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Department of Premier and Cabinet

# Message from the Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier



Welcome to the first edition of the state government's Centenary of ANZAC Newsletter.

Each edition will feature upcoming events, captivating stories and

photos, funding opportunities plus more.

The Centenary of ANZAC represents one of the most significant commemorative occasions for our nation.

During World War One, 15 485 Tasmanian men enlisted for their country which was an enormous contribution from our State.

Now 100 years on, it is important that as a community we remember those who served our country, reflect on their service, and commemorate those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Tasmania now has 11 000 war veterans and ex-service personnel and 14 Victoria Cross recipients. Our State has served and continues to serve our nation with distinction, bravery and honour.

A Centenary of ANZAC Steering Committee has been established to

oversee the commemoration and to be an advisory group to the Government.

We should too recognise the service and sacrifice of Tasmania's ex-serving community and their families. I encourage you to participate in this commemoration.



Guy Barnett MP Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier



Soldiers- at Brighton Camp, Tasmania- practicing a charge on horse- back with artillery wagons

# A Service Marking the Centenary of the Declaration of the Great War.

At 11.00 pm on 4 August 1914, Britain declared war on Germany. As a result, Australia also entered the war, which would see many lives lost and many more injured.

To mark this occasion, the Tasmanian community is invited to attend an Ecumenical Service: A Service Marking the Centenary of the Declaration of the Great War.

> St David's Cathedral Monday 4 August 2014 10.00am – 11.00am

The Service will be followed by a special bell ringing at 11.00 am to remember this significant day one hundred years ago.

### Grants

The Centenary of ANZAC Grants Program makes available \$50 000 each year with applicants able to apply for up to \$ 5 000 for projects that commemorate the Centenary though community events and activities, research, memorials, the preservation of Tasmanian World War One

memorabilia and militaria and the interpretation of sites and buildings.

The next round is due to open in September 2014.

# Sacrifice and Shadow exhibition

Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery is due to launch its Sacrifice and Shadow exhibition in August 2014. The exhibition will give people a general appreciation of the impact WWI had on society during the conflict and at its conclusion. It will explore the human response to the demands of war physically, emotionally and psychologically.

## Centenary of ANZAC Gallipoli Competition

Tasmania has been allocated places for seven students to attend the ANZAC Day commemorations at Gallipoli in 2015. The winners will travel to Gallipoli and attend the Dawn Service at ANZAC Cove on 25 April 2015 with the tour taking approximately 12 days.

The ANZAC Centenary essay competition is open to all Tasmanian Year 11 students from both government and non-government schools.

More information can be found at <u>http://bit.ly/tased-anzac</u> or by phoning 6165 5778

# Do you have an event or story?

During the Centenary, communities across Tasmania will come together to commemorate 100 years of service and sacrifice by Australian service-men and women in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations since.

We encourage communities to share details of their events with us for promotion on the Tasmanian Centenary of ANZAC website. Check the Centenary website to see what is happening in your area.

We are also seeking your ANZAC stories and photos. There are many untold stories of Tasmania's rich ANZAC history. The website will provide a place for you to share your family's history and story with the Tasmanian community.

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