MEDIA RELEASE

CENTENARY OF ANZACS GRANTS PROGRAM 2016-17
Sgt Lewis McGee Memorial Medallion and Brochure

Earlier in the year, the Northern Midlands Council was successful in receiving grant funding through the Centenary of ANZAC Grants Program for 2016-17. The grant was used to design and distribute brochures alongside the Lewis McGee Memorial Medallion commemorating Sgt McGee, a project facilitated by the Campbell Town ANZAC Committee.

The team behind the brochure project included members of the Ross Local District Committee and the Avoca Museum & Information Centre Committee.

Sgt Lewis McGee is one of fourteen Tasmanians to be awarded the Victoria Cross for his service and sacrifice in the First World War. With a strong connection to Ross and Midlands Tasmania, Sgt McGee spent the majority of his life before the war at a large property near Avoca. Sgt McGee was survived by his widow, Eileen with whom he had one daughter with in 1915, Nada Mary.

This funding has allowed for 100 booklets to be designed, printed and distributed along with the Lewis McGee Memorial Medallion recipients. The first booklet and medallion will be presented by the Campbell Town ANZAC group on the 28th of September at a special presentation at Campbell Town District High School. The medallions will be awarded to one student each from Campbell Town District High School and Avoca Primary School, annually. The medallions will be awarded in honour of Sgt McGee for mateship and outstanding consideration of others.

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