

Dublin War Memorial - Remembrance Day 11th November 2023



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On Saturday, November 11, communities including Dublin, Two Wells and Mallala stopped to remember those who fought for Australia, including those who did not return, for Remembrance Day. At Dublin, it was a special occasion as the community also commemorated 20 years since the dedication of the town's war memorial. Among those who attended were Mary and Kevin Butner, pictured with Kevin's brother Bruce, who is listed on the monument as he served in the Vietnam War. Two Wells also paid tribute to its veterans with a community-run service at its war memorial on Old Port Wakefield Road. Long time Two Wells resident Anna Arbon, pictured inset, led the service.

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Former Dublin History Group president Pat Thompson caught up with former Member for Wakefield Neil Andrew AO at the special commemorative service at Dublin. 373035_09

Monique and Kaleb Hoffmann at the commemorative service. PHOTOS: LISA SCHULZ 373035_07

Monumental service at Dublin Lions Park

Jarrad Delaney

The Dublin community gathered to remember those who served Australia on Remembrance Day on November 11, a day that also marked 20 years since the dedication of the town's war memorial.

Between 50-55 people attended the service at Dublin Lions Park to pay respects to those who fought, and died for Australia, including from the district.

The service also marked the 20th anniversary of the dedication of the Dublin War Memorial, which took place on November 9, 2003.

Special guests included former Member for Wakefield Neil Andrew AO, who dedicated the memorial 20 years ago, as well as Bruce Butner, one of the people who originally unveiled it, who also red the Ode of Remembrance at the service.

Reverend Scott Combridge from the Gawler Church of Christ was also a part of the service, and provided the reflection.

Dublin History Group secretary Andrea Brow said there was a discussion about the dedication of the monument, and how much it still meant to the Dublin district.

She said DR Cook Monumental Works, who made the monument, once again involved in its restoration, which included adding another name, Robert Murch who served in East Timor.

The refreshed memorial brings to light those from the Dublin district who stepped up to fight for Australia, going back to World War I.

"When you think who went to the First World War, they were all farm boys, can you imagine going from the farm to over there," Mrs Brow said.

Mrs Brow said thanks went to DR Cook Memorial Works for the restoration of the monument, as well as those who attended the service, including Mr Andrew and Reverend Combridge.

After the Remembrance Service, a light lunch and display was held at the Dublin Institute.

