

Dunedin RSA  
Service of Remembrance  
**Armistice Day 2015**



**Dunedin Cenotaph  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015  
10:45am**

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

**MC** - Lieutenant Commander Tony Buchanan, RNZNR

**SERVICE LED BY** - The Reverend Dr Tony Martin- retired army chaplain

I warmly welcome you to this Act of Remembrance. In unity with many nations throughout the world today we remember before God those who served their country in time of conflict. We pray for those who suffered as a result of war and for those who serve today on our behalf at home and abroad.

**ANTHEM: God Save the Queen**

## **PRAYER of THANKSGIVING**

Let us pray. We offer to almighty God our thanksgiving for the many blessings with which he has enriched our lives. We give thanks for Her Majesty the Queen, our Governor General, the Prime Minister, our Mayor, and all who under them bear the responsibility of government:

**Thanks be to God.**

For those who serve in the Armed Forces of our nation, and of our friends and allies, on sea and land and in the air:

**Thanks be to God.**

For doctors, nurses, chaplains, and all who care for those in need or distress:

**Thanks be to God.**

For the unity and goodwill of our people: For the sacrifices made, in two world wars, and in later conflicts, to restore justice and to secure peace:

**Thanks be to God.**

For the Royal New Zealand Returned and Service Association and all ex-service associations:

**Thanks be to God.**

**11.00**

**TWO GUNS WILL FIRE ACROSS THE CITY; THE ROBBIE BURNS CANNON IN THE OCTAGON; AND A 25 POUNDER AT THE QUEENS GARDENS**

**THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY TWO MINUTES OF SILENCE.**

**THE 25 POUNDER WILL THEN FIRE A SECOND SALUTE TO SIGNAL THE END OF HOSTILITIES AT THE 11TH HOUR OF THE 11TH DAY ON THE 11TH MONTH 1918**

## **ACT OF REMEMBRANCE**

Let us remember before God,  
and commend to his sure keeping:  
those who served, those who were injured,  
and those who died for their country in times of conflict;  
those whom we knew,  
and whose memory we treasure;  
and all who have lived and died  
in the service of humankind.

**SPEAKER – Rear Admiral Jack Steer, ONZM, RNZN**

### **Laying of Wreathes**

### **Kohima Epitaph**

When you go back home say, "For your tomorrow we gave our today"

Adapted from Simonides (556-468) by J H Edmonds

### ***The Ode***

***(Dunedin RSA President: Lox Kellas & Prof J Broughton ED JP )***

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.  
**We will remember them.**

### ***The Last Post - Silence – Reveille***

## **HYMN - "In Flanders Fields"**

Balmacewen Intermediate School & Flagstaff Community Choir

## **PRAYERS of INTERCESSION**

And now let us pray for the peace of the world:

for statesmen and women, that they may have wisdom to know and courage to do what is right ...  
for all who work to improve international relationships, that they may find the true way to reconcile  
people of different race, colour, and creed ... and for men and women the world over, that they may  
have justice and freedom, and live in security and peace ...

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of war: for the injured and the disabled, for the mentally  
distressed, for those whose faith in God and humanity has been weakened or destroyed, for the  
homeless and refugees, for those who are hungry, and for all who have lost their livelihood and  
security ... for those who mourn their dead, those who have lost husband or wife, children or parents,  
and especially for those who feel they have little hope to sustain them in their grief ...

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

We join together in the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

# BENEDICTION

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth, and all humankind, peace and concord; and to us and all his servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

# THE NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL ANTHEM

Balmacewen Intermediate School & Flagstaff Community Choir

**E Ihoa Atua,  
O ngā Iwi Mātou rā,  
ata whakarongona;  
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!**

*Thomas Bracken (1843-98)*

