

About a year ago Councilor and RSL member, local identity Winston Phillips asked if perhaps Cooma District Band or the Snowy Monaro Arts Council might do something special for the 100th anniversary of the landings at Gallipoli.

On Friday 24 April, Anzac Eve, there will be a concert at the Ex Services Club hall, starting at 6pm. The concert will commemorate the 100th anniversary of Anzac in music and song, narrative, poetry and sing-along. The audience will travel through a brief history of World War 1 and the Gallipoli landings with images from the time.

It is Cooma's tribute to our Anzac heritage.

About 417,000 Australians volunteered in the First World War More than ¾ of them served abroad. About 20% were killed in action and 65% were injured. There was no Australian family that was not affected by the Great War.

The concert aims to educate and inform, to get people to think about what it all means, but most of all to entertain... and to keep it short, to get everyone on their way back home nice and early so they can come to the services at 5am for the dawn service, or 11am for Anzac day.

Music will be provided by Cooma District Band, the Harmony Chorus and Monaro High School choir, with Darrell Gaukroger on keyboard... and the voices of the audience in sing-along.

Tickets have been kept cheap so that everyone can come along. Adults \$20.00, concession \$15.00, ex-service people and Arts Council members \$10.00, with students and children free.

Tickets will be on sale at Marnie's Fabric Salon, and the Ex-Servicemen's Club itself.