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### **Tribute to the late Joan Rankine**

The Federal Member for New England, Tony Windsor, today paid a warm tribute to the late Joan Rankine who passed away recently at the Tamworth Hospital.

Mr Windsor said that Mrs Rankine would be sadly missed and fondly remembered by the local community, particularly for her many years of tireless work as the President of the Tamworth and District War Widows' Guild.

"Joan's work and commitment to the Guild was truly outstanding and her efforts over many years have been greatly appreciated by the many War Widows, their families and friends whom she has assisted and supported in so many ways," Mr Windsor said.

"Her drive and dedication played a major part in helping the Guild to achieve its mission of promoting and protecting the interests of War Widows as well as organising events such as the annual Field of Remembrance Memorial Service in Tamworth.

"Joan's work will certainly continue to benefit War Widows and the broader community for many years to come and my wife Lyn joins with me in extending our deepest sympathies to the members of Joan's family as well as her many friends at this time of sadness.

Joan was indeed an extraordinary human being," Mr Windsor said.

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