

## News Release

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### **ANZ supports Fields of Remembrance Trust**

ANZ is selling Fields of Remembrance Trust pins in all branches across New Zealand supporting the Trust's centennial Armistice Day commemorations.

White, cross-shaped remembrance pins are being sold for \$10 each and available in branches until November 11. Pins can also be bought at public Armistice Day events across New Zealand, local museums and select Royal New Zealand Returned and Services' Associations (RSAs).

There are five Fields of Remembrance Trust pins, each named after a campaign involving New Zealand troops.

This year ANZ is selling the Palestine-Sinai cross, dedicated to the men and women who lost their lives in the Palestine-Sinai battle in the Middle East from 1916 to 1918.

All proceeds go to the Fields of Remembrance Trust.

#### **Fields of Remembrance Trust**

The Fields of Remembrance Trust, made up of the Passchendaele Society, the Royal New Zealand Returned and Services' Association and the Auckland RSA, was formed in 2012 to honour New Zealanders who served and fought during World War I.

"We're proud to support the Fields of Remembrance Trust and the important work it does reminding us to never forget the sacrifices brave women and men made for New Zealand," says ANZ Managing Director Retail and Business Banking Antonia Watson.

ANZ sold almost 6,000 crosses supporting the Trust's work in 2017.

#### **Armistice Day**

In addition to selling commemorative pins, the Fields of Remembrance Trust has installed 18,277 named crosses on the fields of the Auckland Domain, honouring every Kiwi who fought and died during World War I.

Fields of Remembrance Trust vice-chairman and Auckland RSA President Graham Gibson says this year's Armistice Day commemorations provide a confronting perspective to the scale of loss felt by New Zealand communities.

"We hope Kiwis remember our veterans as we approach Armistice Day this year," Mr Gibson says.

"We encourage Kiwis to show support for the sacrifices our ancestors made by wearing a commemorative pin and visiting one of the many centennial Armistice Day commemoration sites across New Zealand."

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