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Southern Adelaide urged to pause on 90th anniversary of Remembrance Day

Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth urges the local community to join with all Australians in pausing for one minute's silence on Remembrance Day, 11 November 2008, to remember the more than 102 000 Australians who have died serving their country in wars, conflicts and peace operations.

Ms Rishworth MP said that 2008 was especially significant because it marks the 90th anniversary of the end of the First World War.

“At 11am on 11 November 1918 the guns fell silent on the Western Front ending four years of conflict known still as The Great War.” Ms Rishworth MP said.

Out of a population of only 5 million, 417,000 Australians enlisted for service, and more than 330 000 served overseas in the First World War. Of those, some 60 000 made the ultimate sacrifice on the Western Front, at Gallipoli, in the Middle East, on the high seas and in the air.

“Australians can also commemorate Remembrance Day and pay tribute to those who lost their lives by buying a red poppy from their local RSL and wearing it on 11 November,” Ms Rishworth MP said.

Red Flanders poppies grew amidst the devastation on the battlefields of the Western Front.

Australians have been wearing poppies since 1921 as a symbol of remembrance and new life, acknowledging the service and sacrifice of those who died and suffered and to honour their memory.

“On Remembrance Day I ask the people of Kingston wherever they are to pause for one minute's silence to remember those brave Australians who died in service to our nation,” Ms Rishworth MP said.

