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Heather Butler MP
Member for Lyons

Memorial for Tasmania Seafarers

Member for Lyons Heather Butler today paid tribute to Tasmanian seafarers lost at sea at an annual memorial service in Triabunna.

Ms Butler said the Tasmanian Seafarers' Memorial was a fitting place of remembrance for those who gave their lives in the service of their country.

This memorial is important because it gives us a place to remember them - to read their names and celebrate their lives," Ms Butler said.

The Memorial features plaques of Tasmanians as well as seafarers, regardless of nationality or profession, who have lost their lives in Tasmanian waters.

"Today, we add new names to this memorial to acknowledge those – in war and in peace – that have endured the dark tragedy of lives lost at sea.

Ms Butler said the sea was synonymous with Tasmanian life..

"We have all felt the allure of the sea - and the waters around this island have been the scene of great triumphs."

"But throughout history, the sea has exacted a terrible price in return for what it has given us."

"Today we salute the spirit of adventure and service that embodied the lives of these seafarers and retain their memory in this community," Ms Butler said.