



# **Greg Piper MP**

## **Member for Lake Macquarie**



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#### **Local MP Promotes ANZAC Legend**

Greg Piper, Member for Lake Macquarie, has produced an informative eight-page booklet titled "Legend of ANZAC", which highlights the true meaning of ANZAC and the spirit that was born on April 25 1915 at Gallipoli.

According to Mr Piper, ANZAC Day is a time to remember the sacrifices made by all men and women who have fought in Australia's name.

"This important day of remembrance is a time for reflection and it gives us the opportunity to show pride in our nation," Mr Piper said. "It is a time for us to remember the men and women who have served and died in conflict to ensure the freedom and safety our country enjoys today."

Mr Piper said he hopes young people in particular will read the stories highlighting the contribution of local people to the war effort.

"The Anzac Legend – the pride, the courage and mateship – is carried into so many aspects of Australian life," Mr Piper said.

The booklet has a feature article on the magnificent Catalina flying boats and their crews so highly regarded for their efforts in the Second World War. The importance of the Rathmines RAAF Base is highlighted in a special interview with two veterans, Gordon Wicks and Donald Lowe. There is also the remarkable story of Attie Wearne, who lost a leg in a shark attack in 1942 but continued to fly Catalinas during the war. It also a handy reference guide to various dawn services and marches in the Electorate on Saturday, April 25.

According to Mr Piper, many who have received the booklet in the post have welcomed it. "If you don't yet have the booklet you can phone my electorate office at 49593200," he said.

The booklet will also be posted in the Newsletters section on Mr Piper's web site, [gregpiper1.com](http://gregpiper1.com)

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