



The Hon Darren Chester MP

Minister for Veterans' Affairs

Minister for Defence Personnel

Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC

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COMMEMORATING REMEMBRANCE DAY 2018 LOCALLY

ON Sunday, 11 November 2018, Australia will mark a significant milestone in its military history, commemorating the centenary of the Armistice that ended the fighting in the First World War.

From a population of around 4.5 million, some 416,000 enlisted for service in the Great War, of whom more than 60,000 would never return.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Darren Chester said this affected every community, large and small, in what was a very young nation.

"On 11 November 1918 at 11 am, the guns on the Western Front fell silent and the most destructive war the modern world had seen was all but over and countries around the world celebrated," Mr Chester said.

Ken O'Dowd MP for Flynn is encouraging the local community to participate in their local commemorative service on 11 November and observe a minute's silence at 11am to remember the Australian men and women who have suffered and died in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

"Over the course of our history, almost two million men and women have worn with pride the uniforms of the Royal Australian Navy, Australian Army and Royal Australian Air Force," Mr O'Dowd said.

"Tragically, more than 102,000 names are today listed on the Australian War Memorial's Roll of Honour and it is important we remember their service and sacrifice.

"It is also incredibly important to instil an ongoing sense of remembrance and respect in future generations of Australians so our Defence Force personnel know their sacrifices are honoured, now and into the future."

In this final year of the Anzac Centenary, it is important to pay tribute to those who served in the First World War and all who have served and died for Australia with honour in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (VVCS) can be reached 24 hours a day across Australia for support and free and confidential counselling. Phone 1800 011 046 (international: +61 8 8241 4546). VVCS is a service founded by Vietnam veterans.

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