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Installation of the Pioneer Park War Memorial and Remembrance Day 2018

The Pioneer Park War Memorial has been installed yesterday, Monday 5 November 2018. The new Memorial, a bronze sculptural interpretation of a human hand, was designed by Robert Hannaford AM. As is characteristic of bronze, the Memorial's colour will develop and change over time, with the environment playing a key factor in its final colouring.

“Council is proud to have been able to partner with the RSL Gawler Sub-Branch to deliver this significant, community driven project for Gawler”. “Renowned South Australian artist, Robert Hannaford AM, has produced a moving and important sculpture that will be the centrepiece of all commemorative activities for our town and region. As a reflective space, many people will visit Gawler and the memorial to understand this community's service and sacrifice to our country” said Mayor Redman.

“The Town of Gawler and the RSL decided to engage a different approach to a War Memorial. The sculpture will be a place where a person of any religion, age, race and gender can identify with and reflect on family or lost friends. The hand can be given in friendship, and also it can be used to comfort and to love, the hand can also console, the hand also has been used to condemn and to hurt but this memorial will show that the hand can rest and be at peace.” Says Paul Little, RSL Gawler Sub-Branch President.

The new and all-inclusive War Memorial will be officially dedicated on Remembrance Day as part of a special Remembrance Day Service to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War, also referred to as the Armistice Centenary.

“This year's Remembrance Day Service will commence at 10am and we're looking forward to members of the community joining us and showing their support for this important day” said Mayor Redman.



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