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## Lest We Forget

Today we pause and remember the extraordinary sacrifice of our service men and women, and their families.

This year marks the 105th anniversary of the Gallipoli campaign and the birth of the ANZAC spirit of mateship, bravery and sacrifice.

420,000 Australians enlisted in World War I, including 15,484 from Tasmania of whom an estimated 3000 were killed. A further 40,000 Australians were killed on active service in World War 2 and other conflicts in Korea, Malaya, Vietnam and the Middle East.

Tasmanians were among the first to land in Gallipoli in 1915, and have been active in Australia's military operations in following conflicts.

Today more than 10,500 war veterans and ex-service personnel live in Tasmania.

Although today is an Anzac Day like no other, I encourage the community to reflect upon the price of freedom, and give thanks to all those prepared to pay that price, on our behalf, and to take time to thank a veteran for their service.

I thank RSL Tasmania and ABC Tasmania for their support in coordinating today's special livestream service and commend the work of the RSL and all Tasmania's Ex-Serving Organisations in supporting our veterans and ex-serving personnel.

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