



Australian Government
Department of Veterans' Affairs
Office of Australian War Graves

Anzac Day 2016, Sandakan Memorial Park **Sabah, Malaysia**

What to expect and how to prepare

The official 2016 Anzac Day Dawn Service in Sandakan commences at 5.30am, Monday, 25 April 2016. The memorial site opens to the public at 4.20am. All visitors are asked to be seated by 5.10am.

Attendance Registration

Registration for the 2016 Anzac Day Dawn Service is now open. To assist in the planning and delivery of this service, all persons and Tour Groups attending the service are encouraged to complete the Attendance Registration Form and submit it to Miss Jenna Lobb via email at jenna.lobb@dva.gov.au or by phone on (02) 6289 6009.

Visitors are also encouraged to register their travel on the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Smartraveller website at www.smartraveller.gov.au.

Seating

Temporary seating will be available around the ceremonial area. Capacity is limited to approximately 450 seats. If seating is full, there will be standing room on grassed areas at the rear of the seating.

Accessibility

Visitors attending the Dawn Service who are unable to stand are advised to contact Miss Jenna Lobb by email at jenna.lobb@dva.gov.au or by phone on (02) 6289 6009 before 1 April 2016.

Wheelchair transport to and from the Sandakan Memorial Park should be via your own arrangements.

Weather Conditions

The Sandakan Memorial Park is a part of a Sabah Forestry Reserve. The weather in the Sabah region in April can be extremely hot (tropical weather). The Dawn Service is conducted outdoors and visitors are exposed to the elements, with limited sheltered areas. Tropical storms and downpours have been experienced at past services. Visitors should ensure they are appropriately equipped for hot, humid and wet weather. The surfaces at the Memorial Park can become slippery due to rain and humidity. It is advised that sensible footwear should be worn.

What should I take with me?

A small day pack or small bag may be useful containing the following;

- Wet weather jacket
- Insect Repellent
- Bottled water
- Sunscreen
- Hat

What facilities are available at the Park?

- Toilets
- First Aid Services

Laying of private wreaths/floral tributes

For those who wish to lay a private wreath or floral tribute at the Anzac Day Dawn Service, there will be an opportunity to do so towards the end of the service. If you intend laying a private wreath or floral tribute, it is essential that you please complete the private wreath/floral tribute registration form and submit this to Miss Jenna Lobb via email at jenna.lobb@dva.gov.au or register by phone on (02) 6289 6009.

Important: There is no capacity to receive deliveries of wreaths or floral tributes at the Sandakan Memorial Park. Please ensure that if you intend to lay a wreath or floral tribute you organise it in advance and bring it with you to the Dawn Service.

Gunfire Breakfast

A complimentary Gunfire breakfast will be provided by the Office of Australian War Graves at the conclusion of the Dawn Service.

Emergency Contact Details

In Malaysia you can obtain consular assistance at any time through:

Australian High Commission, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

6 Jalan Yap Kwan Seng
50450 Kuala Lumpur
Telephone: +603 2146 5555 / Fax: +603 2141 5773

Department of Foreign Affairs - Emergency helpline

Consular Emergency Centre 24 Hour Phone Service:
Telephone: 1300 555 135 with Australia (local call cost) or
Telephone: +61 2 6261 3305 from outside Australia

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