

NEW ZEALAND ANZAC DAY SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE, PLOEGSTEERT, BELGIUM | 25 APRIL 2018

WEDNESDAY 25 APRIL 2018
COMMENCING AT 1615

WREATH OF REMEMBRANCE

THE BERKS CEMETERY
EXTENSION, PLOEGSTEERT,
COMINES-WARNETON,
BELGIUM

New Zealand Anzac Day Service
of Remembrance

The New Zealand Division spent 13 months training, resting and rebuilding after other major engagements in the Ploegsteert area, and suffered the coldest winter in 30 years over 1916-17. Even when away from battle the soldiers found themselves in the fight to keep warm and survive the bitter cold.

The Berks Cemetery Extension was begun in June 1916 and used until September 1917. It contains 876 First World War burials including 80 men who served with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force and was added to in 1930 when graves were brought in from Rosenberg Chateau Military Cemetery and Extension.

It is a poignant moment to stand alongside the Ploegsteert community to acknowledge our shared history and remember that many cemeteries in this area have New Zealand soldiers buried in them.



Pōhutukawa



Turkish Oak



Northern Rātā



Olive



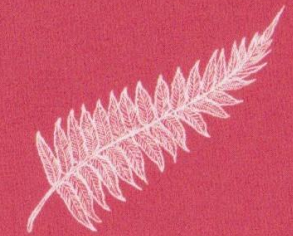
Chinese Elm



Eucalyptus



Kōwhai



New Zealand Fern



Poppy



Rosemary



Gerbera

Order of Service

Catafalque Guard Mounts

Announcements

Wing Commander Graham Streatfield
Royal New Zealand Air Force

Arrival of the Official Party

The official party is led by the New Zealand Defence Force Māori Cultural Group

National Anthems

La Brabançonne sung by **Australian Defence Force Vocalist**

God Defend New Zealand sung by **Lance Corporal Campbell McKellar**
Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment

Opening Prayer

Chaplain Class Two Kevin Brophy
Royal New Zealand Chaplains' Department

Address

His Excellency Mr Gregory Andrews
New Zealand Ambassador to Belgium

Waiata

Tapu Taku Īnoi

Performed by the New Zealand Defence Force Māori Cultural Group

Prayer for Peace

Chaplain Class Two Kevin Brophy
Royal New Zealand Chaplains' Department

Reading

Commodore Ross Smith, MNZM
Royal New Zealand Navy representing the New Zealand Defence Force

Wreath Laying

The Ode

In Māori – Flight Sergeant Wai-o-Rahiri Paenga
Royal New Zealand Air Force

In English – Sergeant Carlin O'Neill
Royal New Zealand Air Force

In French – Mr François Maekelberg
L'Entente des Associations Patriotiques de Comines-Warneton

Last Post

Belgium and New Zealand Flags are lowered

Silence is Observed

Rouse

Belgium and New Zealand Flags are raised

The Blessing

Chaplain Class Two Kevin Brophy
Royal New Zealand Chaplains' Department

Official Party Departs

The Catafalque Guard Dismounts

Members of the public are invited to lay floral tributes.

