

MEDIA RELEASE

**Minister for Juvenile Justice
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The Hon. Graham West MP**



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REMEMBRANCE TREE PLANTED AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE

In commemoration of Remembrance Day, a Gallipoli "Lone Pine" Tree was today planted on the roof top garden of NSW Parliament House.

The tree was planted by Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs, Graham West, President of the NSW RSL, Don Rowe, President of the TB Sailors' Soldiers' and Airmens' Association of NSW, Stan Poulsen, and high school students Aaron Wolfenden from Chifley College in Mount Druitt and Dragana Palavra from Bonnyrigg High School.

Mr West said Remembrance Day marks the end of World War One on the 11th of November 1918.

"In planting this tree today, in the grounds of our State's Parliament, we express our deep gratitude to Australia's servicemen and women," Mr West said.

"This year, 91 years after the Armistice, we remember more than 60,000 Australians who paid the ultimate sacrifice in World War One.

"Remembrance Day honours the lives of all past and present servicemen and women who have lost their lives or suffered in the field of war.

"This Aleppo Pine, native to the Lone Pine Ridge in Gallipoli, will be a symbol of the sacrifices made by all Australian servicemen and women.

"The Battle of Gallipoli was a significant battle for Australia and the ANZACS, more than 8,000 of whom lost their lives.

"The Aleppo Pine planted here today, will act as a continuous reminder of the contribution made by servicemen and women in armed conflicts and peacekeeping missions," Mr West said.

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