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It was a truly a stirring occasion to attend the pre-book launch of "Silk Clouds & Olive Trees" by Warwick historian and author, Deborah Wheeler. The forgotten Battle of Greece and local families involvement in that battle. The article in The Daily Journal on 15th April certainly encouraged the many people to attend on Saturday.

The address by Andreas Leonakas was not only entertaining it was inspiring when he recounted his family background and his annual walk from Brisbane to Wallangarra in honour of his late father.

Susan Chuck, the mother of the late Private Ben Chuck, who lost his life in Afghanistan just 10 days before his return home from his third deployment was extremely sad, however, demonstrated how the tragic loss of a mother's son, while fighting for his country, has resulted in her unending commitment to the 42 for 42 organisation. I would encourage all readers to Google that organisation.

Deborah Wheeler is deserving of every accolade she so rightly receives. Deborah's dedication and commitment to researching and writing about the military history of the Southern Downs is awe-inspiring. Congratulations Deborah.

Having just returned from the ANZAC Day Dawn Service it reminded me of the freedom we enjoy, not only in the peaceful city of Warwick, but, across all of our great country Australia. As the poignant words on the newly built Memorial Wall and Dais in beautiful Leslie Park say,

"All Gave Some, Some Gave All". Lest We Forget.

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