

MEDIA RELEASE

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Remembering those who sacrificed this ANZAC day. Virtually

With social distancing regulations in place, we have witnessed the cancellation of many significant acknowledgment events, perhaps none greater than ANZAC day!

Anzac Day is the solemn day of remembrance of those Australian and New Zealand Army Corps soldiers who have fought and died for their country, and is marked annually on the anniversary of the Gallipoli campaign of the First World War.

For over 80 years on each Anzac Day, community volunteers in Portland Victoria have produced a unique and beautiful floral tribute to those who have given their lives in war, and to those left behind. This year will be different. While we can't come together to remember those who sacrifice we can all do our little bit. Safely.

Leading up to ANZAC day and beginning on Sunday 19 April 2020, United Way Glenelg will re-play on their Facebook page, one video each day from "Flowers of War" collection, a community production sponsored by Powerhouse Productions with assistance from the Portland RSL Sub-branch and the Andrew Jack Charitable Trust.

United Way Glenelg is also encouraging the community to get behind Portland Primary School's idea of encouraging their students to make poppies, using everyday household items. All finished poppies can be dropped to Tattsлото Portland by Wednesday 22 April, or used to decorate the front windows of homes and other shops by arrangement.

Marg Wagner, United Way Glenelg President will conclude the ANZAC commemorative week by reading the children's book *Lest We Forget* by Kerry Brown and Illustrated by Isobel Knowles and Benjamin Portas on Saturday 25 April at 10.30am, which is when the march would traditionally begin in Portland.

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