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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**PERTH MINT MARKS 100 YEARS OF THE RSL**

To mark the 100th anniversary of the Returned & Services League of Australia (RSL), The Perth Mint is proud to issue a gold and a silver commemorative coin portraying the iconic RSL badge.

Founded in 1916 by returning Australian soldiers from World War I, the main aim of the RSL is to continue to provide the camaraderie, concern, and mateship as shown amongst diggers during the conflict.

“We are proud to be working with The Perth Mint to mark the RSL’s 100 year-old tradition of serving the needs of current and former members of the Australian Defence Forces and its allies,” said Graham Edwards AM, President of RSL (Western Australia).

Struck from 1/4oz 99.99% pure gold and 1oz 99.9% pure silver, both commemoratives depict a representation of the RSL badge with the inscriptions RSL CENTENARY LEST WE FORGET and ‘1916 2016’. The designs also include The Perth Mint’s ‘P’ mintmark.

Issued as legal tender under the Australian Currency Act 1965, each coin features the Ian Rank-Broadley effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the 2016 year-date, and the monetary denomination, on its obverse.

The badge, worn by all members of the RSL is a time-honoured emblem, one that has been worn with a deep sense of pride by the most revered in Australia.

“Since its foundation, the RSL has grown to 1,200 sub-branches Australia wide with more than 170,000 members and over 200,000 affiliate members, making it the largest ex-service organisation in the country. We are privileged to be releasing these tribute coins in its honour,” said Perth Mint Group Manager Minted Products, Neil Vance.

No more than 1,000 gold coin tributes and 5,000 silver coloured centenary coins, will be released by The Perth Mint.

Priced at \$699.00 and \$99.00 respectively, both collectables can be purchased from The Perth Mint at 310 Hay Street in East Perth, by telephoning toll free 1800 098 817 or by visiting [perthmint.com.au](http://perthmint.com.au) Collectors can also purchase the releases from leading coin dealers and Australia Post outlets.

The emblem and logo of the Returned & Services League of Australia Limited (RSL) are owned by the RSL and may only be used with the written consent of the RSL.

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Pictured: Graham Edwards AM, President of RSL Western Australia holding the RSL Centenary 2016 gold and silver coins in front of the State War Memorial, Kings Park.

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