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TIME TO HONOUR OUR TROOPS

Minister for Veteran's Affairs Michael Atkinson has called on all South Australians to commemorate the efforts and sacrifices of our Australian Defence Force personnel by engaging in tomorrow's ANZAC Day celebrations.

"ANZAC Day is arguably the most important holiday we celebrate in Australia. It is a day in which we remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure we can enjoy the lifestyle we have today," Mr Atkinson says.

"I encourage all South Australians to take part in ANZAC Day celebrations be it a Dawn Service, the ANZAC Day March or any other service or function across the state.

"I hope everyone will enjoy the day in a safe and responsible manner."

Mr Atkinson says this year's dawn service at the State National War Memorial should be even more attractive as temporary big screens have been erected at the event for the first time, to provide the best possible experience for all attendees.

"The addition of these screens will accommodate more people to enjoy the dawn service, no matter where they are watching from," Mr Atkinson says

"The Rann Labor Government is pleased to support ANZAC Day and the ongoing commitment of these temporary big screens is in addition to the current police and public transport arrangements we provide."

Mr Atkinson also commended the efforts of more than 1000 volunteers, for making the events of ANZAC Day a possibility.

"This year our volunteers range from 13 to 85 years old and I think that is evidence of how highly South Australians value ANZAC Day," Mr Atkinson says.

"I thank all the volunteers for all their tireless efforts in organising this year's event."

- The ANZAC Day Dawn service will take place at the State National War Memorial at the corner of North Tce and Kintore Ave, commencing at 6am.

- The ANZAC Day March will commence at 9.30am just east of Kintore Ave and finishing at the Cross of Sacrifice on Sir Edwin Smith Ave

- Check local guides for other ANZAC Day events