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ANZAC LEGEND STRONG IN LAKE MACQUARIE ELECTORATE

THE SPIRIT of ANZAC and its deep meaning to Australians has been highlighted in an informative booklet produced by Member for Lake Macquarie, Greg Piper.

It has been produced to coincide with the 95th anniversary of the start of the Gallipoli campaign on April 25, 1915.

The 12-page booklet titled '*The Spirit of ANZAC*' gives an interesting insight into Australia's military history and the role personnel from within the Electorate played in various wars and conflicts. It also includes a handy reference guide to many of the ANZAC Day dawn services, marches and commemoration services to be held across the Electorate.

Mr Piper said he hoped the booklet would also serve as an educational tool for young Australians who are keeping the ANZAC Spirit alive through their interest and attendance at the national day of remembrance on April 25.

The booklet is filled with service stories of people and events from our area including the story of local hero Henry Cressy of Boolaroo, who was killed at Fromelles and was recently one of the 75 Diggers to be identified from 202 soldiers found in mass burial pits.

Other features include a special tribute to the Catalina flying boat base at Rathmines and interviews with former members of the Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force (WAAAF) who were deployed there during the Second World War, in many instances performing the same work as their male counterparts.

"There are many interesting stories included, stories that deserve to be told and this booklet aims to recall at least a few of those." Mr Piper said.

The booklet will be distributed to households throughout the Lake Macquarie State Electorate in the week leading up to Anzac Day and can also be downloaded from www.gregpiper1.com.