
**MM3/15 100th CENTENARY - ANZAC DAY TRIBUTE - The Mayor,
Councillor Bill Pickering****File Number: MYR/07/10/20 - BP15/554**

Last Friday's ANZAC Day tribute at Ryde Cenotaph commemorating the landing at Gallipoli 100 years ago was a solemn occasion attended by over 200 members of the community.

There was a special feeling of unity as the community paid tribute to the 2,000 local men and women of Ryde who enlisted to serve in WWI and to all those who have served our country in conflict.

The event was attended by:

- The Mayor and Councillors
- Members of the Centenary of ANZAC and Commemoration of WWI Committee
- Members of Combined Returned Services
- Members of the regular library knitting groups from Gladesville, West Ryde, North Ryde and Eastwood libraries
- Members of the Ryde District Historical Society
- Members of the community of all ages including representatives of our multicultural community
- Students and teachers from local primary
- Council staff

Students from ten local primary schools took part with special readings, poems, a choir and laying of the wreaths.

After the ceremony Council hosted a morning tea at the Rotunda and the big talking point was the giant "R-Y-D-E" letters display decorated by 3,000 handmade red poppies that had been knitted, crocheted and felted by hundreds of individuals and community groups. What a great visual and fitting tribute to such an auspicious occasion.

I would like to make special mention of the wonderful work of the members of the Centenary of Anzac and Commemoration of World War 1 Committee, Chaired by Councillor Jerome Laxale, who have worked tirelessly to ensure that the commemoration of the Centenary of Anzac was an outstanding success.

A special mention is also extended to the following City of Ryde staff for their contribution to the success of the Centenary of Anzac Commemoration:

Events Team - Derek McCarthy, Kellie Yelds, Christina Townsend and Michelle Carter for organising the event.

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Libraries Team - Angela Phippen with the support of Library Programs Team for leading and coordinating the 2,000 Poppies Project.

Public Works Team - Joe Wright, Monzer Charif, Bill Kelly, Adrian Cooke, Peter Chaseling and Fred Rehutai who coordinated the logistics of the event and moved the 2m high letters between various libraries and the park.

Communications and Media Team - Lee Kirkland for the 'big letter' concept, Liz Berger for designing the letters, Renee Mitchell for the Centenary of Anzac Branding and Design concept and Alison Imber for the Digital Media Campaign and photography of the event.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorse the Mayor providing a letter of thanks to the relevant Council officers involved in making the Centenary of Anzac program of events a success.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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The Mayor

