

MEDIA STATEMENT



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Recalling locals who fought at Gallipoli

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In commemoration of our ANZAC's, Carine MLA Tony Krsticevic has been visiting all the schools in the electorate to present them with a book titled *Gallipoli: the Western Australian Story*.

"There was no literature that I was able to find that focused on the WA Anzac story until I came across Wes's book," he said.

"People made sacrifices so we could live in freedom and prosperity. It's important that every school library has this book as a resource."

Historian and volunteer at the Army Museum of WA in Fremantle, Wes Olsen wrote the book in 2006 and said he felt he needed to write a book that focused on WA's involvement.

"There were so many books coming out on Gallipoli, but they kept overlooking the WA contribution and I knew there was quite a bit of material that hadn't been seen before," he said.

"The best part about this book is that I was able to bring it down to a personal level, let the soldiers tell their own story from their letters and diary extracts.

"You get the story of the printer from West Perth, the farmer from Merredin – it brings it down to a community level."

Steve Pash, Principal of North Beach Primary School said the students will get great value from the book Mr Krsticevic presented, as it is one of the few which look at the specific role played by Western Australians at war.

"It will be a terrific resource and we already have staff and parents making enquiries regarding the purchase of personal copies." Mr Pash said.

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