




Speech By
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 **Hon. SJ STEWART** (Townsville—ALP) (Minister for Resources) (3.26 pm): Townsville is Australia's largest garrison city and our Defence Force personnel are a huge part of our proud community. That is why Anzac Day is so special for the city, and I am very privileged to represent that city. There were thousands of people at Townsville's two dawn services paying their respects on this very important day. Whether those attending the service were serving defence personnel, veterans or just people in our community, Anzac Day means so much to them.

I would like to read the words of Kalea Stanieg, vice school captain and year 12 student, whose speech really stuck with me. She said—

As a young woman in today's day and age, I am able to recognise and appreciate the freedoms I enjoy, opportunities I receive and choices I am able to make.

The ability to get my drivers licence, pursue a career I'm passionate about and have the honour of representing my country in a sport that I love, are just a few examples of what I am reminded not to take for granted.

Every day I strive to give back, make good choices and care for others, because so much of my life, our lives, is thanks to those who served.

Our country is somewhere where we can feel safe, comfortable, and have a sense of community because our ANZACS displayed great courage, endurance, initiative, discipline, good humour and mateship.

Those are poignant words that demonstrate the importance of the Anzacs as well as the day we spend commemorating them.

While I am on my feet I would also like to inform the House of the passing of a stalwart and guardian of Central Queensland—Arch Tudehope. Arch was a retired coalminer and a beloved husband, father and grandfather. He was a staunch unionist—one of the most committed to our cause I have ever come across. He was instrumental in establishing the Queensland Resources Dust Disease Support Group charity.

Arch campaigned for the establishment of the Mine Dust Health Support Service to provide a one-stop shop for current and former miners and their families to access screening, support and compensation if diagnosed with a mine dust lung disease. He was tireless and dedicated to his work. He did not compromise and he always sought better for the world, particularly for his comrades. It appeared that to Arch everyone was a comrade until proven different.

His love for Collinsville and Moranbah ran deep and extended throughout Central Queensland. There is simply not enough time today to cover the depth and breadth of the volunteer work undertaken by Arch to serve his community and the workers within. I wish to extend my condolences and those of my staff to Trish, Kelly, David, Megan, Bronwyn and their families in this difficult time. Vale Arch Tudehope.