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# COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE PROGRAMME

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**EX-SERVICE MEMBERS AND VISITING  
EX-SERVICE MEMBERS OF ALL BRANCHES,  
MEMBERS OF WINDANG BOWLS CLUB  
AND VISITORS FALL IN AT THE CENOTAPH  
AT THE CLUB FLAG POLE AT 8.00am**

MASTER OF CEREMONIES:  
**GREG STEPHENSON**  
CHAIRMAN OF CLUB WINDANG

**M.C.** Welcome message  
(CATAFALQUE PARTY FALL IN)

Two verses

**“O GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST”**

“O God our help in ages past  
Our hope for years to come  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home

Beneath the shadow of thy throne  
Thy Saints have dealt secure,  
Sufficient is thy arm alone  
And our defense is sure”

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## **M.C. REMEMBRANCE SERVICE SPEECH & PRAYER**

BY **FATHER MARK DE BATTISTA**  
HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH WINDANG

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## **M.C. COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE SPEECH**

**TERRY WETHERALL (AM)**  
CITY OF WOLLONGONG RSL SUB BRANCH

**M.C.** “On behalf of the Ex-Service personnel of the various branches of the Forces assembled here this morning, at this Commemoration Service 2026, I trust to your care this wreath to be laid by Club Windang Vice Chairman, inscribed to the memory of those members of the Allied forces, our relatives and comrades who paid the supreme sacrifice in the cause of justice and this, our beautiful country.”

### **PLACING WREATHS ON THE CENOTAPH**

1. Ex-Servicemen of Windang Bowls Club
2. Ex-Servicewomen of Windang Bowls Club
3. Prisoners of War
4. War Widows Association
5. Children of Windang Public School
6. First Warilla Scout Group
7. Windang Surf Club
8. Marine Rescue NSW
9. Wollongong City Council
10. Lake Illawarra Police District
11. Windang Junior Rugby League

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### **“THE LAST POST”**

**M.C.** The bugler will sound “The Last Post” after the laying of the wreaths.

“They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning

We will remember them”

ALL PRESENT REPEAT THE WORDS:  
**“We will remember them”**

**M.C.** “Lest We Forget”

ALL PRESENT REPEAT THE WORDS:  
**“Lest We Forget”**

**M.C.** Two minutes silence will now be observed  
(HEADS BOWED)

**M.C.** FR MARK BATTISTA WILL NOW GIVE  
**THE BLESSING TO THE SERVICE AND PRAYER:**

“Almighty God, Creator and Supreme ruler of the universe, be pleased to bless all councils and parliaments so that under their direction the nations may live in peace and brotherhood. Grant them such a sense of justice and sympathy that the cause of distrust may be removed and that war shall be no more, to the glory of thy holy name.”  
Amen

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### **M.C. THE BUGLER WILL SOUND “REVEILLE”**

(ALL FLAGS RAISED)

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### **M.C. ONE VERSE OF “ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR”**

PERFORMED BY  
**WINDANG PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOIR**

Australian's all let us rejoice  
For we are one and free  
With golden soil and wealth for toil  
Our home is girt by sea  
Our land abounds in nature's gifts  
Of beauty, rich and rare  
In history's page let every stage  
Advance Australia Fair  
In joyful strains then let us sing  
ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR

(FLAGS AT HALF MAST)

**M.C.** Dismiss catafalque party and we extend an invitation to everyone to the club. Invite children to enjoy complimentary drinks and snacks on the front green.