

## Durrington get the PM's Green Light



**Durrington - Anzac Day Service 2015** *(Photo courtesy of Dave Healing)*

With the blessing of the Australian Prime Minister and the UK High Commissioner, Durrington commemorated ANZAC Day on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> April. Over 300 people attended the Durrington Town Council led ANZAC (Australian and New Zealand Army Corps) Centenary Commemorations. This successful event was organised by Durrington Town Councillor David Healing and Mr John Goss from Australia, whose great uncle died in 1917 and is buried in Durrington Cemetery.

The service was poignant and very moving; 141 ANZAC graves in Durrington and those who died in the Gallipoli campaign were remembered. Wreaths were laid by the British Army, Australian Defence Force, New Zealand Defence Force, Durrington Town Council, Durrington and Larkhill schools, Aspley State School in Brisbane, Australia, Mr Goss and Durrington WI.

After the service led by Reverend Rachel Bussey, Mr Goss made formal presentations to officials and especially to Durrington Town Council through Chairman Sue Paines. Schoolchildren then laid individual flags at the graves of the fallen and attendees were provided with refreshment kindly supplied by Larkhill Garrison together with traditional ANZAC biscuits made by the WI. Kind thanks go to all those volunteers who helped deliver this amazing event showing that Durrington Will Remember. The cemetery was awash with Australian and New Zealand Flags and the bringing together of such a broad range of ages and nationalities was a moving site to see.

Pictures show:



Children who represented the ANZAC Centenary Commemorations. Pictures and Article by Cllr Graham

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