

# Social Story



Saturday, 25 April from 7.50am to 9.00am

Attending the West Leederville ANZAC Day  
Parade and Remembrance Ceremony

West Leederville Memorial Garden and Cenotaph  
84 Cambridge Street  
West Leederville 6007



# Acknowledgement

The Town of Cambridge acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land we are meeting on, the Whadjuk people. We pay respect to the Elders of the Noongar nation, past, present and future, who have walked and cared for the land and we acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contributions made to the life of this Town and this region.



# Guidelines

Thank you for choosing to use a Social Story written for attending the West Leederville ANZAC Day Parade and Remembrance Ceremony.

This Social Story is suited for a person who may live with autism spectrum disorder, a language disorder, social communication difficulties and/or a cognitive delay/disability.

For your Social Story to be successful, we recommend you follow these guidelines.

- Read Social Story often and preferably two weeks in advance of attendance.
- Social Story to be read and shared in an environment free of distractions.
- Be calm, comfortable and honest when reading a Social Story.
- Help the participant comprehend key points and consistently monitor for level of understanding
- Once the visit has taken place, revisit the Social Story to celebrate success.

Town of Cambridge hereby acknowledges the support and assistance provided by [Access Ability Australia](#) in helping to prepare this Social Story.

We express our sincere appreciation to Access Ability Australia for their pivotal role in assisting Town of Cambridge to highlight its commitment to accessibility and inclusion. Their expertise and support have played a vital role in ensuring that the West Leederville Anzac Day Parade and Remembrance Ceremony is welcoming to all individuals in our community.

I am going to the West Leederville ANZAC Day Parade and Remembrance Ceremony.

It is on Saturday, April 25 from 7:50am to 9:00am.

It will be at the West Leederville Memorial Garden.

The event is a time to remember and thank the people who went to war.



When I arrive, I might see lots of people.

Some people might be wearing uniforms to show that they have served in the Army, Navy or Air Force, or that they belong to a group like Girl Guides or Boy Scouts.



Some people might be wearing medals.

The medals show that they, or someone in their family, served in the Army, Navy or Air Force.



Some people might be wearing red poppies.

Red poppies help us remember soldiers as poppies grew in the fields where many soldiers fought in World War 1.



I might see people wearing bright yellow vests.

These people are called staff.

They can give directions and answer questions.

I can also ask staff for help.



The ANZAC Day Parade will happen first.

There will be an area for people to stand and watch.

There will also be a space at the front for people who need to sit or for people who use a wheelchair.



There will be some loud noises during the ANZAC Day parade and Remembrance Ceremony. I can put on my headphones or ear buds.

I can choose to watch the parade from the Leederville Sporting Club.

Staff can direct me.



A bagpiper and drummer will lead the ANZAC Day Parade. They might sound loud.

People marching in the parade will include:

- people who have served in wars
- family of people who have served in wars
- Australian Air Force Cadets
- local scout and girl guide groups
- local school groups.



After the ANZAC Day Parade,  
the Remembrance Ceremony will  
start.

I can stay in the same place,  
either standing or sitting.



I need to turn my phone off during the Remembrance Ceremony.

I will try to stand or sit very quietly.

If I need to speak, I should speak softly.

The ceremony is a quiet time to remember the people who went to war.



The Remembrance Ceremony will begin with an “Acknowledgement of Country”.

“Acknowledgement of Country” is a way of saying thank you and showing care for the first people who lived in Australia.

A host will welcome everyone and explain why ANZAC Day is important.



During the Remembrance Ceremony, the air force will do a “fly over”.

This means military planes will fly above us in the sky.

Everyone will pause and watch. The planes will be very loud.



There will be a “Mounting of the Catafalque Party” during the Remembrance Ceremony.

The Catafalque Party are a group of Air Force cadets who stand very still at the memorial to honour and remember the soldiers who have died.

They will be holding rifles but will not be using them.



Next, someone will sing two short hymns.

Someone from a local church will say some special words to help us remember the people who died in wars.

Then someone from the Girl Guides will read some special words.



The President of the RSL will also speak during the Remembrance Ceremony.

He might talk about his experience serving in a war.

Or he might talk about a specific war or conflict.



There will also be a wreath laying.

A wreath laying is when people put a circle of flowers at the memorial.



The President of the RSL will then recite “The Ode”.

The Ode is a short poem which honours soldiers who have died at war.

At the end of The Ode, everyone will say “we will remember them”.



Someone will then play “The Last Post” on a musical instrument called a bugle.

“The Last Post” is a slow, short piece of music that is played to remember soldiers who have died in wars.

After it finishes, there will be one minute of silence.

This is a time for me to think about and remember those who served and died in wars.



Next, someone will play “The Rouse” on a bugle.

“The Rouse” is an upbeat piece of music that means that the quiet time is finishing.



Air Force cadets will raise the Australian and West Australian flags.

The RSL president will say, “lest we forget”.

Everyone will then repeat “lest we forget”.

The New Zealand and Australian national anthems will be played.



Then, there will be the  
“Dismounting of the Catafalque  
Party”.

This means that the Air Force  
cadets who have been standing  
still can now finish and slowly  
march away.

This is the end of the  
Remembrance Ceremony.



After the Remembrance Ceremony, there will be free sausages and ANZAC biscuits to eat.

There will also be a coffee van to buy drinks from.

People who have been watching the ANZAC Day Parade and Remembrance Ceremony from inside the sporting club will need to leave because a private event will start there.



I can be proud of myself for attending the ANZAC Day Parade and Remembrance Ceremony and remembering those who served our country.





# Contact

## **Event Location:**

West Leederville Memorial Garden and Cenotaph  
84 Cambridge Street, West Leederville, 6007

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