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Anzacs and War Widows offered a free ride with Greyhound

Greyhound Australia will again honour the sacrifice of Australia's war veterans and war widows by offering them **FREE** transport to Anzac celebrations on **April 24, 25 (ANZAC DAY) and 26** across its entire network.

This is the third year Greyhound Australia has offered the free service to assist veterans and war widows to attend Anzac Day commemoration ceremonies, share memories and catch up throughout Australia.

Chief Executive Officer Robert Thomas said Greyhound staff took great pride in showing their deep respect for the nation's veterans and the war widows in this way.

"This offer is for all Australian veterans no matter when they served or whether it was in Iraq, East Timor, Afghanistan, Korea, Malaya, Japan, the Pacific Islands, Africa or Europe," Mr Thomas said.

"Greyhound Australia is 100% Australian-made and owned and it's the nation's oldest operating bus company. Our history is also tied into the history of this nation and the company had its own role during war.

"We helped transport troops and their families as they headed off to war.

"It's an honour to be able to offer this free service as a small thank you to all those who did so much to protect our way of life."

Mr Thomas said the free rides would help old diggers and war widows to reconnect for Anzac Day.

"It doesn't matter where a veteran resides, whether it's Ballarat or Sydney. If you want to go to one of the 1100 destinations Greyhound services daily to attend a specific Anzac parade and meet up with old friends we will get you there for free," he said.

Mr Thomas said it was with the support of the Returned and Services League of Australia (RSL) that Greyhound was able to undertake the huge logistical work needed to organise the Anzac Day special.

"In order for veterans and war widows to receive their complementary travel Greyhound Australia has had to create a special process," he said.

"To secure the free travel they must book via our National Call Centre on "1300 GREYHOUND" or 1300 47 39 46 and introduce themselves as a Veteran or a Veteran's widow."

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