



## Policy- Non-Veteran Participation in Anzac Day Marches

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The following policy has been adopted in respect to Anzac Day marches to Commemorative Services in Bendigo and Eaglehawk. *It does not apply to Dawn Services.*

Participants should be aware that the consensus of returned servicemen and women is that they be allowed to retain the integrity of marching units for as long as possible.

### **Bendigo District RSL welcomes non-veteran (civilian) participation in the Anzac Day March strictly on the following basis:**

Veterans should march with the appropriate service group as listed in the Order of March.

Veterans may be accompanied by one carer if needed, and that carer must be of an age where they can directly assist the veteran if required.

Veterans having difficulty completing the March must fall out of the March, to enable the March to continue. Marshals should be contacted promptly if medical assistance is required.

Next of Kin (NOK) may march in place of deceased veterans on the following conditions:

- NOK should march at the rear of the appropriate service group or as listed in the Order of March
- NOK representation is limited to 1 per veteran
- NOK representatives must be dressed appropriately and are to wear medals on the right breast. The carrying of pictures of relatives is not supported.

### **Notes:**

Policy Statement: as issued each year to Ex-Service Organisations and other March participants such as Army, Bands and Cadets, copies available from the RSL Office