Scouting @ Home

Things to Do before the Day

• Make a Vigil Candle – there are plenty of ideas on the internet; from using recycled materials to a plain paper cup and a candle. So have a look, get your materials and make something that you think is meaningful. Poppies and Rosemary are traditional themes.
• Print a copy of the Remembrance Ode. The RSL website has the whole thing, but usually only the 4th Stanza is read out.
• If your neighbours are looking for a way to participate, and don't know how, you can be of service. Maybe make a leaflet letting them know what you will be doing and ask them to come out onto their driveways and join in. If you're really keen, you could make them Vigil candles too.
• It's also a tradition to have fellowship and share a 'Gunfire' breakfast afterwards. You could get a BBQ breakfast ready for the morning and share it with your family – Scouts are great cooks remember!
• Download the ABC Radio app so that you can tune into the broadcast of the National Dawn Service. They will be doing the Last Post and the minute silence from 6am. Remember to consider your neighbours regarding the volume.
https://www.abc.net.au/radio/brisbane/anzac-day-2020/12132330
• Encourage your family to participate.

COMMUNITY

On the Day

o On Saturday the 25th of April 2020, get up and get dressed in your full uniform. Get your matches, candle and Remembrance Ode and QUIETLY go to the end of your driveway and be ready by 5.50am.
o If you are using the Radio, have it playing quietly so that just you and your family can hear it.
o Light your candle, making sure everyone is safe.
o At 6am, if you don't hear a local buglar, or if you are not using the radio app, the traditional ceremony is:

- o Laying of the flower wreaths (or you can light your candle)
- o Reciting the Ode (all, or the 4th stanza only)
- o The Last Post is played
- o One minute silence (now is the time to be grateful and thoughtful)
- o Reveille is played
- o Dismissed – (or you can blow out your candle)

You should be finished by 6.30am or a little earlier. Quietly go inside, and share your thoughts with each other. And, if you're prepared, make breakfast and enjoy some fellowship.

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