10:50 Procession Marshal directs Dignitaries to follow the Flag Bearers to the Anzac Memorial Auditorium maintaining physical distancing and wreath-laying order, where they should move to their allocated seat (seating plans will be available in the Auditorium), with Descendants and other Guests following while maintaining their physical separation. 10:51 The Governor's party is escorted by the Master of Ceremonies to the Anzac Memorial Auditorium. Following departure of Dignitaries and Guests from the Northern Forecourt, Anzac Memorial staff and volunteers relocate the wreaths to sides of the steps to allow a passage way.</p> <p><b>In the Anzac Memorial Auditorium</b> 10: 55 Flag Bearers take up their position either side of the Auditorium entry doors and await the Governor's arrival.</p>

	<p>10:55 Gathering Music as Guests are seated (seating plans will be available in the Auditorium)</p> <p>11:00 All stand for Australian and French Flags and the Governor's party to enter the Auditorium</p> <p>11:01 Flag Bearers place flags in Flag stands, All be seated</p> <p>11:02 50m* THE COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE</p> <p>11:02 2m O Valiant Hearts - Vocalist</p> <p>11:04 3m WELCOME and <i>Message from the Governor General</i></p> <p>11:07 2m* ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY</p> <p>11:10 3m* PROLOGUE: The Governor of New South Wales or Minister</p> <p>11:14 2m PRAYER</p> <p>11:16 3m <i>Abide with Me</i></p> <p>11:19 5m* COMMEMORATIVE ADDRESS: TBA</p> <p>11:25 3m* FAMILY REFLECTION: Fromelles descendant TBA</p> <p>11:29 2m PRAYER AND BLESSING</p> <p>11:31 3m* MESSAGE FROM FRANCE Consul-General of France</p> <p>11:35 3m* EPILOGUE: TBA</p> <p>11:39 9m THE NATIONAL ANTHEMS OF FRANCE, NZ &amp; UK</p> <p>11:48 2m Master of Ceremonies outlines arrangements for the Star Ceremony, 5<sup>th</sup> Division wreath-laying, Last Post Ceremony, National Anthem in the Hall of Memory</p> <p>11:50 9m* <i>THE RECESSIONAL</i> and PROCEED TO THE HALL OF MEMORY</p> <p><b>In the Anzac Memorial Hall of Memory</b></p> <p>12:00 4m COMMEMORATIVE STAR CEREMONY</p> <p>12:04 3m 5<sup>th</sup> DIVISION WREATH LAYING CEREMONY</p> <p>12:07 1m* <i>THE ODE</i></p> <p>12:09 2m <i>THE LAST POST</i></p> <p>12:11 1m SILENCE</p> <p>12:12 1m <i>THE ROUSE</i></p> <p>12:13 3m* THE NATIONAL ANTHEM OF AUSTRALIA</p> <p>12:16 Event concludes: Formal farewells and meeting with guests. At their convenience, Dignitaries depart.</p>
<p><b>Who will meet guests on arrival:</b> (name, position, mobile phone number)</p>	<p><b>10:10 At the Archibald Fountain</b> <i>Mr Jim Munro</i>, President FFAIF (0419 636 028) and <i>Ms Jill Hayes</i> (0458 571 612) <i>Lt. Col Paul Simadas RFD</i>, FFAIF Vice President and Marshall of the Procession</p> <p><b>10:40 At the Anzac Memorial</b> <b>Mr Darren Mitchell</b>, Master of Ceremonies.</p>
<p><b>Number of attendees:</b> (complete guest list required 5 days before event)</p>	<p>65 for Commemorative Procession 65 for Commemoration Service</p>
<p><b>Guest list:</b></p>	<p><b>Invitation list:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd)</b> Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia (and FFAIF Patron)</li> <li>2. The Governor of New South Wales, <b>Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC</b> with</li> <li>3. <b>Mr Dennis Wilson</b> and</li> <li>4. <b>ADC</b></li> <li>5. Minister for Veterans <b>The Hon Natalie Ward MLC</b> representing The Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier of New South Wales and The Anzac Memorial Trustees</li> <li>6. <b>Mr Ray James</b>, President, The Returned and Services League of Australia NSW Branch</li> <li>7. Consul-General of United Kingdom <b>Mrs. Louise Cantillon</b></li> <li>8. Consul-General of New Zealand <b>Mr. Bill Dobbie</b></li> <li>9. Consul-General Republic of France <b>Mrs. Anne Boillon</b></li> <li>10. French Veterans Delegate General for Australia <b>Ms. Marie Gittard</b></li> </ol>

11. French Veterans, President **Philippe Maillols**
12. President, Order of Merité, **Dr William Land AM**
13. Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of Belgium, **M. Arnaud Dusaucy**
14. Custodian of the Anzac Memorial and Secretary, The Returned and Services League of Australia NSW Branch, **Mr Jeff O'Brien**
15. Director – Office for Veterans Affairs and Honorary Secretary, Trustees of the Anzac Memorial, **Ms Caroline Mackaness**
16. Department of Veterans Affairs Deputy Commissioner NSW/ACT, **Ms Victoria Benz**
17. Australian Army representative, **Brigadier Mike Kalms**, Commander 8<sup>th</sup> Brigade (8<sup>th</sup> Bde fought at Fromelles and now includes the University Regiments).
18. **Howard Collins OBE**, Chief Operations Officer, Transport for NSW with
19. **Bill Phippen OAM** (52 NSW railway and tramway men died at Fromelles)
20. **Mr Mark Scott**, Secretary, NSW Department of Education
21. **Air Commodore Ian Scott AM**, President, Remembrance Driveway Committee

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22. **Dame Quentin Bryce AD CVO**  
inaugural FFFAIF Patron-in-Chief and former Governor- General
23. **General The Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK AC(Mil) CVO MC (RETD)**  
immediate past Patron-in-Chief and former Governor-General
24. **Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO**,  
former NSW Governor
25. **Lieutenant General Ken Gillespie AC DSC CSM (Ret'd)**  
former Chief of Army and Chair NSW Centenary of Anzac Council
26. **Mr Kerry Stokes AC**,  
Chair, Australian War Memorial Council
27. **Dr Brendan Nelson AO**,  
Former Ambassador to Belgium & Director AWM
28. **Lambis Englezos AM**  
Fromelles advocate
29. **Professor Richard Wright AM**,  
Emeritus Professor of Anthropology at the University of Sydney and Senior Forensic Adviser to Oxford Archaeology during the Pheasant Wood mass graves exhumation and investigation at Fromelles;
30. **Craig Laffin OAM**  
Inaugural President of FFFAIF and son of Founder
31. **Professor Peter Dennis**  
Emeritus Professor of History and former head of the Department of History at UNSW Canberra, creator of the 'Australian Anzacs in the Great War' and 'New Zealand's Great War' databases.
32. **Russell Curley**,  
Past FFFAIF President
33. **Maurice Campbell**  
FFFAIF Committee Member
34. **Graeme Hosken**  
FFFAIF Secretary and DIGGER Editor
35. **Margaret Snodgrass OAM**  
FFFAIF Committee Member
36. **FFFAIF President Jim Munro**
37. FFFAIF Committee Member **Jill Hayes**,
38. FFFAIF Committee Member **Chris Bryett**
39. FFFAIF Committee Member **Sue Tongue**
40. FFFAIF Marshall **Lt. Col. Paul Simadas RFD** (also FFFAIF Vice President and Co-Chair Australian Branch of the Western Front Association)
41. Australian World War One Descendants (AWWOD) **Arline Ronsisvale**
42. Fromelles Association of Australia President **Geoffrey Benn**
43. The Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies NSW, President **Professor Michael Hough AM RFD**
44. **Rear Admiral Ian Crawford AO AM (Mil) RAN (Rtd)**, National President of the

	<p>Australian Council of Korea Veterans Associations, for his father wounded at Bois Grenier before the Battle of Fromelles.</p> <p>45. War Widows' Guild of Australia National President <b>Mrs Rhondda Vanzella OAM</b></p> <p>46. Sydney Legacy President, <b>Mr Greg Wrate</b></p> <p>47. NSW Division, Australian Red Cross</p> <p>48. NSW Association of Jewish Service and Ex-Service Men &amp; Women (<b>NAJEX</b>) <b>President Roger Selby</b></p> <p>49. President, Cumberland RSL, <b>Mr Greg Read SC</b></p> <p>50. Master of Ceremonies, <b>Darren Mitchell</b></p> <p>51. Acknowledgment of Country, <b>Harry Allie BEM</b></p> <p>52. Bugler, <b>Terry McCleary</b>, Fire &amp; Rescue NSW Band, for Capt. Gunter 54Bn</p> <p>53. Piper <b>Jim Braid</b>, NSW Scottish Regimental Association Pipes and Drums, for Sgt James Dodd 53Bn and Pte Downie Dodd 55Bn KIA</p> <p>54. Piper <b>Graham Wood</b>, Sydney Thistle Highland Pipe Band</p> <p>55. Pastor, <b>Bob Durbin</b>, Chaplain, RSL LifeCare</p> <p>56. <b>WO1 David McGarry</b>, Regimental Sergeant Major, Joint Ceremonial NSW of the Australian Army,</p> <p>57. <b>WO2 Nathan Grumley</b> as National Flag Party, for Pte. William Grumley, 30Bn</p> <p>58. Photographer <b>Michael Mannington</b>, Community Photography</p> <p>59. Videographers <b>Adrian Masiello</b> and <b>Benjamin Dray</b> Vagrant Films</p> <p>60. NSW Police Band Soloist, <b>Belinda Parsons</b></p> <p>61. <b>Mr John Saunders</b>, NSW Police Band, Director of Music</p> <p>62. <b>Patrick Lindsay AM</b>, Author</p> <p>63. <b>St Clare's College</b> representatives Mr Michael Burden and 4 students</p> <p>64. Chris Reason and 7 Network Media</p> <p>65. -65 Descendants, FFFAIF and kindred organisation members, former Anzac Ambassadors, Guests, Ministerial Advisers, Media up to the limit of 65 acceptances maximum.</p> <p>The Member for Coogee, Dr Marjorie O'Neill MP has requested an invitation if numbers permit.</p>
<b>Media arrangements:</b>	<p>The Commemorative Procession and Commemoration will be photographed and videoed and posted to the Anzac Memorial and FFFAIF web-sites</p> <p>Mainstream media have been advised of the Commemorative Procession and Commemoration Service</p> <p>As Commemorative Services for the Battle of Fromelles would normally be held at Fromelles, Melbourne and Sydney, the media may include this Commemoration in national coverage as those in France and Melbourne are unlikely to be public events.</p>
<b>Seating</b>	<p>Seating plans will comply with NSW Government Covid-19 Safety Plan for Museums and Galleries including physical distancing requirements of no more than one person per 2 square metres and separation of 1.5 metres.</p> <p>Hymns will be sung by the Band Vocalist. If COVID19 restrictions apply, attendees are requested to refrain from singing whilst in the Auditorium.</p>
<b>Any other details you consider relevant:</b>	<p>Some Dignitaries will be invited to lay a wreath on the steps of the Anzac Memorial. For those participating in the Commemorative Procession, wreaths can be carried as part of the Procession from the Archibald Fountain or left at the Anzac Memorial prior to the Procession.</p>
<b>Contact person:</b> Name, position, phone numbers (including mobile)	<p><b>Mr Jim Munro</b>, President FFFAIF, can be contacted at <a href="mailto:president@ffaif.org.au">president@ffaif.org.au</a> or on 0419 636 028.</p> <p><b>Lt. Col Paul Simadas RFD</b>, FFFAIF Vice President is organiser for the Commemorative Procession and can be contacted at <a href="mailto:vice-president@ffaif.org.au">vice-president@ffaif.org.au</a> or on 0418 461 956.</p> <p><b>Ms Jill Hayes</b>, FFFAIF Committee Member, is the contact person for dignitaries RSVPs at <a href="mailto:jill.hayes@ffaif.org.au">jill.hayes@ffaif.org.au</a> or on 0458 571 612</p>
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