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The Anzac Centenary Coordination Unit (ACCU), one of the State Government's major initiatives for the Anzac Centenary has recently been established within Veterans SA.

The ACCU's role is to coordinate the Anzac Centenary Program of commemorative activities and events to ensure a lasting legacy is created for the benefit of all South Australians. The ACCU has been collating literally hundreds of events and activities planned throughout the state over the next four years of the Centenary. The details have been compiled into a Community Calendar, accessible from a dedicated Anzac Centenary website for South Australia which can be visited at www.anzaccenentary.sa.gov.au

Upcoming Events

Yorke Peninsula Commemorates Gallipoli Centenary at Kadina: Saturday 18 April, 2015. Kadina will host a commemoration of the ANZAC landings at Gallipoli with a parade of returned soldiers and service personnel through Kadina to the Memorial Arch in Victoria Square followed by a memorial service at the Arch. For more information visit www.kadina.rslsa.org.au

'Whaler' at the Army Museum of SA: Sundays, 12-4pm. Special Anzac Day hours, Saturday 25 April, 6.30am-3pm. Army Museum of SA, Keswick Army Barracks, 2 Anzac Hwy. Visit the newly refurbished WWI exhibition including the 'Whaler' boat typical of the first craft to take soldiers to the beachhead established at ANZAC Cove on 25 April 1915. Learn personal stories from SA families featured. Gold coin donation, no booking required.

Australasian Soldiers Dardanelles Cenotaph: Sunday 6 September, 2015 Lundie Gardens, west end of South Terrace, Adelaide at 11am. A commemorative service will be held at the Australasian Soldiers Dardanelles Cenotaph, believed to be the first Anzac memorial in the nation erected just 135 days after our troops stormed ashore at Gallipoli. The service marks the 100th Anniversary of its dedication in 1915.

For details of upcoming Anzac Centenary events for South Australia visit www.anzaccenentary.sa.gov.au

The emphasis of the Anzac Centenary is on 'commemorating a century of service' by remembering all the men and women of South Australia who have served during times of conflict and on peacekeeping operations over the last 100 years. The website is therefore designed to be an interactive space where South Australians can not only source information about the Anzac Centenary, but make their own contributions by registering events and news articles about their reflections and experiences. Historians, authors and military experts have been invited to create a series of 'think pieces' which will be published weekly on the site. There will be a series of competitions rolled out over the course of the Centenary. These include a short film competition, digital mashup and recordings of music from the First World War sourced through the State Library's

sheet music collection from this era. Visitors to the site will find many links to resources and publications designed to assist South Australian's to learn more about the men and women whose service we will commemorate over the next four years.

The website will ultimately be 'harvested' for a South Australian Anzac Centenary Time Capsule which will be re-opened by future generations in 2115 (100 years from now) revealing a unique collection of commemorative reflections from a purely South Australian point of view. If you would like to be notified of developments and about the launch of the website, you can sign up for email notifications here.

Visit www.anzaccenentary.sa.gov.au to find out how you can tell your South Australian family's or community's Anzac Centenary stories.

Recipients of the Premier's Spirit of ANZAC School Prize announced

On Sunday 22 March at the Army Museum of South Australia, twenty-two South Australian students were announced as the winners of the 2015 Premier's ANZAC Spirit School Prize. Each of the students researched and wrote essays about South Australian servicemen or women involved in the Gallipoli campaign. The students will be the State's official representatives at the dawn service ANZAC Cove for the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings. The students will travel to Istanbul and

Canakkale before they head to ANZAC Cove for the dawn service.

The Hon Martin Hamilton-Smith MP, Minister for Veterans Affairs' presented the students with their travel packs and air tickets on behalf of the Premier. Many of the students utilised the RSL Virtual War Memorial website to research their stories. To read their essays visit www.anzaccenentary.sa.gov.au or www.rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au

ANZAC Day Commemoration Fund

Applications for the ANZAC Day Commemoration Fund are now open.

Organisations and community groups are invited to apply for funding for projects within South Australia aimed at educating the community about the significance of Anzac Day and commemorating our nation's military heritage.

For full details including guidelines and application forms visit <http://dpc.sa.gov.au/anzac-day-commemoration-fund-and-council> or contact Clare Hennessy on 8226 3502 or via email to ANZACDayCouncil@dpc.sa.gov.au



Minister Hamilton-Smith with Mr Jack Holder OAM, Darwin Defender at the Bombing of Darwin Commemorative Service on 19 February at the RGH Chapel.

A Message from the Minister for Veterans' Affairs



The Centenary of Anzac is an opportunity to remember the courageous men and women from South Australia whose service and sacrifice in all wars, conflicts and peace operations have ensured the preservation of the way of life we enjoy today. While 25 April 2015 is the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings, the next four years marks a century of service for Australia's Defence Force.

I am pleased that, with the support of His Excellency, The Honourable Hieu van Le AO, Governor of South Australia, the State's flagship Centenary of Anzac project, the Anzac Centenary Memorial Garden Walk based on Kintore Avenue, is moving to the detailed planning stage. We remain on track to undertake a sod turning ceremony on Anzac Day this year with the aim of having a respectful, commemorative walk completed within 12 months that will emphasise the design pillars of remembrance, loyalty and service. When complete it will significantly enhance the memorial precinct of the City of Adelaide and will serve as a constant reminder of South Australia's contribution to the defence and security of Australia.

Earlier this year I appointed the Veterans' Advisory Council (VAC) for 2015. I thank the outgoing members and congratulate incoming members.

Since its inception, the VAC has represented the veteran community with distinction. It has achieved its mission to

ensure your views are represented at the highest levels of State Government.

As a veteran myself, and having lived two blocks away as a child, I have a deep affinity with the Repat. It has served South Australia's veteran and wider community extraordinarily well since it first opened in 1942 as the 105 (Military) Adelaide Hospital. At its peak, in 1944, the hospital comprised 1,000 beds treating returned servicemen and women. In more recent times the hospital has provided care and support for veterans, older people and the southern community more broadly.

I am acutely aware that apart from our World War II, Korean and Vietnam veterans, Australia has deployed in excess of 65,000 men and women to theatres of conflict since 1999, many of them from South Australia, and many of them on multiple occasions. It is most likely that the treatment liability associated with this service will increase in the years ahead particularly in the area of mental health.

I am very pleased that \$15 million has been allocated to the establishment of a centre of excellence for the treatment of post-traumatic stress (PTS) to replace Ward 17. I am also very pleased that a Veterans' Mental Health Advisory Panel, co-chaired by Associate Professor Susan Neuhaus CSC, herself a veteran of Afghanistan, has been established to determine the best model for the delivery of treatment for those suffering mental illness or PTS and the best location.

Together with the VAC and the Veterans' Health Advisory Council I will continue to advocate for better healthcare for veterans over and above bricks and mortar.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Hon Sir Eric Neal AC CVO, for his seven years of service as Inaugural Chair of the VAC. Sir Eric's wise counsel, hard work and advocacy on behalf of veterans has been extraordinary. When Sir Eric steps down later this year his contribution will be sorely missed by the State Government and the veteran community.

I look forward to attending more veterans' functions as the year progresses and to meeting as many of you as possible. Please feel free to invite me to visit your organisation or special function and I will do my best to join you.

This Anzac Day will be a very sombre time of reflection in our nation's history. World War One marked Australia in a way that is almost impossible to fathom in current times. By war's end over 60,000 Australians had been killed, 5,565 of them were South Australians.

Lest we forget.

Hon Martin Hamilton-Smith MP

Minister for Veterans' Affairs



Minister Hamilton-Smith with 2015 VAC members (Back L-R: Mr Michael von Berg MC, BRIG Laurie Lewis AM (Retd), WGCDR Bob Macintosh AFC (Retd), Mr Bronson Horan, Dr Pamela Schulz OAM, Mr David Everitt, Mr Chris Burns CSC & Mr Ray Kemp. Front: Mrs Helen Adamson, Dr Sharon Mascall-Dare, Hon Sir Eric Neal AC CVO (Chair), Hon Martin Hamilton-Smith MP, Mr Terry Briscoe, Mr Leon Eddy & Mr Rob Manton (Executive Officer). Absent: LTCOL John Spencer OAM RFD (Retd), LTCOL David McCammon DSM, BRIG Tim Hanna AM & LTCOL Jack Gregg.