

April 2026

Community Update

Premier's Spirit of Anzac Prize

The Premier's Spirit of Anzac Prize is now open for applications for students in Years 9–12.

Now in its 21st year, the program offers a unique educational opportunity for young Victorians to explore Australia's wartime history and honour the service and sacrifice of those who have served our nation.

Successful applicants will take part in an 11-day overseas study tour designed to deepen their understanding of the Anzac legacy and connect with the legend and spirit of Anzac.

In 2024, one of the prize recipients was a student from the Bellarine, who participated in a seven-day tour of historic war sites and memorials across Türkiye.

I strongly encourage eligible students to take advantage of this opportunity to explore the Anzac story and strengthen their connection to Australia's wartime and peacekeeping history.

Applications close on 11 May 2026. For more information and updates, visit:

www.vic.gov.au/spirit-anzac-prize-student

ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day stands as one of the most significant moments in our calendar. It is a time for all Australians to reflect on and honour the bravery and sacrifice of those who have served, and those who continue to serve our nation.

With April 25 approaching, I would like to thank all of the Bellarine RSLs and volunteers who organise local commemorations and provide opportunities for our community to come together in remembrance.

In Leopold, a service will be held at 8:00am at the Leopold War Memorial, located on the corner of Stringer Lane and Melaluka Road.

To view a full list of ANZAC day services on the Bellarine visit:
www.alisonmarchantmp.com.au/community/anzac-day-services-2026/

Victorian Veteran's Card

All past and present Australian Defence Force members, living in Victoria, are eligible for a Victorian Veterans card. You can be on active duty, a veteran, or in the reserves to be eligible.

The digital Veterans Card provides access to discounts and benefits including:

- \$100 discount on the registration of one vehicle
- free public transport on Anzac Day and Remembrance Day
- free trailer and caravan registration
- fishing licence exemption
- free boating (marine) licences
- access to Victorian Government veteran-specific employment programs.

To find out more, including a full list of benefits, or to apply for the card visit
service.vic.gov.au/services/veterans-card-victoria

