

## THE BOER WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT

The Boer War was the first conflict in which Australian forces were involved as a nation as the Federal Government sent Commonwealth contingents to the war after 1901.

About 23,000 Australian men and women served in the Boer War. Nearly 1000 Australians paid the ultimate price for their service. Over 16000 Australians served in Official contingents. The first Aboriginal men would serve on active service and the first Australian woman would die on active service. Over 6500 went from NSW.

Six Australians were awarded Victoria Crosses (including the first, Neville Howse from NSW), the first time any Australians were awarded this highest honour. Three women were awarded the Royal Red Cross. Over 160 additional decorations were awarded.

All six would serve again in World War One including three at Gallipoli. Two would be wounded there. Three Boer War veterans would be awarded the Victoria Cross in World War One including one at Gallipoli.

Professor David Horner has found that 30% of AIF leadership, Colonel and above served in the Boer War. It is estimated that 15% of the troops at Gallipoli on 25th April 1915 were Boer War veterans.

Australian troops served closely alongside more than 6000 New Zealanders and frequently fought alongside them, truly anticipating the first ANZACs.

By 1902 Australian soldiers had fought in combined Brigades with New Zealanders. Examples being the brigading of Australian Bushmen units with New Zealand Rough Riders in 1900 and the combination of the 6th Queensland Mounted Rifles with the 7th New Zealand Mounted Rifles in Colonel Garrett's Column. In February 1902 the 3rd NSW Mounted Rifles went to the aid of the 7th NZMR who were under heavy Boer attack.

Men spent long periods in the saddle with few opportunities to bathe or change their clothes; lice were a constant problem. Temperatures during the war ranged from relentless heat during the day to freezing cold at night. 43,000 horses were sent from Australia and none returned.

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The NBWMA thanks the NSW Government through the NSW Office for Veterans Affairs for their continued support of this day

NATIONAL BOER WAR MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION NEW SOUTH WALES COMMITTEE



# BOER WAR DAY

## SUNDAY 31 MAY 2015



## COMMEMORATION SERVICE

11:00AM – ANZAC MEMORIAL – HYDE PARK SYDNEY

# COMMEMORATION SERVICE

113th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF  
THE BOER WAR PEACE TREATY

ANZAC MEMORIAL – HYDE PARK SYDNEY

## WELCOME

Mr Darren Mitchell – Master of Ceremonies

## PROLOGUE

The Hon. David Elliott MP  
Minister for Veterans Affairs

## PRAYER

Chaplain Lieutenant Colonel Colin Aiken OAM RFD (Rtd)

## THE SONG OF THE FEDERATION

*A Poem by A B Paterson*

Cadet Sergeant Alexander Baldwin Clark, 306 Squadron AAFC  
from Sydney Grammar School

## COMMEMORATIVE ADDRESS

Lieutenant Colonel David Deasey RFD (Rtd)  
Chairman NSW Committee  
National Boer War Memorial Association

## REFLECTIONS ON A SOLDIER

Mr Geoffrey Denyer  
Descendant and Deputy Principal, Sydney Girls High School

## WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

*Flowers of the Forest*

Pipers from The Scots College, Sydney

## THE LAST POST

Bugler Joshua Stevens from The Scots College, Sydney

## THE ODE

Read by Rachael Garrett from Sydney Girls High School

## THE ROUSE

Bugler Joshua Stevens from The Scots College Sydney

## THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Led by a descendant, Ms Catherine Bouchier

*Australians all let us rejoice,*

*For we are young and free;*

*We've golden soil and wealth for toil;*

*Our land is girt by sea;*

*Our land abounds in nature's gifts*

*Of beauty rich and rare;*

*In history's page, let every stage,*

*Advance Australia Fair*

*In joyful strains then let us sing,*

*Advance Australia Fair.*

## PRAYER AND BLESSING

Chaplain Lieutenant Colonel Colin Aiken OAM RFD (Rtd)

## EPILOGUE and CLOSURE

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