

Question on Notice
No. 1043
Asked on 4 September 2018

Mr T Mander asked Premier and Minister for Trade (Hon. A Palaszczuk)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the 'Armistice Centenary public art project'—

Will the Premier advise the total budgeted cost (including but not limited to all materials, staff, contractors, venue hire, installation itself and any budgeted marketing) and what has been the expenditure to date?

ANSWER:

On Sunday 11 November 2018, Queensland will join the nation, and the world, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice.

This significant historic event will bring communities together to pay tribute to our past and present defence force personnel and to honour the sacrifices they have made, and continue to make, to protect the freedom and lifestyle we all enjoy today.

Throughout the 2014 – 2018 Anzac Centenary, communities across Queensland joined together to create many fitting tributes to those who served during the First World War, including the Armistice Centenary public art project.

The project has engaged thousands of Queenslanders in making at least 57,705 handmade poppies - one for every Queensland soldier who enlisted in the First World War.

Queenslanders contributed poppies through activations held across the state between June and September 2018. Poppy making events were held at Winton, Maryborough, Noosa, Mackay, Mount Isa, Yeppoon, Birdsville, Cairns, Charleville, Currumbin, Toowoomba, Annandale and Brisbane.

In addition to the above workshops, community organisations from across the state led their own poppy-making workshops with materials supplied by the Queensland Government.

Between June and September 233, 720 poppy templates were distributed across the state to 344 organisations including at least 93 schools.

Members of the Queensland Parliament also participated in making poppies at an Armistice Centenary information stand held at Parliament House, Brisbane on 4 September 2018.

The handmade poppies will culminate in a large art installation which will be on display in Townsville this weekend (6–8 October 2018) before visiting Mackay, Longreach, Bundaberg and Brisbane.

The handmade poppies will be placed inside acrylic letters that spell 'REMEMBER' and is a centrepiece of the Centenary commemorations.

Digital poppies are also being collected between 14 September 2018 and 16 November 2018 and will feature as part of the Brisbane installation.

The total budgeted cost for the Armistice Centenary public art project is \$806,882.36 (excluding GST). As at 4 September 2018, \$314,444.42 (excluding GST) has been expended.