



# Homewood Herald



## *Report from the Master*

*I hope you have all had a good month and Easter weekend. I spent most of my Easter break with family in Auckland.*

*I got really good feedback about the masonic lectures at our last meeting. A few brethren commented that they enjoyed the time and space to reflect on what these charges meant, noting that there are a myriad of messages and interpretations inherent in our charges.*

*With these charges in mind, I have been reflecting on how lodges and, in fact, all community groups have been struggling to survive and attract and keep new members.*

*In his famous book *Bowling Alone*, American sociologist Robert Putnam discussed the huge importance to society of people being community-minded and joining in. He found that benefits included greater connection to other people, meeting people outside of your existing social network, and the mixing of social and occupational classes. Surely these are all needed more than ever.*

*People are very busy these days and workplaces much more demanding than they were 20 or 30 years ago. My doctor told me recently that a big proportion of patients she sees are for stress-related conditions. People do have less time for community involvement, but could it be that we do not sufficiently make time for this?*

*I would like to propose that, rather than assuming people are less committed than they were, maybe we as a society need to prioritize and place more value on community involvement. This could include enabling citizens to earn a sufficient living, but in a way that still enables community service. Wouldn't it be great if the most respected people were not the rich but those who did the most community or volunteer work?*

*I suspect this is a lofty topic for another meeting!*

*This month we have our ANZAC Address to the Empty Chair ceremony on Thursday 27 April. Please make it a priority to attend and to invite others to come. We especially welcome wives and partners and those who have serviced in the Armed Forces.*

*Have a good month*



*Ahdut Coah Hi  
Worshipful Master  
David Barnes*



# ANZAC DAY



## *Anzac Day dates*

*1916 – Anzac Day gazetted as a half-day holiday*

*1921 – Anzac Day becomes a full public holiday*

*1939 – Dawn ceremony widely included in New Zealand Anzac Day commemorations for the first time*

*1949 – Legislation passed preventing Anzac Day from being 'Mondayised'*

*1966 – Current Anzac Day Act liberalises activities allowed after 1 p.m. on Anzac Day*

*2013 – When 25 April falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the Monday will now be a public holiday*

*2020 – All Anzac Day public ceremonies in New Zealand cancelled because of COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic*

*The date marks the anniversary of the landing of Australian and New Zealand soldiers – the Anzacs – on the Gallipoli Peninsula in 1915. The aim was to capture the Dardanelles and open a sea route to the Bosphorus and the Black Sea. At the end of the campaign, Gallipoli was still held by its Ottoman Turkish defenders.*

*Thousands lost their lives during the Gallipoli campaign: 87,000 Ottoman Turks, 44,000 men from France and the British Empire, including 8500 Australians. To this day, Australia also marks the events of 25 April. Among the dead were 2779 New Zealanders, about one in six of those who served on Gallipoli.*

*They may have ended in military defeat, but for many New Zealanders then and since, the Gallipoli landings signalled that New Zealand was becoming a distinct nation, even as it fought on the other side of the world in the name of the British Empire.*

*Anzac Day was first observed in 1916. The day has gone through many changes since. The ceremonies that are held at war memorials up and down New Zealand, and in places overseas where New Zealanders gather, are modelled on a military funeral and remain rich in tradition and ritual.*

## **The ANZACS**

*The word Anzac is part of the culture of New Zealanders and Australians. People talk about the 'spirit of Anzac'; there are Anzac biscuits, and the two countries' rugby league teams play an Anzac Day test. The word conjures up the shared heritage of two nations, but it also has a specific meaning.*

*ANZAC is an acronym for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, a grouping of several divisions created early in the Great War of 1914–18. In December 1914 the Australian Imperial Force and New Zealand Expeditionary Force, both of which had just arrived in Egypt, were placed under the command of Lieutenant-General William Birdwood. Initially the term Australasian Corps was suggested for the combined force, but Australians and New Zealanders were reluctant to lose their separate identities.*

*No one knows who came up with the term Anzac. It is likely that Sergeant K.M. Little, a clerk in Birdwood's headquarters, thought of it for use on a rubber stamp: 'ANZAC' was convenient shorthand, and became the telegraph code word for the corps.*

*The Anzacs first saw action at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915. The small cove where the Australian and New Zealand troops landed was quickly dubbed Anzac Cove. Soon the word was being used to describe all the Australian and New Zealand soldiers fighting on the Gallipoli Peninsula. Later it came to mean any Australian or New Zealand soldier.*

## **After Gallipoli**

*There were two Anzac corps on the Western Front from 1916, with the New Zealand Division serving initially in I Australian and New Zealand Army Corps and then, from July 1916 until January 1918, in II Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. During the Sinai–Palestine campaign the combined Australian and New Zealand Mounted Division was more commonly called the Anzac Mounted Division. The term continued in use in later wars. An Anzac corps was briefly formed during the ill-fated 1941 campaign in Greece. During the Vietnam War, New Zealand and Australian infantry companies combined as the Anzac Battalion.*

## Recipe – ANZAC Biscuits



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*Maya Angelou*

### Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups Rolled Oats
- 1 1/2 cups Desiccated Coconut
- 1 1/2 cups Plain Flour
- 150g Mainland Unsalted Butter (or salted if you prefer)
- 1/4 cup Golden Syrup
- 1 cup Caster Sugar
- 1 tsp Baking Soda
- 1 Tbsp Water

### Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C. Combine the oats, coconut and flour in a bowl and set aside.
2. Melt the butter, golden syrup and sugar in a saucepan over medium heat, stirring until the butter melts and sugar dissolves (1-2 minutes). Remove from heat, cool slightly, then add the baking soda mixed with water. Stir to combine, then pour over the oat mixture and mix.
3. Dampen your hands to avoid the mixture sticking and roll into 24 balls. Divide between 2 trays lined with baking paper, leaving 3cm between each. Flatten lightly with a fork.
4. Bake for 20-22 minutes until golden swapping trays halfway through if need be. Remove from oven and cool completely on a wire rack.

### TECH TIPS

#### Internet Safety

This is a major issue in this day and age, the reality is, the internet is a zoo. It is full of people none of us want to acknowledge or even realise could or should exist.

It has opened up a whole new reality and has become something that the younger generation are going to have to deal with in a way we can't grasp.

A recent article on Television about cyber bullying and dubious characters meeting young girls has highlighted reasons for safety barriers.

I have been in the IT industry for some years and have seen things no one wants to see. A lot of the problems we have here are related to parents and supervision. Why parents allow their teenagers to sit in their room on a laptop is beyond comprehension, excuses about homework being done is naive to say the least. Those who are tech savvy can install applications and hardware to protect their children. However the majority really don't have the first clue on how to do this. When we geek types start talking firewalls and internet filters, most people's eyes starting glazing over.

One of the best resources you can look at is [www.netsafe.org.nz](http://www.netsafe.org.nz) – they have a huge amount of information to make it easy for parents to help make the internet safe for their children. It is essential people look at the options for protecting their families; this is also relevant to when you register on different sites, registering on some can mean you end up being spammed with emails.