

ANZAC 2019 - Chris Doohan

Good Morning Medowie,

Thank you so much, for making the effort to attend our Service this morning.

It really does show Medowie's passion for this most important days of appreciation and remembrance.

It is awesome that so many of you came out and marched proudly, representing your own special passion.

Thanks to all that acknowledged the parade, and clapped as we marched past. The feeling of pride during the applauded parade, never diminishes.

Please, Stop and think for a moment.

What if every clap you heard this morning, was a bullet whistling passed your head.?

What if every drum beat you heard was a bomb landing near you or your family?

What if every marching footstep, was a filthy enemy on our shores?

Well, there is no surprise, that none of us here, have to worry about that. Or do we???

I believe the answer is no.

Currently, we have the best nation of servicemen and women in the world protecting us. Our Air Force, Our Army, and, Our Navy are revered as some of the best in the world. Not bad considering the size of our country, our relatively small population, and the resources they have to support them.

To all of you uniformed men & women standing here this morning, and all those in uniform in Australia or around the world adorned with our flag, “Thanks mate”.

It is with so much pride that many here today wear medals on their left side. Uniformed or not. Why, because they are all physical survivors of signing a blank cheque to give their sweat, their mind, their time and their life to this country, and, to you.

Do them a favour Medowie, and give them a wink, a hand shake, a pat on the back, or simply walk up and just say “Thanks mate”.

There are so many legends watching down from above.

And many of you are here today proudly donning their medals on the right side. Whatever contribution the original recipient of that medal did for our country, it is incredibly appreciated. Some died fighting, some died helping, but all died with the passion of our country and its freedom front of mind. To each of you pinning that medal on your chest and respecting their service and their sacrifice. “Thanks mate”

To all of you here this morning, listen to the bugle playing the last post with respect and appreciation, then listen and sing loudly the Australian anthem with pride and passion. Come on Medowie, let’s wake up the rest of our town with our voices.

“Thanks mate”

Lest we forget



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