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The Hon **David Hawker** MP  
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## TAKE THE TIME TO REMEMBER ON REMEMBRANCE DAY

Federal Member for Wannon, David Hawker, is urging Western Victorians to take the time on Remembrance Day, next Wednesday 11 November, to pay tribute to the sacrifices made by our service men and women in World Wars I and II and in other theatres of war.

“The Remembrance Day traditions of a minute’s silence and wearing a red poppy ensure that proper reverence is given to this significant day,” Mr Hawker said.

“We pause to remember the bravery and sacrifice of the men and women who served our nation in wars, conflicts and peace operations, including the tens of thousands with no known grave.”

Mr Hawker said in World War I alone, over 400,000 Australians enlisted for service overseas, 330,000 saw active service, 60,000 were killed, 82,000 were wounded in battle and a further 88,000 returned ill or injured.

“On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the world pauses to spend a moment in silent contemplation and remembrance of the sacrifices made for our freedom,” he said.

“In that moment of silence we are truly, as one world, saying thank you and praying for peace.”

More information about commemoration ceremonies, the history behind Remembrance Day, War Diaries and other memorabilia, can be found on the Veterans Affairs Department website:

[www.dva.gov.au/commems\\_oawg/commemorations/Pages/index.aspx](http://www.dva.gov.au/commems_oawg/commemorations/Pages/index.aspx).

“I urge everyone to take the time to learn more about the men and women who served Australia. Remembrance day is a time to honour their memory and encourage generations to know their story and acknowledge their sacrifice,” Mr Hawker said.

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