

AUSSIE BISCUIT STILL IN GREAT DEMAND

Women left behind in Australia during both World Wars were the driving force behind today's iconic Anzac biscuit.

News of the soldiers at the front living on continuously hard rations caused a lot of angst among mothers, wives and girlfriends at home. The women were concerned about their loved ones' health so they devised a clever biscuit that could withstand slow transport from Australia to the front lines.

The biscuits were based on a Scottish recipe using rolled oats and packed in airtight Billy Tea tins and shipped off to the soldiers. There has been a revival of the crunchy biscuit, now sold in supermarkets across Australia.

A FAVOURITE RECIPE

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1 cup plain flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup coconut
- 125g butter
- 2 tablespoons golden syrup
- 1/2 (half) teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- 1 tablespoon boiling water



STEPS

1. Combine oats, sifted flour, sugar and coconut.
2. Combine butter and golden syrup, stir over gentle heat until melted.
3. Mix soda with boiling water, add to melted butter mixture, stir into dry ingredients.
4. Take teaspoonfuls of mixture and place on lightly greased oven trays; allow room for spreading.
5. Cook in slow oven (150°C or 300°F) for 20 minutes.
6. Loosen while still warm, then cool on trays.

cut off and keep for future use

2014 ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS

Roseville Returned Servicemen's Memorial Club

Pacific Highway, Roseville

Sunday 13 April, 3pm

– ANZAC Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony

Friday 25 April, 5am

– ANZAC Day Dawn Service

St Ives War Memorial

Mona Vale Road, St Ives

Tuesday 22 April, 10.30am

– ANZAC Day Commemoration

Glenaeon Retirement Village

Forest Way, Belrose

Wednesday 23 April, 10.30am

– ANZAC Ceremony of Remembrance

Forestville RSL Club

Melwood Avenue, Forestville

Friday 25 April, 5.30am

– ANZAC Day Dawn Service

Sunday 27 April, 2.30pm

– ANZAC March from cnr Starkey St and Warringah Rd. Service at RSL Club, 3pm

Oxford Falls Peace Park

Dreadnought Road

Friday 25 April, 6am

– ANZAC Day Dawn Service

St John's Anglican Church

Pacific Highway, Gordon

Sunday 27 April, 11.30am

– ANZAC Commemoration

ANZAC DAY

April 2014



Brought to you by:

Jonathan O'Dea MP
State Member for Davidson



APPROACHING THE ANZAC CENTENARY

On 25 April 2015 Australia will commemorate 100 years since our soldiers landed on the shores of Gallipoli.

Marking the Anzac Centenary, Australia will be engaging with relevant countries to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the First World War and other significant military anniversaries that take place during the 2014-2018 period.

A huge number of Australians will visit Gallipoli in Turkey as well as Villers-Bretonneux and Bullecourt in France next year during our major commemorative events.

Member for Davidson, Jonathan O'Dea said, "The Department of Veterans Affairs held a ballot for spaces to attend the 2015 special Gallipoli commemorations, and I hope some of our residents were lucky enough to be chosen."

Locally, Jonathan encourages all residents within the Davidson electorate to show their support for our veterans and current serving Defence Force personnel this ANZAC Day, by attending one of the April 2014 events listed.

Numbers of new veterans have grown strongly post the Vietnam war to include former and current service personnel with service in Somalia, Rwanda, Afghanistan, Iraq, East Timor and the Solomons.

Jonathan said the Anzac legend is the story of courage in the face of adversity, mateship and enduring loyalty. Every 25 April Australia pauses to remember those who have fallen in war and pay our respects to their sacrifice.



Davidson MP, Jonathan O'Dea, paying respects.

FORESTVILLE MILESTONE

Congratulations to the Forestville RSL Sub-Branch on celebrating its 60th anniversary in May 2014. The inaugural annual general meeting of the organisation was held in the Memorial Hall, Starkey Street in 1954. Some at that first meeting remain active in the sub-branch today. Over the years, the members have made a valuable contribution towards ensuring the sacrifices paid at Anzac Cove and in other theatres of war are not forgotten.

LOCAL PLANNING FOR CENTENARY YEAR

Local preparations have been underway for some time to mark next year's centenary of the ANZAC landing. While there will be various services on the North Shore, for the Federal electorates of Warringah and Mackellar the commemorations will focus on a combined community event at Warriewood.

On Sunday, 19 April 2015, a march will begin at Boondah Reserve and culminate at Pittwater Rugby Park for a Commemorative Service. It is anticipated there will be 5,000 marching and 20,000 spectators. Any organisation that wishes to participate should phone 9918 2201 or email subbranch@avalonrsl.com.au



THE GALLIPOLI CAMPAIGN

Australians will be out in force this year to celebrate ANZAC Day. We must remember why the nation stops and thousands of veterans and current serving Defence Force personnel march.



When World War I broke out in 1914, Australia had been a federal commonwealth for only 13 years.

The new national government wanted to establish its world reputation and in 1915 Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the allied expedition that sought to capture the Gallipoli peninsula in order to open the Dardanelles to the allied navies. The ultimate objective was to capture Constantinople (now Istanbul in Turkey), the capital of the Ottoman empire, which was an ally of Germany.

The word ANZAC originates from an acronym for the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps – the two close ally armies that fought together in Gallipoli. The ANZAC troops landed at Anzac Cove on the Dardanelles Peninsula on 25 April 1915.

Along with other Commonwealth Forces, the ANZAC troops held the ground against a strong Turkish force and almost impossible odds for the next eight months before withdrawing. More than 8,000 Australian soldiers were killed in the Gallipoli campaign.

Although the Gallipoli campaign failed in its military objectives, the Australian and New Zealand actions during the campaign left us all a powerful legacy. The creation of the 'ANZAC legend' became an important part of the identity of both nations, shaping how we view both our past and future.

Photo: A group of unidentified Australian & New Zealand soldiers in a front line trench on the Gallipoli Peninsula. Standing in the narrow confines of a trench passage, with sandbags at the parapet above.