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Guy Barnett, Minister for Veterans' Affairs

Students honour WWI history with tour of the Western Front

Today I announced the six worthy recipients of the 2019-20 Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize.

First awarded in 2003, Tasmanian students have taken part in a 10-day study tour of the Western Front in France and Belgium taking in many of the areas where Frank MacDonald served.

The trip provides an opportunity for young Tasmanians to link with veterans and gain a greater understanding of Tasmanian and Australian war history, and the role of Tasmanians in World War I and other wars and conflicts.

It plays a key role in helping Tasmanian students to learn more about Tasmania's rich military history and in passing on the history of World War I to new generations of young Tasmanians.

Thousands of Tasmanian students who entered the competition have also discovered more about Tasmania's military history and found their own personal meaning in the events of the war and how it changed our nation.

The Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize is an initiative of the Hodgman majority Liberal Government, and is supported by RSL Tasmania. The 2019-20 recipients are:

- Amelia Hanson, Riverside High School;
- Chi Canty, Scotch Oakburn College;
- Elijah Hughes, Kingston High School;
- Lachlan Rogers, Tarooma High School;
- Melanie Shoobridge, Tasman District School; and
- William Zeeman, The Hutchins School.

The Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize is open to Tasmanian Year 9 students from government and non-government schools, as well as home-schooled students in the same year level.