

Anzac Rifle Range Remembers



Alan Patrick (President of the MDRA) & Arthur Johnstone (President of the MRCA) with members and guests of the Anzac Rifle Range at the Anzac Memorial Gates, Malabar on Anzac Day midday 25th April 2016.

About 200 people including many grandparents, parents, young people and children attended the Anzac Commemorative Service at the Anzac Rifle Range, Malabar to remember and honour the heroism and resilience of that group of committed young men who were sent to Gallipoli 101 years ago.

The traditional service at the Anzac Rifle Range was conducted at the Memorial Gates which reflect by inscription the ultimate sacrifice these men made to the freedoms Australians enjoy today. The plaque states "To all who pass this way may these MEMORIAL GATES be a constant reminder of our RIFLEMEN OF THE SERVICES who did not return and who in voluntary service with their comrades of the Australian & New Zealand Army Corps were responsible for the continuous name 1914-ANZAC-1918".

"The many people attending this service have past family members who gave their lives in defence of their nation. The emotion of the day was visible amongst people", said Alan Patrick President of the Metropolitan District Rifle Association.

The day was marked with the reading of the "Ode of Remembrance" followed by a traditional bugle playing of the Last Post and followed by a minute's silence.

"This is the most important day in reflecting the contribution riflemen played in the security of our nation", said Mr Arthur Johnstone President of the Military Rifle Clubs Association.

"Numbers have increased for this most reflective day of the year around Australia and it is no different at the Anzac Rifle Range where many men learnt the skill of rifle shooting for military service. The families of the men and women who gave their ultimate sacrifice are also remembered on this day", Alan Patrick said.

After the service the prize meeting got under way with two stages of a 10 and 11 shot match to count. All were conducted using electronic targets. There were 94 competitors which was over 10% higher than 2015.

