

ADCPC POLICY ON FOREIGN VETERANS MARCHING IN THE BRISBANE ANZAC DAY PARADE

The ADCPC notes the position of the ADCC Executive Committee (of 24 Jan 2011) on other nations participation in Anzac Day commemorative marches that “Anzac Day is our National memorial day to commemorate Australia and New Zealand fallen heroes and to honour our surviving veterans. Accordingly, it is the position of the Executive Committee of the ADCC of Queensland that only Australian and New Zealand veterans and Defence troops should march in Anzac Day parades each 25 April”.

The Brisbane Anzac Day Parade has a long history where ADCPC approved allied veterans of Australia in conflicts other than WWI have been allowed to participate in the Parade in a position that does not foreshadow the Australian and New Zealand veterans and defence troops. Many of these are WWII veterans associations and as the veterans pass away the permission for the associations to march will be withdrawn.

The ADCPC policy is that “Anzac Day is our National memorial day to commemorate Australia and New Zealand fallen heroes and to honour our surviving veterans. Australian and New Zealand veterans and Defence troops will always have preeminent position in the Brisbane Anzac Day Parade. The ADCPC reserves the right to allow Australian allied nation veterans to march, as they may from time to time approve. The ADCPC also reserves the right to allow other groups to march at the rear of the Parade, where their presence contributes to the aim of the Parade”.