



The Digger in the photo is not known.
It is hoped that he will be recognised & his identity restored.
Photo courtesy Sharon Barrett

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FROMELLES DAY

Sunday 19 July 2026



ORDER OF SERVICE

ANZAC MEMORIAL HYDE PARK SYDNEY

Photos: *Cobbers* – David Meale, Melbourne

Fromelles (Pheasant Wood) Military Cemetery – Carole Laignel, Fromelles

**COMMEMORATIVE PROCESSION FOR
THE BATTLE OF FROMELLES**

From the Archibald Fountain to the Anzac Memorial Auditorium
Australian National Flag bearer, Australian Army 8th Brigade
French National Flag bearer Bernard Fontaine, French Veterans Association of NSW
55Bn Kings Colours bearer Braith Gallard of the 55/53Bn Association

Entry of Australian and French National Flags and 55Bn Kings Colours

**11a.m. COMMEMORATION SERVICE
in the Anzac Memorial Auditorium**

O Valiant Hearts

Led by Fire + Rescue NSW Vocalist Firefighter Carolynne Szadey

WELCOME and PROLOGUE

Message from the Governor General

Dr Darren Mitchell OAM, Master of Ceremonies

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mr Harry Allie BEM AM,
Chair of the NSW Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Veterans Commemoration Service Committee

PRAYER

Chaplain Keith Walker,
Chaplain, RSL LifeCare, ANZAC Village, Narrabeen

Abide with Me

Led by Fire + Rescue NSW Vocalist Firefighter Carolynne Szadey

FAMILY REFLECTION

Royce Atkinson, a Fromelles descendant, reflecting on the experience of
Pte. Matthew Hepple 30 Bn, and the impact of the loss of Matt at Fromelles, on the
family and their small mining community.

Matt had no known grave until 2009 and was one the Australian soldiers
re-interred in the new CWGC Cemetery in 2010.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

Chaplain Keith Walker

MESSAGE FROM FRANCE

T.B.C.,
representative of the Republic of France

EPILOGUE

Honorary Patron of FFFAIF
General (Retd) the Honourable David Hurley AC CVO DSC

**THE NATIONAL ANTHEMS OF
FRANCE, NEW ZEALAND AND UNITED KINGDOM**

Led by Fire + Rescue NSW Vocalist Firefighter Carolynne Szadey

Master of Ceremonies outlines arrangements in the Hall of Memory
for the 5th Division wreath-laying, Last Post Ceremony, Star Ceremony and
Australian National Anthem.

The Recessional

Led by Fire + Rescue NSW Vocalist Firefighter Carolynne Szadey

PROCEED TO THE HALL OF MEMORY

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

Lament

Piper Jim Braid, NSW Scottish Regimental Association Pipes and Drums

THE ODE

T.B.C. representing the ADF

THE LAST POST

Bugler Bandsman Terry McCleary
Fire + Rescue New South Wales Band

SILENCE

THE ROUSE

Bugler Bandsman Terry McCleary

**COMMEMORATIVE STAR CEREMONY
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM OF AUSTRALIA**

COMMEMORATION OF THE BATTLE OF FROMELLES

O VALIANT HEARTS

O valiant hearts who to your glory came
Through dust of conflict and through battle flame;
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
Your memory hallowed in the land you loved.
Proudly you gathered, rank on rank, to war
As who had heard God's message from afar;
All you had hoped for, all you had, you gave,
To save mankind—yourselves you scorned to save.

ABIDE WITH ME

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens;
Lord, with me abide;
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see—
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

THE RECESSIONAL

God of our fathers, known of old,
Lord of our far-flung battle line,
Beneath whose awful hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine—
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

The tumult and the shouting dies;
The Captains and the Kings depart:
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart.
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

THE NATIONAL ANTHEMS OF FRANCE, NEW ZEALAND UNITED KINGDOM AND AUSTRALIA

Le Marseillaise

*Allons enfants de la Patrie,
Le jour de gloire est arrivé !
Contre nous de la tyrannie,
L'étendard sanglant est levé,
L'étendard sanglant est levé,
Entendez-vous dans les campagnes
Mugir ces féroces soldats ?
Ils viennent jusque dans vos bras
Egorger vos fils, vos compagnes !*

*Aux armes, citoyens,
Formez vos bataillons,
Marchons, marchons !
Qu'un sang impur
Abreuve nos sillons !*

God Save The King

*God save our gracious King.
Long live our noble King
God save the King
Send him victorious
Happy and glorious
Long to reign over us
God save the King*

God Defend New Zealand

*E Ihowā Atua,
O ngā iwi mātou rā
Āta whakarangona;
Me aroha noa
Kia hua ko te pai;
Kia tau tō atawhai;
Manaakitia mai
Aotearoa

God of Nations at Thy feet,
In the bonds of love we meet,
Hear our voices, we entreat,
God defend our free land.
Guard Pacific's triple star
From the shafts of strife and war,
Make her praises heard afar,
God defend New Zealand*

Advance Australia Fair

*Australians all let us rejoice
For we are one and free
We've golden soil and wealth for toil,
Our land is girt by sea
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare,
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair
In joyful strains then let us sing
Advance Australia Fair*