



MUSIC FOR COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS

Music can often be the heart of a commemorative service. Remember New Zealand's fallen and keep proud military traditions alive by including some of these pieces in your service.

NEW ZEALAND'S NATIONAL ANTHEMS

Not many people know that we have two official National Anthems of the same standing in New Zealand – God Save The Queen and God Defend New Zealand. Musical scores and words for both anthems can be found on the Ministry for Culture & Heritage website.

<http://www.mch.govt.nz/nz-identity-heritage/national-anthems>

To get your Te Reo Māori pronunciation right, or to see God Defend New Zealand being performed in New Zealand sign language, head to YouTube.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CbDf0YG2xnA&feature=channel_video_title

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM

Playing both the Australian and New Zealand National Anthems reinforce our Anzac bonds. When both anthems are played at a service, we recommend playing the Australian Anthem first as a mark of respect to our mates across the ditch.

The words and sheet music for the Australian National Anthem can be found online:

<https://www.pmc.gov.au/sites/default/files/files/national-anthem-2021-words-sheet.pdf>

<http://pianosheetmusic.writtenmelodies.com/Classical/Sheets/Australia-National-Anthem.pdf>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B57QEEI97po>

THE LAST POST

The Last Post started as a bugle call used in military camps to signal the end of the day. Today it sounds as a final farewell to the fallen, symbolising that their duty is over and they can rest in peace.

The Last Post can be played live or you can use a recording. You'll be able to find sheet music and examples of the Last Post online.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Last_Post.png

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LUMG6_2DUNK



THE ROUSE

The Rouse is a bugle call most often associated with the military in Commonwealth Countries. It's commonly played following the Last Post at commemorative services, and is often referred to as the Reveille.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bu2t-9kpl8g>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Rouse.jpg>

The RSA National Office still has several CDs available containing recordings of all of the music listed. Please email enquiries@rsa.org.nz to request a copy.

