



REMEMBERING OUR
WAR NURSES
24 SEPTEMBER 2014



DEDICATION & COMMEMORATION

AUSTRALIAN SERVICE NURSES MEMORIAL WALL, CENTENARY OF ANZAC WALK, GARDENS AND SPECIAL WORLD WAR ONE AND CENTENARY OF RED CROSS PLAQUES

COMMEMORATION OF THE CENTENARY OF THE DEPARTURE OF AUSTRALIAN ARMY NURSES FROM QUEENSLAND TO WW1

WAR NURSES MEMORIAL PARK, BUNDABERG QLD 24TH SEPTEMBER 2014

1. **EVENT:** Dedication of Australian Service Nurses Memorial Wall, Centenary of ANZAC Walk, Gardens and Plaque, special World War One Overseas Service Plaque, Centenary of Australian Red Cross Plaque and Boer War Plaque.

- a. A memorial wall is being constructed to compliment the heritage listed Bundaberg War Nurses Memorial Pavilion and to expand recognition to include the service of all Australian Nurses.

This wall is to be unveiled and dedicated on 24th September 2014. The guest performing the unveiling is dependent on availability to attend.

A plaque is to be unveiled and dedicated, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the departure for World War One from Queensland of the first contingent of Australian Army Nursing Sisters from that state on HMAT Omrah which sailed to join the first fleet ultimately leaving Australian waters on 1st November 2014.

It is considered most appropriate that the unveiling of this plaque be carried out by a member of the Australian Army Nursing Corps and an initial invitation has been sent to Honorary Colonel Wendy Taylor, Colonel Commandant RAANC.

- b. The memorial walk and commemorative gardens, which include two 'walls of memories' will also be unveiled and dedicated. An honor roll plaque, listing the Australian nurses from the Bundaberg region who served during World War One will be the first plaque on one of these new walls.

2. **OFFICIAL GUESTS:** Invitations being issued.

- a. Invitations have been extended to the Governor General of Australia as Commander-in- Chief of Australian Defence Forces and also as representative of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, who is the Colonel-in-Chief of Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps. Also to the Governor of Queensland, Government leaders and relevant Government Department heads plus representation from the Australian Defence Force and local dignitaries.

3. **WREATH LAYING & ADDRESSES**

- a. All guests & representatives are invited to lay wreaths. Intention to do so should be notified when advising attendance as per RSVP requirements. For the service representatives, one member from each RAN, RAAF and Army, representing that service and it's nurses to lay





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wreaths during the commemoration.

- b. The guest unveiling the memorial will be asked to give a short address, as will the Army representative who will unveil the AANS Centenary Plaque, and the representatives who will unveil the Red Cross Centenary, Boer War and the World War One non-Australian Defence Force Services plaques. Addresses should be about 2 minutes maximum.
4. TIMING AND LOCATION:
- a. The service is to begin at 0900 and conclude at 0945 on Wednesday 24th September 2014, and will be held at the War Nurses Memorial Park situated on the corner of Bourbong & Takalvan Streets, Bundaberg, Queensland. Details of a shuttle-bus service will be provided following advice of your attendance.
5. ASSOCIATED EVENTS:
- a. An exhibition of World War One nurses' memorabilia & community morning tea will be held at the Bundaberg RSL Club following the Dedication and Commemoration service. This will be from 1000 Hrs to 1130 Hrs.
 - b. Centenary of ANZAC Luncheon is to be held at the Bundaberg RSL Club at 1200. A senior Service Nurse will give the Centenary of ANZAC address.
6. DRESS:
- a. Official Guests and representatives should wear uniform or coat and tie or dignified dress and where applicable, medals should be worn.
 - b. General Public are asked to be suitably attired, ex-service/service persons to wear medals where applicable.
7. RSVP: To Secretary, Bundaberg Ex Servicewomen's Assn, c/- Bundaberg RSL Sub Branch PO Box 2216, Bundaberg Qld 4670, or electronically to: bundy.eswa@gmail.com
- a. Official Guests:
As part of the requirement for inviting the Governor General and the Governor of Queensland it is necessary for us to provide details of attending guests well in advance. Therefore details of attendance would be appreciated by 24th June 2014.
 - b. General Public:
Those wishing to lay a wreath should advise by 15th August 2014.

