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## **Honouring our ANZACS and War Widows - Free Rides with Greyhound Australia**

To honour those who fought and sacrificed so much for Australia, on **April 24, 25 (ANZAC DAY) and 26** Greyhound Australia will transport war veterans and war widows **FREE** on its entire network.

In 2008 Greyhound Australia proudly stepped up to put mates back in touch with mates - offering free transport to war veterans attending an Anzac Day commemoration anywhere around Australia.

Chief Executive Officer Robert Thomas said in 2009 the country's oldest bus company wanted to go one step further and extended its Anzac Day offer to veterans' widows who want to honor their husbands.

This year Greyhound Australia wants to pay tribute to the brave women who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country when their husbands went to war," Mr Thomas said.

"Our offer is to all Australian veterans no matter when and where they served whether it is in Iraq, East Timor, Afghanistan, Korea, Malaya, Japan, the Pacific Islands, Africa or Europe.

"People often think Greyhound was started in the United States but it wasn't, we are 100% dinky-di and have been around for nearly as long as Australia has been a nation. As a company we have seen the highs and lows of nationhood including war.

"From taking troops to ships bound for overseas tours of duty, to transporting soldiers to reinforce our borders when the Japanese bombed, Greyhound was there and we will be there again to return a favour in a small way to all those who did so much to ensure and protect our way of life."

Mr Thomas said the free rides were a way of getting old war mates together this ANZAC Day.

"Australians from all over the country fought together to defend this nation and we want to bring mates, spread out across this great land, back together again on ANZAC Day," he said.

"So it doesn't matter where a veteran resides, whether it's Coober Pedy or Sydney, if you want to go to one of the 1,100 destinations Greyhound services daily to attend a specific ANZAC parade, we will get you there for free."

Mr Thomas said it had been a huge logistical undertaking to organise the ANZAC Day Special and thanked the Returned & Services League of Australia (RSL) for its support.

A specific process has been put in place for Veterans for war widows to receive their complimentary 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," he said.

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