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Remembrance Day 2021

Every year, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11 month, Australians pause to remember the service and sacrifice of our servicemen and women.

This day, Remembrance Day, has been observed in Australia since the end of World War I and commemorates servicemen and women who suffered or died in the line of duty.

Their sacrifice is marked by a minute's silence at 11am, the same time the guns fell silent on the Western Front in 1918.

World War I brought about the mobilisation of over 70 million people and a death toll of nearly 13 million.

More than 15,000 Tasmanian men enlisted to serve their nation in World War I. Of these, 2,432 lost their lives and many more suffered physical and psychological injuries.

On the first anniversary of armistice in 1919, two minutes' silence was adopted for Armistice Day. After the Second World War, Armistice Day was renamed Remembrance Day to commemorate all war casualties.

Australians observe one minute's silence at 11am in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts and appreciation of their sacrifice.

Wreath laying ceremonies are being held around Tasmania on Remembrance Day. However, if you cannot attend a wreath laying service, please wear a red poppy and take a quiet moment to remember our brave servicemen and women.

Lest we forget.