



To commemorate the Centenary of the Gallipoli Landings on 25 April 2015, Blacktown and District Historical Society has published a book on the old Blacktown Shire and its connection with First World War entitled 'Diggers from the Shire of Blacktown 1914-1918'.

The book gives a brief overview on the First World War from the perspective of the Shire of Blacktown. Almost nine hundred men and six women volunteered to participate in the 'War to end all wars'. One hundred and thirty six of them were killed in action or died of wounds, by disease, or in accidents.

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