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REMEMBERING THEM



ABOVE: Grace Locker, Cassidy Hobday and Alex Smith laying flags for ex-service personnel who are buried at the Warialda cemetery.

Students from Warialda High School have this year remembered and commemorated those who have served for their country in a unique way and have placed an Australian Flag at the graves of 279 ex-service men and women who are buried at the Warialda General Cemetery.

Today is Remembrance Day, and while the day marks the day that battle ceased in World War I after

the Armistice was signed, today we observe one minute's silence at 11 to remember those who died or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and armed conflicts.

In the four years of World War I more than 330,000 Australians had served overseas, and more than 60,000 of them had died.

Local history buff and Warialda High School teacher Donna

Smith organised the unique commemoration, which was inspired by 'Honour Our Fallen', a not-for-profit company formed to honour and preserve the memory of those deceased military personnel buried in Australia.

In partnership with Honour Our Fallen, local students have been researching ex-Service personnel and located their graves at the

cemetery to place the flags. They will also research about the lives and service of their chosen person as part of their school curriculum.

The Warialda Historical Society have also donated a headstone to be placed on the unmarked grave of John Nelson, a deceased WW1 veteran. Earlier in the year, the Gwydir News reported about a WW1 medal found in a shed at Cooloolai Station. The

medal belonged to John Nelson.

Local historians have since learned that John was born in South Australia and travelled around NSW before and after the war doing station work. He never married and no other relatives can be located. John will now be honoured and remembered every year by Warialda High school students through the Honour Our Fallen program.

Shadows opens this weekend

The North West Theatre Company is set to awaken the beautiful Roxy with another very moving live theatre production. The play 'Shadows' by Josephine Carter, has a cast of seven and will be performed over the next two weekends.

You can enjoy the play with friends and family and then stay on for a meal to be provided by the Bingara Lions' Club members.

Saturday evening performances are on November 14 and 21 at 7:15pm. Sunday shows are matinees at 12:15pm on November 15 and 22. The price for Show and the Three Course Meal is just \$40. Because of COVID19 restrictions audiences are asked to 'Bring Your Own' drinks and glasses.

Our audiences are restricted to sixty patrons per show and COVID19 materials will ensure that social distancing rules are kept. Select your dinner seating after checking in and take your theatre seat for a prompt 'curtain up' on the half hour.

Bookings are essential and can be done online at www.roxybingara.com.au/category/whats-on/ or phone the Bingara Visitor Information Centre on 6724 0066.

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