

FACT SHEET - ANZAC DAY PUBLIC SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

The Government of South Australia has an Act in place to continue and enhance the commemoration of Anzac Day as a day of national significance.

ANZAC Day Commemoration Act 2005

The object of the *ANZAC Day Commemoration Act 2005* is to ensure that the contribution of all men and women who have served Australia in time of war or armed conflict, or in international peace-keeping operations, in which Australia has been involved, is recognised and commemorated in South Australia.

The *ANZAC Day Commemoration Act 2005* allows for the restriction of holding a public sports or entertainment event between the hours of 5.00 am and 12 noon on Anzac Day in any year.

This restriction applies to any organisation who proposes to, or would normally, conduct a public sports or entertainment event on Anzac Day.

Public Sports and Entertainment Events

In accordance with the *ANZAC Day Commemoration Act 2005*, a public sports or entertainment event is defined as:

A sporting or entertainment event or activity to which tickets for admission (or similar devices) are:

- made available for purchase by a member of the public prior to the holding of the event or activity
- required for entry to the event or activity.

The intent of the Anzac Day restriction is not to limit the community's participation in recreation and sport.

Regular sporting events and junior sport can go ahead as normal. Venues such as golf courses, recreation/basketball/netball centres and fitness centres etc. can open as they would normally do, the restriction does not apply to participation in sport and recreation.

Unless tickets will also be sold to the public prior to the event and these tickets are required for entry, where a venue such as a recreation/basketball/netball centre normally charges parents a spectator fee on the day at the door or country football normally charges a spectator entry fee on the day at the gate they can still do this.

Anzac Day event checklist

The following checklist may help to determine if your event or activity is impacted:

- Is this a public sporting or entertainment event or activity, for example is the emphasis on attending rather than participating? Yes No
- Is there a ticket (or similar device) sold for admission to the event? Yes No
- Are tickets available for purchase by members of the public prior to the holding of the event? Yes No
- Is a ticket (or similar device) required to be produced to gain entry to the event or activity? Yes No

If you have ticked **yes to all of the above**, then the event is restricted under the *ANZAC Day Commemoration Act 2005*.

Exemptions

The *ANZAC Day Commemoration Act 2005* does provide for exemptions to the restrictions on public sporting and entertainment events which are in the public interest.

For further information on seeking an exemption please contact Veterans SA by email veteranssa@sa.gov.au

Additional Information

The Government of South Australia encourages you to consider the importance of Anzac Day to those who have served, and to your local community, when planning sporting and entertainment events or activities on Anzac Day.

For information or advice, contact Veterans SA by email veteranssa@sa.gov.au