



**THE RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA
WA BRANCH INCORPORATED**

Serpentine-Jarrahdale
RSL Sub-Branch

8th August 2023

Lisa Ingram
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Dear Lisa, *LISJ*,

RE: FUTURE OF ANZAC MEMORIAL PARK AND ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS

Thank you for your email received on 7th September 2023 at 10:51am seeking a formal response on behalf of the Returned and Services League, Serpentine Jarrahdale RSL Sub Branch (SJ RSL) regarding the future of the ANZAC Memorial Park in Byford and ANZAC Day commemorations.

On behalf of the SJ RSL our response is as follows:

Relocation of the Doley Road cenotaph

The SJ RSL is opposed to the relocation of the ANZAC Park Memorial in Byford. The ANZAC Memorial Park was a Centenary gift to the people of the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale from LWP Property Group, in coalition with the SJ RSL at a cost of \$500,000 and is less than 10 years old. Since its dedication on the 18th April 2015 the ANZAC Memorial Park has become a significant gathering place for local veterans and the local community. In particular, it has become a place of reflection for our Remembrance Day ceremony.

Currently available suitable locations for a Dawn Service and Gunfire Breakfast in Byford

The SJ RSL has not investigated any suitable alternative locations, other from than the ANZAC Memorial Park to provide a Dawn Service. Historically, the Dawn Service and Gunfire Breakfast have been collocated in the same location as the commemorations and more recently a Gunfire Breakfast hosted at the Byford and Districts Community Club (BDCC).

Intended location for future Dawn Services in the short - medium term

Discussion regarding the future conduct of Dawn Services hosted by the SJ RSL will be an agenda item at the upcoming Annual General Meeting to be held on Saturday 7th October 2023. As previously negotiated with the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale, the SJ RSL has agreed to conduct its Dawn Service and Gunfire Breakfast. If this is no longer the position of the Shire, it would be appreciated if this was formally communicated.

Yours sincerely,

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President

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