

RSM Allan Forsyth and the Emmaus Anzac Service

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Video transcript

00:00:04:17 - Speaker 1

Hi. My name's Michelle Schramm. I'm from Emmaus Village. I am the Leisure and Lifestyle Coordinator here. So when Al moved into Emmaus I was doing his life story and realised his services in the Army and that this would be his first Anzac Day service while living in residential care. We made it here at Emmaus our mission to get this for Al and our other elders as Anzac Day is such a special event for all.

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Recently we were asked to support the Emmaus Residential Care Village to commemorate Anzac day for the residents. It was quite fortuitous as we have an association with one of the residents at a personal level and that is Ex Warrant Officer First Class Allan Forsyth or Al Forsyth. Al's had a long service and he's now here in residential care and so myself and our chaplain at Seven Brigade,

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Chaplain Michael Pocklington were very keen to come and support today's activity, not only for Al, but we've also found that there are many other veterans who are living at this facility and also a number of widows and other family members of veterans.

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Anzac Day today, as we all know, it's a very special day for the military, especially. A day of reflection and remembrance. And Al, he attended many, many Anzac Days, of course, still so proud in his uniform. Last year it was I think the first one he's missed because his dementia has taken over, unfortunately. And that's what brings us here today to this amazing facility where they have put this special occasion on for all the residents for Anzac Day, it's a very, very important day in every, I think, Australians calendar.

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