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A day to remember Queensland miners

The State Government will hold a Miners Memorial Day this Friday (19th September) to commemorate the lives of more than 1450 miners who died in mining tragedies that touch on three different centuries of mining in Queensland.

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan said the inaugural Miners Memorial Day Service would be held on the anniversary of the worst mining disaster in Queensland's history.

On the 19th September, 1921, 75 miners lost their lives in a coal dust explosion at Mount Mulligan in far north Queensland.

On this day at 10.30am, a Miners Memorial Day Service will be held in the Roma Street Parklands in Brisbane.

"In the following years it will be held in regional centres around the state," Ms Nolan.

"On this day we will not only remember the Mount Mulligan miners, we will remember the miners of Box Flat, Kianga, Collinsville and Moura, and all miners who have lost their lives since mining began in Queensland in the 1800s.

"Mining has helped forge our strong economy. From the early gold rush days, mining has become a multi-billion dollar industry that is powering the state.

"And while we enjoy the benefits of the resources boom, we should reflect on how we got here and at what price - that's what Miners Memorial Day is all about," he/she said.

Ms Nolan said some mine sites in Queensland would hold a minute's silence at 10.50am on Friday to pay tribute to the sacrifices made by the men and women who worked in Queensland's mines.

"Their deaths are a sad part of our collective history and the history of workers, their struggle, and sadly the ultimate sacrifice of workers, should never be forgotten.

"On this day, I encourage our local community to also pause and reflect on how we got here and at what price," she said.