

NEWS RELEASE



The Hon. Graham West MP
Minister for Juvenile Justice
Minister for Youth
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Minister Assisting the Premier
on Veterans' Affairs

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Minister attends War Widows' Guild ANZAC Service

Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs, Graham West, today placed a cross at the ANZAC Field Of Remembrance Service and Dedication, held at St Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney.

The event was hosted by the War Widows' Guild of Australia to commemorate the role of Australia's servicemen, servicewomen and their families.

Mr West said the ANZAC Field of Remembrance Service and Dedication involves the planting of wooden crosses in remembrance of those who have died due to their involvement in war.

"In the lead-up to ANZAC Day, it is important to acknowledge the role of Australian men and women in previous conflicts," Mr West said.

"The sacrifices involved in defence force service are well known to many NSW families.

"The Guild has long provided a network of support for Australia's war widows, and continues to promote an understanding of their important contribution.

"The first ANZAC Field of Remembrance Service was held by the War Widows' Guild of Australia in 1952.

"I would like to thank the War Widows' Guild of Australia and the many volunteers who have helped to create today's ANZAC Field of Remembrance Service and Dedication.

The War Widows' Guild of Australia was established in 1946 to protect the interests of war widows within Australia.

The nationwide members include widows of men who served in Australia's past conflicts.

For more information visit: www.warwidowsnsw.com.au

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