

Remembrance Day - Dalby

MEN AND WOMEN WHO
FOUGHT IN WARS
OVERSEAS

A small group of Dalby residents observed Remembrance Day at Anzac Park.

Members of the RSL, organisations and students from all local schools placed wreaths on the cenotaph.

The Dalby South State School band, conducted by Andy Will, played several pieces including the National Anthem.

RSL president Graham Coles spoke about Remembrance Day and the significance of the red poppies followed by secretary Garth Brownsdon reading the poem *In Flanders Field* by Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae.

Chaplain Rev David Brown spoke on the history of Armistice Day which, after World War Two, became known as Remembrance Day then gave a Bible reading before leading the remembrance prayers.

Students from local schools lowered the flags to half-mast while Lester Perry played the Last Post then raised them to Reveille.

Graham Coles finished by talking about the men and women from Dalby who fought in wars overseas and the history of Anzac Park.

After the service attendees were invited to the RSL rooms in Patrick Street for refreshments. - **QCWA Remembrance Day page 5**



Wreath layers at the cenotaph led by RSL secretary Garth Brownsdon



Mia Seng and Clayton Sternes from Dalby State School



Bugler Lester Perry sounds The Last Post

Raising awareness about domestic violence

With recent research showing two in five young men do not recognise both physical and emotional abuse as domestic violence, White Ribbon Queensland urges all Queenslanders to help raise awareness for domestic violence during White Ribbon Day this Friday.

Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19, White Ribbon Queensland is asking everyone to decorate their letterboxes in white to raise awareness and start conversations about the issue.

White Ribbon Queensland chair Chiu-Hing Chan said the statistics surrounding domestic violence in the home tripled during COVID.

"We are looking for support from the community and businesses to assist us in mobilising change," he said.

"The purpose of White Ribbon Day this year is to not only speak about the change that is needed, but to also get involved.

"Speak to your neighbours, chat to your friends at sporting clubs, work and schools, encourage them to decorate their letterboxes white using ribbons, flowers or teddy bears and raise awareness for domestic violence."

Mr Chan said it saddened him that on average 52 women die from domestic and family violence each year, and that number increases every year.

"By tying a white ribbon around your letterbox, you encourage everyone in your community to become involved and demonstrate their stance against domestic violence whilst creating an opportunity to have that important conversation," he said.

White Ribbon Day aims to raise awareness of domestic violence, promote respectful relationships and creating a community free of violence and abuse. Community by community, workplace by workplace, White Ribbon Australia seeks to generate an ongoing message against gendered violence and eliminate men's violence against women.

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Gifts for children who would not normally experience Christmas

Local volunteers have been busy packing shoeboxes with goodies to send to children in third world countries.

The gifts will be distributed through Operation Christmas Child to children who would otherwise not normally experience Christmas or receive Christmas presents.

Area co-ordinator Lurline McLaughlin has been volunteering with the charity for the past decade and is also the regional representative of Samaritan's Purse, the organisation responsible for Operation Christmas Child.

Samaritan's Purse is an international relief organisation partnering with churches in more than 100 countries to spread the Christian message to children and families and to meet the physical needs of victims of war, famine, natural disaster, poverty and disease.

Boxes are packed with items such as toys, toothbrushes, bars of soap, hair clip, combs, and school items such as pens, pencils, notebooks, colouring books and solar calculators. There are also accessories such as T-shirts, socks, sunglasses, caps, jewellery watches and torches.

Each box is labelled whether it is for a boy or a girl and the age group.

Volunteers at Chinchilla, Tara, Miles and Norwin have been packing boxes before sending them to Dalby Church of Christ where they were included with the boxes packed by Dalby volunteers.

The church's youth group packed the shoe boxes into larger boxes ready for shipping.

The 819 boxes collected in Dalby were sent to Brisbane then will be forwarded on to Sydney.

They will be checked that all items are suitable and maybe more items added before they are shipped overseas to their destination country.

Boxes will be sent to children in Cambodia, Fiji and South Sea Islands.- Nancy Evans



Ked Schneider, Lurline McLaughlin, Kirra-Lee Gaschk, Julie Rowe and Pastor Murray Tomlinson pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child



Harvey Norman



2020 DALBY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

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Competition is open to any house in Dalby. Judging Week 7th - 11th December with lights to be on from 7pm -9pm each night. Entries close 4pm, 30th November 2020. Map published 10th and 17th November, winners will also be published on 17th. Terms and conditions apply, please refer to our Facebook page.