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MUSIC FOR YOUR SERVICE

Music is an important part of most commemorative events. Music can create strong feelings and memories. If you can't find a band or musician to perform at a ceremony, it's fine to play music through an audio-visual (AV) media system or speakers.

Playlists

We've released two playlists on the Spotify music streaming service. One contains music suitable for an Anzac Day dawn service, and one has music for services held at other times.



<https://tinyurl.com/anzacdaydawnservice>



<https://tinyurl.com/anzacdaycommemorativeservice>

Anzac Day

anzacportal.dva.gov.au

Lest We Forget.

You can also download some of the files from [Music to play at commemorations - Anzac Portal \(dva.gov.au\)](https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/music-to-play-at-commemorations)



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BUGLE CALLS

The Last Post

The Last Post is a bugle call played before the period of silence at a commemorative service.

Reveille

At a dawn service on Anzac Day, *Reveille* is played on a bugle or trumpet and signals the end of the period of silence. During the bugle being played, the flags are slowly raised to the mast head.

Historically, *Reveille* was played to wake up sleeping soldiers on the battlefield. Today, *Reveille* is played as the first call of the day in army barracks.

The Rouse

The Rouse is a bugle call that is played after the period of silence at a ceremony other than a dawn service. During *The Rouse*, the flags are slowly raised to the mast head.

Historically, *The Rouse* was played after *Reveille* to get soldiers out of their beds. The use of *The Rouse* in a ceremony implies hope for a day when the living and the dead will rise together.

HYMNS

O Valiant Hearts is a hymn of remembrance inspired by a poem published after the First World War to commemorate those who died.

Abide with Me is a hymn that asks for God to remain by your side throughout life and death.

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past is a hymn that asks God for protection.

NATIONAL ANTHEMS

When the *Australian National Anthem* is played in conjunction with the national anthem of a foreign country, the foreign country's national anthem is always played first.

Australian National Anthem

Advance Australia Fair, 2021 version.

New Zealand National Anthem

God Defend New Zealand