

Member	Tim McCurdy	Electorate	Ovens Valley
Period	1 April 2024 to 30 June 2024		

Regulation 6 - Expense allowance and electorate allowance	
Total amount paid to member for electorate allowance	\$14,470.75
Total amount paid to member for expense allowance	\$3,340.96

Regulation 7 - Motor vehicle allowance	
Total amount paid to member for motor vehicle allowance	\$0.00
Member did not receive the motor vehicle allowance in the previous quarter and member has elected to receive the motor vehicle allowance for this quarter	No

Regulation 9 - Parliamentary accommodation sitting allowance	
Total amount paid to member for parliamentary accommodation sitting allowance	\$7,139.44
Suburb in which the member's parliamentary accommodation is located	St Kilda

Regulation 10 - Travel allowance claims					
Date from	Date until	Reason for travel	Total amount paid	Town or city in which accommodation was located	Value of the accommodation
Total number of nights for travel allowance claims			0		
Total amount paid to member for travel allowance			\$0.00		

Regulation 11 - Commercial transport allowance claims					
Date from	Date until	Reason for travel	Total amount paid	Mode of transport	Value of transport
Total number of nights for commercial transport allowance claims			0		
Total amount paid to member for commercial transport allowance			\$0.00		

Regulation 12 - International travel allowance claims			
Date from	Date until	Reason for travel	Total amount paid
21-Apr-24	28-Apr-24	Victorian Parliamentary delegation to attend ANZAC memorial service at Gallipoli and lay wreath on behalf of electorate.	\$2,169.54
21-Apr-24	28-Apr-24	Accommodation, Travel and Meal expenses for travel to Turkey on electorate business	\$1,472.41
Total number of nights for international travel allowance claims			7
Total amount paid to member for international travel allowance			\$3,641.95
See attached travel report for further details			

Tim McCurdy Member for Ovens Valley

Anzac Delegation 2024

International Travel Report

22nd April 2024 – 28 April 2024



Attendees:

Natalie Suleyman MP, State Member for St Albans
Tim Bull MP, State Member for Gippsland East
Ella George MP, State Member for Lara
Belinda Wilson MP, State Member for Narre Warren North
Juliana Addison MP, State Member for Wendouree
Emma Kealy MP, State Member for Lowan
Luba Grigorovitch MP, State Member for Kororoit
Pauline Richards MP, State Member for Cranbourne
Matt Fregon MP, State Member for Ashwood
Anthony Cianflone MP, State Member for Pascoe Vale
Cindy McLeish MP, State Member for Eildon
Martin Cameron MP, State Member for Morwell
John Berger MP, State Member for Southern Metropolitan Region
Tim McCurdy MP, State Member for Ovens Valley

Statement of Objectives:

In April 2024, I took part in a cross-party Victorian MP Delegation to Türkiye to attend the Anzac Memorial Services, visit places of cultural significance. The Victorian delegation travelled from 18th April, however due to commitments in my electorate I was unable to join the delegation until the 21st April.

This Victorian Parliament's Anzac Delegation is an annual tradition for State Members of Parliament. After a pause on travel due to the pandemic, this tradition has returned in 2024.

Türkiye and Australia share a unique bond – through the shared experience that began on the battlefields of Çanakkale (Gallipoli). This year marks the 109th anniversary since the Gallipoli campaign that forged the spirit of the Anzacs of mateship, camaraderie and mutual respect. Values that now form part of the national identity of Australia, New Zealand and Türkiye.

Since that time, Australia and Türkiye have become close friends and share in commemorations on Anzac Day and throughout the year as thousands of Australians make the pilgrimage to Gallipoli to pay their respects and honour the fallen.

Victoria is home to the largest Turkish community in Australia.

By fostering these economic and cultural ties between Victoria and Türkiye, we can develop further economic opportunities for both communities.

Anzac Day is a much commemorated day in the Ovens Valley, each and year of my years as an MP I have attended dawn services from Cobram to Yarrawonga, Wangaratta and beyond and then mid morning and often afternoon functions to celebrate/commemorate Anzac day. I was delighted to represent the people of the Ovens Valley this year in Turkey at Anzac cove. Placing a poppy at the grave stones/ memorial walls of our fallen soldiers was a special moment for each and every soldier who fought and died at Anzac cove.

I travelled for 1 week only including flight time so it was a very quick trip but an amazing experience. I stayed in Istanbul on the way in and out of Turkey (1 night each claiming \$450 Au in total) and I stayed 3 nights in Chanakkle claiming \$675 total 3 nights. I also travelled by public bus from Istanbul to Chanakkle claiming \$30 Au.

Travel Report Anzac Cove – Tim McCurdy

Travel dates : Sunday 21st April – Sunday 28th April

Sunday 21st April – depart 9pm VA 6127

Monday 22nd April – arrive SAW Istanbul 12.10pm

- Travel to Conrad Hotel arrive 4pm stay 1 night Conrad Hotel
- No meetings scheduled

Tuesday 23rd April – taxi to public bus terminal

- Catch public bus to Chanakkale
- Taxi to Kolin Hotel
- Ferry to Eceabat
- Taxi to lone Pine Cemetery to visit graves of Ovens Valley fallen soldiers pay tribute to soldiers from Ovens Valley.
- Return to Kolin Hotel Stay 3 nights at Kolin Hotel

Wednesday 24th April - Depart from Kolin Hotel.

- Take the Ferryboat to Eceabat.
- Attend the Ceremony for the 109th Anniversary of the Land Wars of Çanakkale

Wars of Çanakkale

- Visit the personal gravestones of local soldiers
- Take the Ferryboat back to Çanakkale
- Arrival at Kolin Hotel

Thursday 25th April

- Depart Kolin Hotel

- Take the Ferryboat to Eceabat.
- Attend the Anzac Dawn Ceremony
- Breakfast (Bengodi Hotel)
- Visit to Lone Pine Monument & service lay wreath
- Visit to Conkbayırı Monument for New Zealand Service
- Take the Ferryboat back to Çanakkale
- Arrival at Kolin Hotel

Friday 26th April

- depart with colleagues on bus to Istanbul
- Arrive Conrad Hotel (as no flights available to Melbourne Friday 26th)

Saturday 27th April – taxi to SAW airport

- Flight VA 6119 1:40 pm

Sunday 28th April - arrive Melbourne 4:45 pm

23rd April 2014

The main delegation were due in Chanakkle later this evening so I took the opportunity to start and visit some of my fallen soldiers.

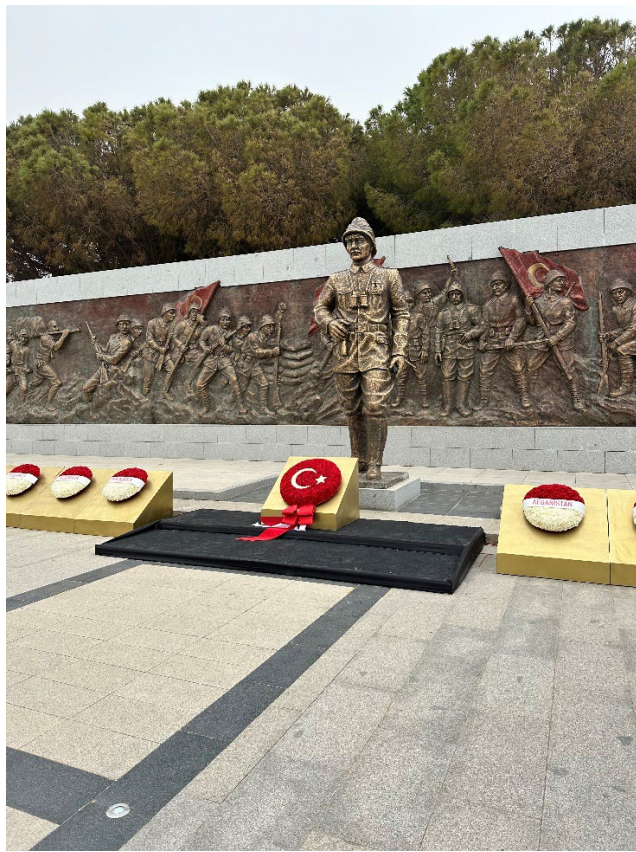
Understanding that time would be short to visit all of the gravesites on my lists from the Ovens Valley, I travelled from Istanbul by public bus Chanakkle and then to Lone Pine Cemetery to begin the process of laying a poppy at the gravestones all monuments dedicated to our fallen soldiers. At each cemetery I laid a poppy and paid my respects and thanked each soldier for their service. This occurred over 2 days 23rd & 24th April

SOLDIER	RANK	No/BATTALION	RESIDENCE	GRAVE
George Prideux	PTE	2169/3rd Battalion	Dunbulbalane	A 7
Walter Price	PTE	231/22nd Battalion	Peechelba	F 35
Alex Emslie	PTE	187/14th Battalion	Wangaratta	Special Memorial 24
Rupert Bazin	LCPL	818/14th Battalion	Tungamah	Special Memorial 19

Henry Honeychurch	PTE	206/14th Battalion	Wandiligong	Special Memorial 14
William Onley	PTE	317/7th Battalion	Myrtleford	Panel 203-206, or 332
Thomas Carmichael	LT	7th Battalion	Bundalong	Panel 203-206, or 332
Allan Lindsay	PTE	1148/7th Battalion	Glenrowan	Panel 203-206, or 332
Fred Metcalfe	PTE	399/7 th Battalion	Bright	II A 10
Charles Pool	TPR	401/13 th Light Horse	Freeburgh	I F 3
Phillip Shore	PTE	1628/3 rd Battalion	Wangaratta	Special Memorial B 11
William A. V. Higgs	PTE	1099/23rd Battalion	Bright	I A 15
William George Dixon*	PTE	216/7th Battalion	Bright	Memorial 28
Joseph Stephen Giotti	PTE	154/8th Battalion	Myrtleford	Memorial 30
Thomas Willoughby	PTE	343/1st Battalion	Myrtleford	Memorial 16
Henry Norman Rothery	PTE	1341/24th Battalion	Myrtleford	Memorial 66
Charles Carthew	LT	8th Light Horse	Myrtleford	Memorial 5
Gladwyn O'Brien Garnett	PTE	1596/14th Battalion 1435/2nd Brigade Field	Wangaratta	Memorial 41
Robert Langlands	DVR	Artillery	Wangaratta	Memorial 11
Donald Cameron	PTE	1519/6th Battalion	Yarrowonga	Memorial 26
Arthur Smith	CPL	1051/14th Battalion	Yarrowonga	Memorial 40
George William Hall	LCPL	1950/7th Battalion	Tungamah	Memorial 28
James Cornish	PTE	2133A/6th Battalion	Tungamah	Memorial 26
John Bendle	PTE	1910/4th Battalion	Springhurst	Memorial 22
Charles Wentworth	PTE	1604/6th Battalion	Dederang	Memorial 27
Charles Powley	PTE	347/7th Battalion	Boweya	Special Memorial 32
Thomas Patton	CSM	323/7th Battalion	Myrtleford	B V 4
Thomas Bryan	PTE	1709/6 th Battalion	Greta West	II D 6
Henry Cullinan	PTE	1939/8th Battalion	Wangaratta	II A 13

24 April 2024 Turkish Service.

The Delegation attended the Ceremony for the 109th Anniversary of the Land Wars of Çanakkale, where the President of the Gallipoli Historic Site, Ismail Kasdemir, delivered a moving speech. Mr Kasdemir particularly spoke about the common ground that Gallipoli now represents as a sacred meeting place to reflect and commemorate.



These are a small example of the graves visited.



T Bryan from Greta West buried in Shrapnel Valley



W price from Peechelba buried in Ari Burnu



C Powley from Boweya buried no. 2 outpost cemetery

25 April 2024

Dawn Service

The Delegation attended the Anzac Day Dawn Service at Anzac Cove.

The Dawn Service is an important time for reflection on the service and sacrifice of our state's veterans.

The Delegation joined over 1500 travellers from Australia and New Zealand joined Turkish and other dignitaries at the former World War I battlefields at Gallipoli for a solemn service at dawn. As the sun rose, participants held a minute of silence to reflect on the sacrifices of tens of thousands of soldiers from the Australia and New Zealand Army Corps, who landed at the beaches at Gallipoli, in north-west Türkiye.





It is so important that Australians continue to make the journey to Gallipoli, to pay their respects to our ANZACs, and remember our significant wartime history and we should continue to support Australians join this service in the future.







Following the Dawn Service, we paid our respects at the Lone Pine Monument, commemorating the 3,268 Australians and 456 New Zealanders who died in the campaign and have no known grave, and the 960 Australians and 252 New Zealanders who were buried at sea. This was a significant service with many Delegation members visiting the graves of soldiers from their electorates honoured at Lone Pine.

The Australian Dawn service was followed by services for the the armed forces of France, United Kingdom and New Zealand. Both services were well attended and of significant importance.



26 April 2024

The Anzac Day service is one that i will never forget. I tought Richard Marles Deputy Prime Minister of Australia spoke outstanding and was a highlight of the entire trip. I encourage all Australians if possible to make this trek to the place where the Anzac spirit was born . The greatest highlight was commemorating the soldiers from the Ovens Valley who layed down their lives and remain on the coast line of Anzac Cove
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