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Minister pays tribute at Anzac Field of Remembrance Service

The Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs, Peter Primrose, today attended the Anzac Field of Remembrance Service and Dedication and placed a cross in the grounds of St Andrew's Cathedral.

The service is held each year by the War Widows' Guild of Australia, NSW, to honour Australia's servicemen, servicewomen and their families.

Mr Primrose said the wooden crosses planted during the ceremony stood as a symbol of remembrance for those who were killed in conflict.

"This ceremony serves to remind us of the sacrifices of the past and our hopes for peace," Mr Primrose said.

"It gives us a chance to reflect on the personal cost of war to those who suffered the loss of a spouse or partner."

"The War Widows Guild was established in 1946 and has been a strong advocate for Australia's war widows and their families.

"It continues to promote an understanding of their important contribution and helps our nation remember the debt we owe."

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

Crosses are planted by widows and by senior representatives of the defence forces, the RSL, the City of Sydney and the New Zealand Government.

The Field of Remembrance remains in place until sunset on Anzac Day and hundreds more crosses are planted by members of the public.

"The Field of Remembrance is a quiet and personal way for people to remember those who gave their lives in the defence of their country," Mr Primrose said.

"I thank the War Widows' Guild for their continued dedication and advocacy."

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