



1. Hold a dawn service from your driveway

While we are unable to gather for a traditional dawn service as a community, that doesn't mean you can't partake in a dawn service from home. You could watch the live stream of the dawn service on TV or online—or better yet, you could host your own service out the front of your home.

2. Decorate your letterbox or windows

This time at home provides the perfect excuse to dive into a craft activity with the family. So, why not consider decorating your letterbox or front windows?

3. Make a wreath

Floral wreaths are traditionally laid down to remember those who have given their lives for us. Usually, the wreaths laid down on Anzac Day include Laurel (also known as Bay Leaf), Rosemary or Poppies, which symbolise honour and remembrance.

4. Make Crepe Paper Poppies

At the Australian War Memorial, people who visit the Roll of Honour adorn the panels with Red Poppies as a tribute to the memory of the thousands of people listed on the roll.

The Red Poppy is an international symbol of war remembrance, so it's only appropriate to commemorate Anzac Day by creating your own paper Poppies.

5. Hold your own gunfire breakfast at home

After dawn service has finished, it is customary to follow with a traditional 'gunfire breakfast'. This tradition comes from the soldier's early cup of tea, which they drank before going on their first parade for the day—often with a dash of rum for some 'liquid courage'.

Today, the gunfire breakfast has evolved to entail a traditional breakfast of bacon, eggs, sausages and baked beans. Why not host your own gunfire breakfast at home?

6. Read a kids' book about Anzac Day

A book provides an easy way to communicate the meaning of Anzac Day to little ones through the power of storytelling. There are a number of free [e-books available for download](#) on the Australian War Memorial website.

7. Listen to Anzac-inspired songs

Reflect on Anzac Day by listening to music inspired by the wartime and the sacrifices made by the incredible soldiers who fought in the war. These songs tell stories of our heroes and embody the courageous spirit of the Anzacs.

Songs to take a listen to include:

I Was Only 19 by Redgum

Spirit of the Anzacs by Lee Kernaghan

To my Fellow Man by Lugh Damen

The Anzac by Adam Brand

I am Australian by The Seekers

On Every Anzac Day by John Schumann

8. Practice writing an Anzac-inspired poem

Poems have been used to tell the stories of Anzac heroes for decades. Perhaps the most famous poem of all is 'For the Fallen' by English poet and writer, Laurence Binyon. In the fourth stanza you'll find the 'The Ode', a section of the poem used to commemorate Anzac soldiers in Australia;

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

we will remember them."

9. Bake Anzac Biscuits

Anzac Day just wouldn't be Anzac Day without a freshly baked batch of Anzac biscuits. The recipe is super easy to follow, and the results are seriously delectable! Even if you don't fancy yourself as a baking extraordinaire, why not give it a go and make your own batch?

Here's what you'll need:

- 1 cup plain flour
- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1 cup desiccated coconut
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup brown sugar
- 125g butter
- 2 tbsp golden syrup
- 2 tbsp water
- 1 tsp bicarbonate soda

And here's what to do:

1. Preheat oven to 160°C and line two baking trays with non-stick paper.
2. Sift flour into a large bowl then stir in rolled oats, coconut and brown sugar.
3. Place butter, golden syrup and water into a saucepan. Stir while on medium heat until melted then add bicarbonate soda.
4. Pour butter mixture into the flour mixture and stir until combined.
5. Roll mixture into balls then place on tray and press with fork to flatten slightly.
6. Bake for 10 minutes or until golden brown.

10. Explore Your Local War Memorials Online

Did you know you can explore your local war memorials without leaving your home?

'Places of Pride' is a website created by the Australian War Memorial, which aims to record the location and photos of every war memorial across the country.

You can head to the website to browse war memorials near you at: <https://placesofpride.awm.gov.au/>

You can also take a peek into sections of the Australian War Memorial. Simply [visit their website](#) for all the details.