



**Media Release**  
**The Hon Kevin Andrews MP**  
**Member for Menzies**

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**MENZIES ENCOURAGED TO COMMEMORATE ANZAC DAY AND  
CENTENARY OF THE WESTERN FRONT**

The Member for Menzies, the Hon Kevin Andrews, today encouraged the community to remember the sacrifice of Australian servicemen and women from all wars and conflicts.

Mr Andrews said commemorative services would be held at Croydon Hills, Doncaster, Templestowe and Warrandyte.

“On Anzac Day, I encourage all Australians to reflect upon the sacrifice of the brave men and women who have served our nation in wars, conflicts and on peacekeeping operations,” Mr Andrews said.

“Anzac Day is a time to remember those who have served our country and the price they have paid, sometimes with their health and wellbeing, and in many cases with their lives.

“We must never forget the Anzac tradition that was forged on a foreign battlefield by an army of young volunteers.

Mr Andrews said this year marked the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Australia’s involvement on the Western Front, of France and Belgium.

“Australian troops arrived on the Western Front in March 1916, and participated in every major British offensives that led to Germany’s defeat in November 1918.”

“Almost 300,000 Australians served on the Western Front, more than 46,000 lost their lives and about 18,000 were left with no known grave.

“Names like Fromelles, the Somme, Pozières, Bullecourt, Messines, Passchendaele, Le Hamel, Villers-Bretonneux and Mont St. Quentin remain places of great significance to Australians today.

“I encourage everyone in Menzies to attend a service this Anzac Day or take time to pause and reflect on the sacrifice of those who gave their lives in the service of our country.”

“Lest We Forget.”

Further information about Anzac Day and the Anzac Centenary can be found on the Anzac Centenary website at [anzaccentenary.gov.au](http://anzaccentenary.gov.au) and at [anzacportal.gov.au](http://anzacportal.gov.au).