

Reserve Forces Day
Notice of Motion – Parliament of Tasmania
June 2018

Hon Guy Barnett [*Minister for Veterans Affairs*] to move – That the House:-

- (1) Recognises that Sunday, 1 July 2018 is Reserve Forces Day, an annual commemoration of the value of Reserve service to the nation.
- (2) Notes that 2018 will be the 21st year this event has been held since 1998, with thousands of former and serving reservists now participating in parades across the nation.
- (3) Acknowledges that the theme for this year's Reserve Forces Day in Hobart is Tasmania's contribution to the Western Front and the Desert Campaign in 1928, in particular the leadership of Tasmanian borne, Major General Sir John Gellibrand.
- (4) Notes that reserve forces have played a key role in Australia's defence over the years with militia – the pre-cursor of today's Reserves – forming the backbone of the Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force (ANMEF), the first Australian forces deployed overseas during World War I, and also of the famous Australian Imperial Force (AIF) that fought with such distinction and courage through Gallipoli and the Middle East and on the Western Front.
- (5) Honours the 1.25 million Australians who have served with Reserve forces over the years.
- (6) Thanks all those who volunteer their time and effort with the Reserve Forces Day Council, both in Tasmania and nationally, to ensure that the service and sacrifice of our Reservists is appropriately commemorated and remembered.

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