

## "WE WILL REMEMBER THEM"

November traditionally marks 'Poppy Day', a time when we are reminded of the sacrifice made by many thousands of military personnel and civilians who lost their lives in the name of peace during military conflict. All over the world Remembrance Day Services are held to honour those who have fallen in war zones, and those who survived and carried on to build a better world. Today we uphold the tradition and honour all individuals who continue the struggle for peace.



The annual Cape Town Remembrance Day Service falls on Sunday 11th November this year and the public are invited to attend the event which will be held at the Cenotaph in Adderley Street Cape Town at 11am. All those attending

are asked to be seated by 10:30am. The Service will also celebrate the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day - the day that the First World War ended. The MOTHS will be present and the Cape Field Artillery Pipes and Drums will provide some music. A bugler will play the Last Post and the Reveille and a two-minute silence will be observed. After the wreath laying service, members of the public are invited to lay flowers at the cenotaph in remembrance of loved ones.

Another Centenary was celebrated in May this year at the site of the Cape Town Noon Day Gun. In May 1814 Cape Town Mayor Sir Harry Hands synchronised the firing of the noon day gun with a time of silence to think of those who were fighting in the war, and to give thanks for those who had returned safely. A bugler ended the silence by playing from the Fletcher and Cartwright building on the corner of Adderley and Darling Streets. Sir Percy Fitzpatrick who had experienced the solemnity of the event, as central Cape Town came to a standstill during the silence, wrote to King George V suggesting it become a part of Remembrance Services. The idea was adopted world wide and is still observed in many countries today - honouring all those who are precious to us and have fought for the rights of all.



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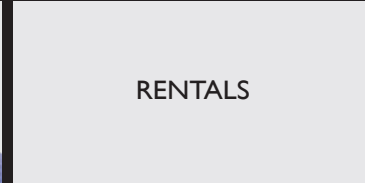
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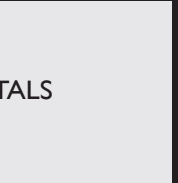
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