



Speech By Jim Madden

MEMBER FOR IPSWICH WEST

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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Ipswich West Electorate, Remembrance Day

Mr MADDEN (Ipswich West—ALP) (2.03 pm): On 11 November, Remembrance Day, in my electorate of Ipswich West, we will join the world in honouring those who served in and were casualties of World War I. Over 60,000 Australian soldiers lost their lives, making the ultimate sacrifice. They will be remembered by a number of community groups and schools in my electorate that organise Remembrance Day services and have invited me to attend to lay wreaths.

The first service I will be attending will be at Karalee State School, which is holding their Remembrance Day Service on Friday, 10 November at 9 am. It is always a wonderful service that features the school's excellent choir. I would like to acknowledge Karalee State School Principal Michelle Hamlin and Deputy Principal Jodie Jones for organising that service.

Later that morning, at 10.45, I will be attending the Ipswich State High School Remembrance Day Service. I would like to thank Principal Simon Riley and the school's defence school mentor, Ange Crichton, for their hard work in organising the service.

On Saturday, 11 November, Remembrance Day, I have been invited to attend a number of services. I will be attending the Ipswich Railway RSL Sub Branch Remembrance Day Service at the All Conflicts Memorial, located at the Workshops Rail Museum at North Ipswich. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of the Ipswich Railways RSL Sub Branch Committee. They include president John Dredge OAM, vice-presidents John King and Bruce Graham, secretary Peter Dixon, treasurer David Baker, assistant secretary Reg Bond and board members Shan Brown and David Brown.

Meanwhile, at the Rosewood Remembrance Day Service, held at the Rosewood Memorial Hall, Private Brian McLucas will be laying a wreath on my behalf. The Rosewood RSL Sub Branch Committee, which is organising the service, includes president Bernie Mason, vice-president Brian McLucas, secretary Carmel Luetchford and treasurer Ian Luetchford.

At the Ipswich RSL Sub Branch service, Andrew Boxsell will be laying a wreath on my behalf. I would like to thank the Ipswich RSL Sub Branch Committee for organising what will be a truly amazing service. They include president Paul Rogers, secretary Debbie Wadwell, treasurer Owen Smith, deputy president George Picone and vice-presidents Vivienne Stanbury and Peter Newman.

At the Pine Mountain Honour Stone, Carol Nevin will be laying a wreath on my behalf. I would like to thank the Pine Mountain & District Historical Society for organising the service. The committee includes Bill Mahon, Mary Mahon, Des Jones, David Walters, Diane Mantei, Colleen Engel nee Bromage, Roy McGibbon and Mary McGibbon.

Remembrance Day is a truly amazing day in my electorate of Ipswich West. I thank all of the schools and community groups for their voluntary and selfless service to the Ipswich community in recognising that important day.