


Anzac Day Reflection 2020

In response to coronavirus restrictions on public gatherings, we invite you to peruse the selection of Anzac Day reflections and activities below that have been held in previous years.


[Anzac Day Reflection 2018](#)

	<p>This year's Anzac Day Reflection was held in Richardson's Lookout – Marrickville Peace Park, the third time this event has been held in the Peace Park since its launch on 8 November 2015.</p> <p>As the name suggests, however, Anzac Day Reflections aim to do more than recognise Australian casualties of foreign military engagements. One of the purposes of these gatherings is to reflect on how the slaughter and maiming of a generation of the country's youth actually came about over 100 years ago. Read more ...</p>
<p>Leaflet</p>	<p>Access the event's leaflet here.</p>
<p>Speeches</p>	<p>Commemoration of War and the Meaning of Peace by Colin Hesse (Greens Councillor, Inner West Council).</p> <p>A reading on the Appin Massacre of 1816 by Nick Deane (MPG)</p> <p>Anzac Day and the Frontier Wars by Jon Atkins (GCPC)</p>


[Anzac Day Reflection 2017](#)

	<p>During an Anzac Day address in 2013, the former Governor of Tasmania, the Hon. Peter Underwood AC, emphasised the following: "All our remembrances and honours are meaningless, unless we also vow to become resolute about peace because that is what those whom we remember and honour on this special day thought they were dying for."</p> <p>In keeping with this memorable statement, an Anzac Day Reflection was held in Richardson's Lookout – Marrickville Peace Park on Tuesday 25 April. Read more ...</p>
<p>Leaflet</p>	<p>Access the event's leaflet here.</p>
<p>Speech</p>	<p>The speech by Fr Claude Mostowik can be read here.</p>

[Anzac Day Reflection 2016](#)

	<p>An Anzac Day Reflection was held at Richardson's Lookout – Marrickville Peace Park on Monday April 25 between 10.00am and 11.00am.</p> <p>Organised by GCPC, this 'Hour of Reflection' attracted over 65 people. Unlike official Anzac Day commemorations, it offered participants an opportunity to reflect on all victims of war including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Those who died in battle; ▪ Those who were maimed physically and/or psychologically; ▪ Those who suffered on the home front; ▪ Those who opposed conscription and war. <p>It also offered participants an opportunity to reflect on the causes of war and the possibility of building a culture of peace and reconciliation. Read more ...</p>
<p>Leaflet</p>	<p>Access the event's leaflet here.</p>
<p>Resources</p>	<p>The background paper 'Reflections on Anzac Day 2016' can be read here. An article by the historian Douglas Newton entitled 'The hard questions we should face on Anzac Day 2016' can be accessed here.</p>

[Gallipoli and Anzac after 100 Years - 2015](#)

	<p>The Gallipoli Centenary Peace Campaign hosted a public forum on 22 April called 'Gallipoli and Anzac after 100 Years: Lessons and the Prospects for Peace Today'. Despite the bad weather, over 80 people attended the forum at the Petersham Town Hall to hear Douglas Newton (historian), Margot Pearson (Women's International League for Peace and Freedom) and Anne Noonan (Medical Association for Prevention of War).</p> <p>The following is a quote from the speech by Douglas Newton: "We have to challenge the familiar smear: that all those that send and keep our troops abroad love, respect and honour them; and all those who question the wars to which the troops are sent hate, disrespect and dishonour them. That is contemptible political fakery." Read more ...</p>
Leaflet	Access the event's leaflet here .
Speeches	View Douglas Newton's PowerPoint display here . Read his address here .

Resources

Articles	<p>Joan Beaumont. 'Anzac – Why has it lasted?', Speech to public forum on Anzac hosted by Gallipoli Centenary Peace Campaign, University of Sydney, Aug 5, 2014.</p> <p>Paul Daley. 'Debunking the Anzac myth starts with the stories we tell our children', <i>The Guardian</i>, Apr 3, 2014.</p> <p>Paul Daley. 'Now can Anzac Day return to a day of solemn reflection?', <i>The Guardian</i>, Apr 25, 2018.</p> <p>Richard Flanagan. 'Our politics is a dreadful black comedy', Address to the National Press Club, <i>The Guardian</i>, Apr 18, 2018.</p> <p>Marilyn Lake. 'Militarising Australian History', MAPW, Paper 1, Feb 2012.</p> <p>Celeste Liddle. 'We must remember Indigenous warriors who fought war itself', <i>The Guardian</i>, Jul 11, 2014.</p> <p>Mark McKenna. 'Moment of Truth', <i>The Monthly</i>, Mar 22, 2018.</p> <p>Douglas Newton. 'Anzac Day: From respectful remembrance to festival of forgetting', <i>Pearls and Irritations</i>, Apr 25, 2018.</p> <p>Henry Reynolds. 'Unnecessary wars', <i>Pearls and Irritations</i>, Oct 26, 2017.</p> <p>Henry Reynolds. 'Thoughts on an unusual Anzac Day', <i>Pearls and Irritations</i>, Apr 24, 2020.</p> <p>Lyndall Ryan. Colonial Frontier Massacres in Eastern Australia 1788-1872, University of Newcastle.</p> <p>Peter Stanley. 'On Anzac Day, we remember the Great War but forget our first war', <i>The Conversation</i>, Apr 25, 2014.</p>
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Books	<p>Joan Beaumont, <i>Broken Nation: Australians in the Great War</i>, Allen & Unwin, Oct 2013.</p> <p>Marilyn Lake, Henry Reynolds, Joy Damousi and Mark McKenna, <i>What's wrong with ANZAC? The Militarisation of Australian History</i>, 1st edition, NewSouth, Apr 2010</p> <p>Douglas Newton, <i>Hell-bent: Australia's Leap into the Great War</i>, Scribe, Jul 2014</p> <p>Henry Reynolds. <i>Unnecessary Wars</i>, NewSouth, Apr 2016.</p> <p>David Stephens and Alison Broinowski (eds), <i>The Honest History Book</i>, NewSouth, Sydney 2017.</p>
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More references can be found on the Galipoli Centenary Peace Campaign's [website](#).