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Canon Garland Memorial Society Incorporated

WELCOME to the website of the Canon Garland Memorial Society Incorporated (the “CGMS”), a community-based, not-for-profit group established in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, on a volunteer basis.

On Friday, 22 April 2016, *Canon Garland Memorial - ANZAC Day Origins* was officially unveiled, dedicated and handed over to the People of the City of Brisbane in a ceremony at Brisbane’s Kangaroo Point Cliffs Park, heralding Centenary of ANZAC Day commemorations.

Having achieved the primary mission of building the Memorial, the Society has considered that, given the public benefit of Canon Garland's broad range of community involvement, there was significant merit in broadening the Society's focus to:

- Increase public awareness about the Memorial and the Origins of ANZAC Day.
- Highlight Canon Garland's lifetime of service to the community and how it fostered social cohesion in Australia.

The Society is now working on a new project which focuses on the above objectives.

Check out [The Memorial Project](#) tab (above) and when we have them coming up, an [Events!](#) tab will appear across the top of each page you view. For anything else, please follow our journey on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

The CGMS has broadened its inaugural mission statement in the hope of inspiring more citizens to positively contribute to their community by drawing inspiration from Canon Garland's example of perseverance, tenacity, faith and service to others before self.

You can join us on this Mission by becoming a Member of the Society or by supporting us with a donation.



The mission objectives the CGMS set itself back in July 2013 were simple:

- To honour the pivotal role [David John Garland](#) played in the formation of ANZAC Day as a national day of solemn public commemoration of The Fallen of the Great War;
- To foster public awareness about the origins of ANZAC Day itself;
- To publicly honour Canon Garland's outstanding contribution to the community in time of war and peace.

CGMS hopes that you will take a few moments to browse this website's growing catalogue of posts about Canon Garland's extraordinary career and his singular contribution to the creation of ANZAC Day, perhaps Australia's most revered tradition.

Going forward, CGMS hopes to build public awareness of the existence about the Memorial by seeking to partner with civic and government instrumentalities to secure signage and to engage with the vibrant local Kangaroo Point/Woolloongabba communities.

ABOUT US

The Canon Garland Memorial Society Incorporated is a charitable organisation registered with the Australian Government's Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (the "ACNC") and, as such, is permitted to display the *ACNC tick*.

The ACNC has developed the *Tick of Charity Registration* for registered charities to show the public that they are registered with the ACNC. The Registered Charity Tick aims to give reassurance to the public that registered charities are transparent and accountable by highlighting their presence on the ACNC Charity Register and meeting their annual reporting requirements to this industry regulator.



PICTURED AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE: In two of the uniforms he wore with distinction: in clerical collar and in the garb of an officer in the chaplaincy section of the First AIF. In 1924 the Reverend Canon David John Garland was described by Queensland's Acting Premier, William Neal Gillies, as "the life and soul of [ANZAC Day Commemoration Committee](#)". Canon Garland worked tirelessly in this honorary role from 10 January 1916 until his death on 3 October 1939. **BELOW:** The *Canon Garland Memorial - ANZAC Day Origins*.



CANON DAVID JOHN GARLAND, OBE
 Dublin, 1864 Arrived Australia 1886 Died Brisbane, 1937
 'Architect of ANZAC Day'

Canon Garland's first ANZAC Day Service from 1909 onwards coinciding with (Australian soldiers) the 40th anniversary of the National Anthem and the 40th Anniversary of the New Zealand and Great Britain. The organizational flour influenced the building of the War's Shrine of Remembrance and Shrine of Sacrifice on Towering Gateway, and the ANZAC Shrine of Remembrance.

Clergyman and Servant of the Soldiers

Canon Garland was born in New South Wales, then in St. Praxed's, Warrumbidgee and in Queensland where he was a teacher in Government schools, and Independent Wesleyan. During the 1880s he was a chaplain in Fremantle. In 1905 he organized chaplaincy services in Port. All recruits based in Brisbane were chaplains during ANZAC troops in the Middle East where he ministered eight regiments of soldiers' Church of England help Society that he founded. At home he was in charge for several public health, immigration schemes and school inspection. This work led to his election from Parish of Ithaca in Brisbane, centred on St. Barnabas' Church End Hill, from 1921 to 1937.

CANON GARLAND MEMORIAL - ANZAC DAY ORIGINS
 TO HONOUR THE QUEENSLAND CITIZENS WHO PROMOTED ANZAC DAY
 IN SOLEMN COMMEMORATION OF THE FALLEN

The Wreath, with its waste, silver fern and riband, symbolises the bond between Australia and New Zealand, affirmed each year on the 25th day of April.

Officially unveiled and dedicated by the Administrator of the Commonwealth of Australia, His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, on the 22nd day of April, 1938.

The Lord Mayor of Brisbane, the Right Honourable C. Graham Quinn, accepted the memorial on behalf of the People of Brisbane.

Canon Garland Memorial Society Incorporated commissioned this memorial. Sculpted by Miss E. Rowland Ltd. Funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments, sponsorships and donations from the community.

THE ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND

The Queensland Branch of the ANZAC Day Commemoration Society was formed in 1938. It is a non-profit making organization which has the honour of presenting the Wreath of Remembrance to the Governor-General of Australia on the 25th day of April each year. The Society also organizes the ANZAC Day Service in Brisbane and the presentation of the Wreath to the Governor-General of Australia.

