

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## 2016 ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS IN TURKEY

Planning for the 2016 Anzac Day commemorations at Gallipoli in Turkey is well on track.

One of the highest priorities for the Department of Veterans' Affairs is to work closely with a range of Australian Government and Turkish authorities, to ensure the health and well-being of those attending.

The Dawn Service at Gallipoli will be conducted as usual this year, and it is expected many Australians will travel to attend the commemoration.

In 2016, no ticket or place in a ballot is required to attend the Dawn Service at Gallipoli.

On 30 November 2015, the Australian Government announced that Australia and Turkey would review the service at Lone Pine.

Given the extended time period visitors are on site, potential for extreme weather conditions, and exposed location on rough terrain, the Lone Pine service will not be conducted from this year onwards.

The Gallipoli Dawn Service has always had a special significance for Australians and New Zealanders on Anzac Day, and the Australian, New Zealand and Turkish Government will continue to ensure it remains a dignified, solemn and safe commemoration of that campaign.

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