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Centenary of the Armistice

On the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month, Australians pause for a minute silence to remember those men and women who have served and sacrificed for their country.

This Remembrance Day marks the 100th anniversary of the Armistice on 11 November 1918, when the guns on the Western Front finally fell silent after four years of continuous and devastating warfare.

Remembrance Day was originally called Armistice Day and commemorated the end of World War I, but now serves as a time to remember all those who have died in war.

As Minister for Veterans' Affairs, I encourage Tasmanians to attend local services as we remember the sacrifice and loss of our forebears.

Over 15,000 Tasmanians enlisted to serve Australia during World War I, and of these, over 3,000 lost their lives and many more suffered physical and psychological injuries.

Since Federation, Tasmanians have fought valiantly in conflicts and taken part in peacekeeping efforts around the world.

It is because of their sacrifice that we enjoy the freedoms we have today.

A list of Remembrance Day Services around Tasmania can be found here:

http://www.centenaryofanzac.tas.gov.au/events/events/remembrance_day_services_around_tasmania