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Media Statement

14 April 2018

**Invitation to join
2018 Frontier Wars March on Anzac Day**

when: Gather at 9.30 am Wednesday 25 April 2018

**at: lower end of Anzac Parade, Canberra
Corner Constitution Ave and Anzac Parade**

Ghillar, Michael Anderson, Convener of the Sovereign Union, last surviving member of the founding four of the Aboriginal Embassy and Leader of the Euahlayi Nation said from Goodooga today:

We encourage all comers to join us so that we show to the public that here is a desperate need to tell the truth about the colonisation of this country and the devastation wreaked upon First Nations Peoples. This is not a whinge. This is real history.

We need to remember those who defended their rights to their country; who volunteered to fight for their country in modern wars, despite being second class citizens with no civil rights.

We need to remember all of them, not just the few.
Help us remember and help us bury our dead.

Attached is our correspondence with the RSL and the Australian War Memorial

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More detail: www.australianfrontierconflicts

VIDEOS:

(1of4) FRONTIER WARS MARCH INVITATION-Anzac Day 2018 (1m) <https://vimeo.com/264723672>
MOVING TRUTH (30m) <https://vimeo.com/214091130>
2017 FRONTIER WARS MARCH <https://vimeo.com/215867268>
2017 DIGGERS MARCH Canberra <https://vimeo.com/215867076>
HEADS DOWN!! (6m) <https://vimeo.com/264708545> (1080p) <https://vimeo.com/264702441> (m4v)
SMALLPOX: BIOLOGICAL WARFARE 1789 onwards <https://vimeo.com/213523350>

Attachments:



Dr Brendan Nelson
Director

4 April 2018

Mr Michael Anderson
By email: Ghillar29@gmail.com

Dear Mr Anderson,

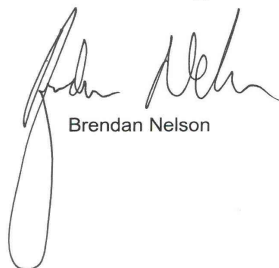
I am writing in reference to your letter of 1 February 2018 to Mr Robert Dick, National President of the Returned and Services League of Australia in regards to Anzac Day 2018.

The coordination of the Anzac Day veteran's march is the responsibility of the RSL (ACT Branch) and I understand that Mr Dick will reply to you in relation to that element. The Australian War Memorial conducts the ceremony and included wreathlaying components and it is in this regard that I respond to your request.

Wreaths laid during the National Ceremony are determined by the Memorial's Council and are based on the Commonwealth Order of Precedence. In 2015 the Council approved the inclusion of the National President of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans and Services Association (ATSIVSA) to lay a wreath during the Anzac Day National Ceremony in recognition of the loss and contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander servicemen and women. All attendees to the ceremony are welcome to place wreaths or floral tributes at the Stone of Remembrance at the conclusion of the National Ceremony. As in previous years your group would be welcome to do so, however I can advise that this will not be formally announced.

For your information, the Memorial also supports and promotes the ATSIVSA Anzac Service held at the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Memorial, on the lower slopes of Mount Ainslie at 6.30am on Anzac Day. Information on the ceremony and further links can be found on our website at www.awm.gov.au/index.php/commemoration/anzac-day/atsivsaa. You may also be interested to note, that during Reconciliation Week the Memorial will conduct two Last Post Ceremonies featuring stories of Indigenous service personnel. For further information on this ceremony please contact lastpostceremony@awm.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



Brendan Nelson

Here is their spirit, in the heart of the land they loved; and here we guard the record which they themselves made. C.E.W. Bean

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1 February 2018

The Sovereign Union will again host the Lest We Forget March for Remembrance of the colonial battles, the massacres, poisoning of waterholes and flour and other forms of killing that pervaded the whole colonial expansion throughout this Continent, popularly referred to as 'clearing the land' not just of trees and forest to create open land pastures, but to clear away the original owners and occupiers. I need not expand further.

The Remembrance March that we started on Anzac Day 2011 was never intended, nor promoted, in any way shape or form to be seen as a demonstration, nor protest. It is what it is and that is a solemn March of Remembrance of those innocent people who dared to defend their sacred right to their Country and much blood was split in defence of their own land.

Any Australian ambition that focuses on any form of Recognition or Reconciliation can never be achieved in this country while ever our dead remain unburied.

It hurts all of us who have experienced these colonial ills, knowing that the Old People's bones continue to lie in open places, where cattle and sheep have trodden the skeletal remains into the ground. Furthermore, there are those bodies whose remains have been ploughed under during the land use change from grazing to farmland irrigation and dry land cropping. In this regard, it should be understood that those surviving families, or neighbouring Nations, who knew of these mass killings are very familiar with the exact, and/ or, general location of where the remains were left to rot.

In 2018 we will again be hosting the March of Remembrance, as we have done for the last seven years. We appreciate and recognise your tolerance of what we have done during this time and we are pleased that we have not had to deal with unnecessary confrontation at this time, except for that one occasion.

We did appreciate your indulgence in having us lay the wreaths after the end of the formal Anzac ceremony.

I put it to the RSL, that the objectives of Reconciliation start with the full acknowledgement of the wrongdoings. We cannot heal as a Nation if we maintain denial of historical facts. In this regard I request, as the founder of this March of Remembrance, that the RSL take the next step forward, that is, prior to your Closing Ceremony on Anzac Day 2018 that a formal announcement be made

on your program that will see us invited to lay a wreath/or wreaths prior the closing of the formal ceremony.

It is our intention to remain at the barriers and that when the announcement for us to lay the wreaths we will come from behind those barriers onto the parade ground and lay those wreaths on the cenotaph.

If we can achieve this, I believe that Australia as a Nation will grow in stature thanks to the efforts of the RSL and it will be seen as one of the greatest modern day efforts to heal a hurt Country.

I look forward to your reply,

Sincerely,

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