

ANZAC – OUR HERITAGE

The word **ANZAC** had been a part of Australia since the 25th of April 1914. The word ANZAC is an acronym for “Australian And New Zealand Army Corps, it soon became a word that many people used that had significance.

What is it?

I believe that the ANZAC spirit is a foundation that particularly shows the Australian image and our technique of living. This is a very important part of the Australians heritage. The spirit of ANZAC also continues with the laughter, pride and love that is unique to each Australian.

The colonies of the lands did not come together until 1901; Australians and New Zealanders combined in the early development of their countries.

This then created the foundation of the Spirit of ANZAC.

The spirit of ANZAC is not something we can see, however an influential powerful feeling that we can only feel and every Australian and New Zealander is touched by the spirit. Numerous foundation ANZAC's died. Individuals were brave enough to stand proud and strong for their country.

Is it a myth or reality?

ANZAC day is a reality: it was certainly a reality for the men and women that gave their lives to free our countries in all the wars, it continues to be a reality today as The ANZAC's have ensured we now live safe and free with human rights, and rights for citizens and future generations in Australian and New Zealand, the great free countries.

We acknowledge the men, and women, who fought, suffered and died for our country their actions and the sacrificed lives gave our country the unbeatable substantial **Sprit of Anzac**.

Many of Australians take part in ANZAC day each year. A number attend a dawn service at a general memorial or attend a religious service. Hundreds take part in marches, or watch the services on television. Every service holds a formal minute silence, and someone plays the "Last Post". ANZAC day is a very important national day for Australians. ANZAC day is where the voice of Australians convey their feelings and gratefulness regarding their freedom and we remember our country that was made free.

The expectations of the citizens of Australia and what the future may bring, Is a way of portraying part of the **spirit of ANZAC**.

The ANZAC spirit also brings ideas of the Australian and New Zealanders national character with **Gallipoli drive** that has been described as the birth place of the nationhood of Australia and New Zealand.

This was first known with the reporting of the landing at the ANZAC Cove. Ellis Ashamed-Bartlett Bean reported the events of the landing at ANZAC Cove the report was then reported in more depth at a later time.

He was regarded as a Australian legend though, his critics believed this to be the ANZAC myth.

Is it unique?

ANZAC day is unique to Australian and New Zealand, no other countries have fought together to save their countries and their countries values, like our comrades did.

Is it a good set of values for Australia to have?

ANZAC Day is remembered on the 25th April each year, it is a day that we remember those brave people who went to fight for their countries freedom.

The greatest sacrifice that anyone can make is to die to protect someone else.

Every person who fights for Australia is ready to die to protect the interests of Australia.

We all hope that never again will Australians die in war.

Thousands of Australians have made this supreme sacrifice in military engagements over the past hundred years. They have died serving their country.

Does it have relevance to the ADF today?

The ANZAC spirit has relevance to the Australian Defence Force today, The Australian Defence Force today shows the courage, mateship and honour that the young Australians soldiers showed when they fought in the first world war, the second world war, and Vietnam,

We as young Australians should be very proud we have such dedicated and honourable citizens prepared to continually defend and keep our country safe.

Does it have relevance for young Australians today

Today young people in today's society still display mateship for their country and stand proud, this demonstrates the ANZAC spirit for the younger generation. Many soldiers thought that mateship and pride was very important and still is today, that's what the ANZAC's all believed when at war, this was their drive that kept their spirits high during horrendous conditions.

It is a day to show respect for the sacrifice and courage of the defenders of Australia and New Zealand.

ANZAC day is not a day to glorify war; rather it is a day when we as young Australians can reflect on the awfulness, the death, destruction and horror that it brings

Each year we remember those killed and injured in war, we as young Australians should each vow that if at all possible, wars should never happen again.

We should all promise that we will work towards finding alternatives to war so as to make our world a more peaceful place.

Peter John Cosgrove

Peter Cosgrove was born in Sydney, Australia in 1947, 28th of July. He has the nickname Cos.

Cosgrove is now a retired Australians Army Officer that served his country; Cosgrove retired and received two awards: **the Companion of the New Zealand order of Merit and commander of the United States Legion of merit.**

Before Cosgrove retired he was Chief of the Defence Force. He was chief from the third of July 2002 until July 2005. In November 2010 Peter Cosgrove will be taking the position for the next councillor of the Australian Catholic University.

He was educated at a catholic School (Waverly College) in New South Wales. Cosgrove then decided to follow his father's steps which led him into the position of a Warrant Officer, in the Australian Army, where he was very successful. After Cosgrove then attended the Royal Military College in 1965.

1971: Early in Cosgrove's job he battled in Vietnam with the 9th Battalion, Royal Australian Troop. When Cosgrove served he received the Military Cross in 1971.

1980: Peter Cosgrove was awarded a National Medal.

1980: The mid 1980's Peter Cosgrove Commanded the original troop Royal Australian Regiment.

1991 Cosgrove was leader in international Force as he was a main general. This was peacekeeping as he was undertaking the task to East Timor. Cosgrove had great achievements and was acknowledged for his mission. He soon became one of Australians most cherished Army Chief.

2000 Peter Cosgrove was assigned the position of Lieutenant General chief for the Army.

2002 he was appointed general as chief of the Defence Force for three years

2005 Peter Cosgrove wrote an autobiography, (My Story) In this year he also received Australian of the Year.

Mr. Cosgrove demonstrated that he is a role model and showed important values Strength, determination, intelligence, compassion and humour.

2008 Peter Cosgrove attended the 2008 ANZAC day service in Canberra at the Australian War Memorial.



I Believe the spirit of ANZAC is still relevant today because young people and the older generation still commemorate and honour the sacrifice and bravery that the soldiers made for their country Australia).I believe that mateship, freedom and being prepared are still particularly relevant, today although sacrifice, patrician, duty and larrikinism are not truly acknowledged and shown though out today's society.

Many young and older generations still come together commemorating and remembering the Australians that fought for their country during ANZAC services on the 25th of April all different Australians come together and march. Most people March in their local area.

We must not judge then outcome of the soldier's actions, but the motive they had/have – that of being prepared to die in defence of their homeland or their fellow comrades.

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