

Shire of Exmouth MEDIA RELEASE



17 March 2020

SUMMARY:

- Notification that Exmouth ANZAC Day service is cancelled due to concerns regarding the spread of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus)
- Shire President Matt Niikkula is asking to instead tune in via radio, social media or television while taking a moment to reflect on the service and sacrifice of our veterans and those who are still serving today

CANCELLATION ANZAC DAY SERVICE

The Shire of Exmouth is notifying that Exmouth ANZAC Day 2020 is cancelled due to concerns regarding the spread of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

Traditionally the Exmouth ANZAC Day Dawn Service hosts up to 1000 attendees as it occurs during the start of our peak tourist season. For this reason, we have no choice but to cancel this year's Anzac Day Dawn Service.

Shire President Matthew Niikkula said "Traditionally, many of us have marked Anzac Day by attending dawn service at our local cenotaph. However, as of Monday 16 March 2020, a Federal Government recommendation to cancel all non-essential and mass gatherings of over 500 people has come into effect."

A decision the Shire of Exmouth fully supports to ensure the safety, health and wellbeing of our local community, especially our older veterans who are particularly at risk, as well as our staff.

"The RSL is asking that instead you tune in via radio, social media or television and take a moment to reflect on the service and sacrifice of our veterans and those who are still serving today. And we would like to encourage this support with our residents as well."

If you want to learn the latest information about the Coronavirus, the State and Federal Departments of Health are updating their resources on a frequent basis.

For more information regarding the COVID-19 virus, visit the following links.

1. <https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/coronavirus>
2. [FAQ Coronavirus](#)
3. [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) health alert](#)

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