

ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE AT VILLERS-BRETONNEUX 25 APRIL 2017

New arrangements are in place for the ceremony in 2017. A 'Park and Ride' system will apply for Tours and private cars. P

- Parking area is located at the commercial centre car park in Glisy, east of Amiens. (Glisy is 12KLM (15 minutes) from the Australian memorial at Villers-Bretonneux)
- All Tour Operators coaches park at this location (Glisy) & remain there until after the ceremony
- Free shuttles will take visitors to and from the Australian National Memorial. Shuttles in both directions are on a 'first come first served' basis.
- There will also be free buses from Amiens Train Station to and from Glisy at 2.00am for those without other transport to Glisy.
- Buses from Glisy to Amiens Station will run at 9.00am (There are normal local services as well)
- All visitors will undergo strict airport style security screening at Glisy Car Park before boarding shuttles
- All visitors need to register for an attendance pass online:
<https://overseascommemorations.ticketek.com.au/>
- Private Car Parking will be available in Fouilloy and Villers-Bretonneux. Access will only be from the A29 as the D1029 will be closed.
- Visitors can still arrive on site on foot and be security checked near the site

IMPORTANT NOTE : After the service, the shuttles returning to Glisy will make an extra stop in Villers-Bretonneux for people wishing to attend the Town Ceremony. However, there is no pick up after the Town Ceremony – shuttles will have stopped running before the ceremony ends. Tour operators will then collect visitors if they choose to stay in the town.

Overview Timing

- Park and Ride opens at Glisy at 1.00am
- Memorial Site at Villers-Bretonneux opens at 1.30am
- Pre-Service program starts at 2.00am – this is earlier than previous years
- Dawn Service starts at 5.30 am – as normal

Set Up

- Seating for approx. 4000 visitors – some on ground level and some in stands
- Wet and cold weather - temporary facilities available
- Coffee/croissants tent open when site opens
- Portable toilets and hand washing facilities
- Construction of the John Monash Centre is in progress – area still a building site

Attendance Pass

- Compulsory: Available <https://overseascommemorations.ticketek.com.au/>

Dawn Service: Australian National Memorial Villers-Bretonneux

Event: Anzac Day Dawn Service Date: Tuesday, 25 April 2017 Time: 1.00 am: Site opens 1.30 am: Pre-service commemorative program commences 5.00 am: All visitors to be seated 5.30 am: Dawn Service commences

1. **Venue: The Australian National Memorial, (outside the village of) Villers-Bretonneux**
Note: Due to the installation of technical equipment for the conduct of the Dawn Service, for safety reasons the central tower of the Australian National Memorial will not be open to the public from 22-26 April 2017.
2. **Villers-Bretonneux Service (French Service)** Event: Anzac Day Service and wreath-laying Ceremony Date: Tuesday, 25 April 2017 Time: Expected to commence at 8.45 am Venue: Monument aux Morts, Town Centre, Villers-Bretonneux
3. **Villers-Bretonneux Service (French Service)** Event: Sadlier Stokes Scholarship Presentation & Concert Date: Tuesday, 25 April 2017 Time: Expected to commence at 9.15 am Venue: Our Lady of Hope Church, Villers-Bretonneux

• **BULLECOURT 11 April 2017**

- The local community will organise a commemorative day on the start of First battle of Bullecourt on 11 April 2015
- Three guided battlefield visits Departure from the Town Square, walk along the train line and through the former battlefields to the Bullecourt/Riencourt road. Hot drinks available at the end of the walk.
- 11.45am : Officials and the Porte Drapeux walk to the Petite Cross 12.00pm : Commemorative service and official wreath laying with Australian representatives All Day : Commemorative stamps on sale and Exhibition in Community Hall

BULLECOURT - 25 April 2017 (Official DVA Bullecourt Ceremony – You must register!)

- The Australian Government Ceremony will be at 2.45pm at the Digger Memorial Town Ceremony from 2.00pm – 2.45pm
- Attendance Pass: Compulsory Available <https://overseascommemorations.ticketek.com.au/>
- Access to the Site – Security and attendance measures will be stricter than previous years. More local police to control access. Ticket/Attendance Pass scanning will be in place prior to accessing the Digger Memorial Set-up – Standing for approx. 1500 visitors. 60 seats for reduced mobility visitors

Bullecourt Town Service (French Service)

- Event: Anzac Day Service Date: Tuesday, 25 April 2017 Time: Expected to commence at 2.00 pm Venue: The Commonwealth and French Monuments in the Bullecourt village centre – Square du Souvenir Francais

- Australian Service at Digger Memorial Event: Anzac Day Commemorative Service Date: Tuesday, 25 April 2017 Time: 3.00 pm Venue: The Australian 'Digger' Memorial on the village outskirts