



The Johns Brothers, whose father Sydney Johns fought in World War 1, George Johns, 78, of Launceston, Len Johns, 81, of Ulverstone, Kevin Johns, 76, of Hagley, Bob Johns, 83, of Ulverstone and Thomas Johns, 74, of Whitmore Picture: GEOFF ROBSON

Memorial honours fallen Gunns Plains soldiers

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 GUNNS Plains locals gathered yesterday to remember those they lost in the Great War.

A memorial bench seat was unveiled in the grounds of the Gunns Plains caves to memorialise the 27 soldiers from the district that fought in

World War I, and the 10 who did not return home.

Organiser Ray Hyland said yesterday's memorial was a success.

"We had about 150 people, the weather smiled on us," he said.

"Not all members' families were represented, but the majority of them were."

Mr Hyland said his grandfather had served in the war alongside his three brothers, one of whom did not return.

The memorial will allow families to reflect on their losses.

"It was just designed for a place where families could come and sit and relax and look out over the plains and

ponder on what has already been," Mr Hyland said.

"We were lucky enough to secure an Anzac centenary grant which helped with the memorial bench seat, and it also helped produce a memorial booklet."

The memorial was organised in collaboration with the Gunns Plains Community Centre Association.