

<b>Member</b>	Juliana Addison	<b>Electorate</b>	Wendouree
<b>Period</b>	1 April 2024 to 30 June 2024		

<b>Regulation 6 - Expense allowance and electorate allowance</b>	
Total amount paid to member for electorate allowance	\$12,079.83
Total amount paid to member for expense allowance	\$0.00

<b>Regulation 7 - Motor vehicle allowance</b>	
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

<b>Regulation 9 - Parliamentary accommodation sitting allowance</b>	
Total amount paid to member for parliamentary accommodation sitting allowance	\$7,139.44
Suburb in which the member's parliamentary accommodation is located	Richmond

<b>Regulation 10 - Travel allowance claims</b>					
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		

<b>Regulation 11 - Commercial transport allowance claims</b>					
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		

<b>Regulation 12 - International travel allowance claims</b>			
Date from	Date until	Reason for travel	Total amount paid
16/04/2024	27/04/2024	Flights from Phuket, Thailand (travelling straight from family holiday) to Istanbul, Turkiye and returning to Melbourne on electorate business. I will be representing the electorate of Wendouree at ANZAC commemoration services in Turkiye and attending Gallipoli on ANZAC Day. I will also be undertaking research, participating in official activities and representing the views and interests of my constituents.	\$5,251.19
16/04/2024	27/04/2024	I will be representing the electorate of Wendouree at ANZAC commemoration services in Turkiye and attending Gallipoli on ANZAC Day. I will also be undertaking research, participating in official activities and representing the views and interests of my constituents.	\$2,030.10
Total number of nights for international travel allowance claims			11.00
Total amount paid to member for international travel allowance			\$7,281.29
See attached travel report for further details			

**Juliana Addison MP**  
**Member for Wendouree**

**International Travel Report**  
**Victorian Members of Parliament**  
**Delegation to Türkiye 18 April 2024 – 26 April 2024**

**Statement of Objectives:**

In April 2024, I was proud to be a part of the Victorian Members of Parliament to Türkiye to attend the ANZAC memorial services, visit places of cultural significance, and engage with the Turkish Government and Parliament.

The group included:

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, 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, Tim McCurdy MP, State Member for Ovens Valley and John Berger MP, State Member for Southern Metropolitan Region



The delegation by Victorian MPs to Türkiye for ANZAC Day services had occurred previously and I had heard from previous participants how worthwhile the trip was. After a pause on travel due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I was pleased to have the opportunity to travel to Gallipoli to honour those who served in the Australian Imperial Forces during World War One at ANZAC Day services. It was particularly important for me to honour the hundreds of men from my community of Ballarat and the electorate of Wendouree, who enlisted and fought in the Dardanelles campaign during 1915.

One of the most significant landmarks in my electorate is the Arch of Victory. This prominent landmark opened on 2 June 1920 by HRH Prince Edward, the Prince of Wales and is situated in my electorate in the suburb of Alfredton. The Arch of Victory is significant for many reasons, including that it stands more than sixteen metres tall and twenty metres wide. It was constructed with more than 70,000 bricks, which were laid by local bricklayer George Brookes and his team in just three months in 1920.

It also marks the entrance to our 22-kilometre Avenue of Honour that includes 3771 trees, representing each Ballarat local who served in World War I. The Arch of Victory is a constant reminder of Ballarat's significant contribution to the Great War of 1914-1918.

I am particularly grateful to Ballarat local Garry Snowden, President of Arch of Victory and Avenue of Honour Committee, who has visited Türkiye on a number of occasions, visiting the graves of Ballarat soldiers buried or commemorated at the many military cemeteries on the Gallipoli peninsula. I was so fortunate to have the assistance of Mr. Snowden to provide me with information about Ballarat soldiers who paid the ultimate price and who are laid to rest at the many cemeteries scattered over the battlefields of Çanakkale (Gallipoli).

Türkiye and Australia share a unique bond, through the shared experience that began on the battlefields of Çanakkale (Gallipoli). This year marks the 109<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 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.

Over the past century, 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.

Significantly, Victoria is home to the largest Turkish community in Australia. I also welcome the commencement of Turkish Airline services to Melbourne in March 2024 and the announcement that they would base their operations out of Melbourne Airport illustrates the growing importance of these cultural and economic ties. This represents a major opportunity for increased international trade and tourism between our two countries. The new Turkish Airlines route between Melbourne and Istanbul offers a great gateway to Europe and Asia, and will provide more choice, competition and cheaper flights for Victorians. It will also be creating jobs in Victoria.

By fostering these economic and cultural ties between Victoria and Türkiye, we can develop further economic opportunities for both our State and Türkiye. I was pleased be involved in discussions facilitated by Minister for Veterans, Youth and Small Business with Members of the Turkish Parliament and other stakeholders to further enhance our cross-cultural connections and explore trade, tourism, and education opportunities for Victoria. It was also very worthwhile visiting the UNESCO World Heritage site of Troy and the Troy Museum and take these learnings back to my electorate of Wendouree.

### **Summary of meetings and visits:**

#### **18 April 2024**

**Stayed in Istanbul 18-22nd. Total cost: AUD\$881.09**

#### **19 April 2024**

Briefing for the Victorian MP visiting Türkiye's on the tour itinerary and other matters. The Consular General of Australia in Istanbul meeting was cancelled.

#### **20 April 2024 – 21 April 2024**

Our delegation visited the major cultural and historical sites of Istanbul which included the Dolmabahçe Palace, Sultan Ahmet Mosque, Ayasofya Mosque, Basilica Cistern, Topkapı Palace, the Bospohorus and the Grand Bazaar. These are places of immense historical and cultural significance for Türkiye. Such visited deepened my understanding of the rich history of Turkiye as well developing a greater insight into the beliefs, practices and teachings of Islam.

We met with the Chair of the Council of Foreign Economic Relations of the Türkiye-Australia Business Council. Mr. Steven Young is an Australian of Turkish heritage based in Istanbul, we spoke about growing business ties between Australia and Turkiye. He noted the opportunities that direct flights between Melbourne and Istanbul presented for business, trade and tourism.



#### **22 April 2024**

**Depart Istanbul, travel to Ankara.**

**Flight from Istanbul to Ankara and flight Ankara to Çanakkale (₺3473.58)**

**AUD \$172.28 for both flights.**

## Stayed in Ankara, Türkiye 22-23 April 2024 AUD\$211.37

The delegation had the great honour of visiting the Mausoleum of Atatürk (Anıtkabir) to pay our respects, lay a wreath, and sign the Book of Honour. It serves as the resting place of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. Mustafa Kemal Atatürk was the founder of the Republic of and served as its first President from 1923 until his death in 1938.



The Delegation paused to view the words inscribed into the stone of the Mausoleum and reflect on the significance of this statement which has become an enduring symbol of the relationship between Türkiye and Australia.

We joined with the Australian Ambassador to Türkiye His excellency Miles Armitage from the Embassy of Australia in Ankara, and Parliamentarians of the Türkiye-Australia friends group from the Turkish Grand Assembly, including the Deputy Minister for Family and Social Services (Veterans), Mr. Yavuz Selim Kiran.

### 23 April 2024

Delegation members visited the Turkish Grand National Assembly (TGNA). The TGNA has six hundred members and is in Ankara, the capital city of Türkiye.

The delegation joined a reception hosted by HE Halil Eldemir, the President of the Türkiye-Australia Interparliamentary Friendship Group, Member of Parliament for Bilecik. Other Parliamentarians also joined this reception.

We had the opportunity to discuss the relationship between Türkiye and Victoria. We also spoke about Global Victoria and how Turkish migrants living in Victoria have benefited from the support of Global Victoria to import and export goods. There are many examples of successful Turkish migrants in business in Victoria. We discussed the economic and cultural opportunities between Türkiye for businesses of all sizes.



Meeting with Members of Parliament of the Grand Assembly, including Halil Eldemir, Sureyya Ones Deric, Ismail Faruk Aksu, Dr. Muzeyyen Sevkin, Onder Aksakal.

We also discussed the history of the Victorian MPs ANZAC Delegation and how we are committed to strengthening the ties between Australia and Türkiye.

We thanked the Turkish Government for their continued support in maintaining war memorials of Australian soldiers, allowing Australians to honour our country's fallen veterans each year, reflecting on the significant cooperation between the Australian and Turkish Governments to enable travel and commemoration on ANZAC Day and throughout the year.

We also attended the TGNA General Assembly Special Session for the Anniversary of Foundation of the TGNA and a guided tour of the TGNA. This coincides with National Sovereignty and Children's Day in Türkiye – a very significant day in Türkiye that celebrates democracy and the importance of young people.



Finally, we met with HE Bekir Bozdağ, the Deputy Speaker of TGNA.

We then departed Ankara to Çanakkale (domestic flight) – cost of flight stated above with flight from Istanbul to Ankara.

**Stayed in Çanakkale 23 - 26 April 2024.**

**Total cost: \$724.75 AUD**

### **24 April 2024**

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.



Following the service, we spent the remainder of the day visiting many of the Commonwealth War Graves sites across the Gallipoli peninsula including, Ari Burnu, Sharpnell Valley, No. 2 Outpost, Embarkation Pier, Shell Green, Skew Bridge, Lanchshire Landing, Hill, Redoubt and Beach cemeteries.

I am very grateful to the support of the Commonwealth War Graves representative who assisted me in locating the graves of the soldiers from Ballarat to pay my respects and put a poppy on their grave. I would also like to thank Tim Bull, Member for Gippsland East for the work he did to support MPs in identifying soldiers that had come from the electorates they represent.



Grave of Charles Gillman, 547, 18th Bn, of Crompton St. Ballarat. Died 7 December 1915. Shrapnel Valley cemetery.

## Ballarat soldiers buried or commemorated at selected Gallipoli cemeteries:

### BEACH CEMETERY

WILLIAMS David Lionel  
CROCKER Gordon  
TAINSH William

LEES Ernest Leonard  
McTAGGART Herbert

### ARI BURNU CEMETERY

MURRAY William  
ANDERSON Leo

LUGG Joseph James

### SHRAPNEL VALLEY

SMITH Leslie Jack (Sp Mem)  
CRAVEN Norman  
MOON Phillip William  
BROOKS Garnet Albert  
FARRAR Albert Victor

GILLMAN Charles  
STELLING Gustav

HAMILTON William H

### NO. 2 OUTPOST

BROOKES Vernon Thomas

### EMBARKATION PIER

CHAMBERS Stanley  
LAKELAND Thomas Victor

JANSSEN Ernek Valdemar

### 7th FIELD AMBULANCE

HANSEN Rasmus Robinson Grave

### SHELL GREEN

McLEOD Maurice Leslie  
JOHNS John Benjamin

JONES William Rees

### COURTNEY'S and STEEL'S POST

DEAN Owen Francis  
SMITH Stanley Herbert

KEWLEY Frederick Hugh

### QUINN'S POST

GIST Charles  
WILLIAMS Thomas Alfred

MARS Stanley George

### LANCASHIRE LANDING

WELLS Richard William

MURPHY Peter John

### REDOUBT CEMETERY

McCALLUM Austin

## 25 April 2024 ANZAC DAY



Grave of William Rees Jones, 11th Bn, of Ballarat. Died 28 June 1915. Shell Green cemetery.



Grave of Serjeant Fredrick Hugh Kewley, 14<sup>th</sup> Bn. Died 1 May 1915. Courtney's and Steele Post cemetery.



## Dawn Service

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

The Dawn Service is time for solemn reflection on the service and sacrifice of our State's veterans. It was a honour to have the Minister for Veterans lay a wreath on behalf of the Victorian Government.

Having watched the Gallipoli Dawn Service so many times from my home in Ballarat, it was an extraordinary honour and privilege to attend the very solemn Dawn Service with 1500 travellers from Australia and New Zealand as well as Turkish and other dignitaries representing their governments.

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. Deputy Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon. Richard Marles gave a moving speech, reflecting on the spirit of the ANZACS who made the ultimate sacrifice in service of their nation and the lives lost on both sides of the conflict.



As a former History Teacher and now Member of Parliament, I strongly believe it is so important that Australians continue to make the journey to Gallipoli, to pay their respects to our ANZACs, to learn more about the events that shaped our nation and national character and to learn the importance of rebuilding important relationships between countries once in conflict.



During the ANZAC campaign at Gallipoli, Kemal Atatürk was the commander in charge of Turkish forces. By the end of the Gallipoli campaign and the Allied withdrawal, it is estimated that 130,000 men had died - 87,000 Ottoman soldiers and 44,000 Allied soldiers. In 1934, Atatürk made the moving tribute to the ANZACs killed at Gallipoli:

*Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives...*

*You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country.*

*Therefore, rest in peace.*

*There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehmets to us where they lie side by side now here in this country of ours...*

*You, the mothers, who sent their sons from faraway countries wipe away your tears.*

*Your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace.*

*After having lost their lives on this land they have become our sons as well.*

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. War records show that eleven soldiers from Ballarat were buried at the Lone Pine Cemetery and 64 soldiers are commemorated at the Lone Pine Memorial.

Whilst at Lone Pine, I took the opportunity to pay my respects at the graves of the fallen who were residents of my electorate including:

- William Edmonds, 905, 23rd Battalion, of 13 Nicholson St. Ballarat, age 18, died on December 7, 1915
- George Quarrell, 1054, 23rd battalion, of North Ballarat, grave I.C.20, age 20, died November 29, 1915
- Cecil Popplewell, 1445, 11th Battalion, of North Ballarat, grave I.F.12, age 30, died May 19, 1915.

The Lone Pine Memorial Service commenced with the playing of the didgeridoo by ADF member Matthew Joseph, a wonderful recognition of Australia's First Nations people who fought for country during World War One and subsequent conflicts. The Catafalque Party was made up of Members of Australia's Federation Guard and His Excellency Miles Armitage provided the welcome. The commemorative address was offered by Lieutenant General John Frewen AO



DSC. It was an honour to be able to lay a wreath on behalf of the Wendouree electorate and the Ballarat community, alongside the Minister for Veterans and other Victorian Members of Parliament.

Following the Lone Pine Memorial Service, we attended a very moving New Zealand National Service. The service was held at the New Zealand Memorial to the Missing at Chunuk Bair (Conkbayırı). The New Zealand National Service was led by John McLeod of the New Zealand Defence Force and the commemorative address was made by the Deputy Prime Minister of New Zealand Winston Peters.



Between the 8-10 August 1915, more than one thousand New Zealand service men in battles in the vicinity of the the Chunuk Bair memorial. It was very special to see New Zealand service men and women perform a haka to conclude the ceremony.

### **Visit to the archeological site of Troy and the Troy Museum**

The site of fortified city of Troy, that was immortalised in Homer's epic poems Iliad and Odyssey, and has 4000 years of history is one of the world's most significant archaeological sites. The UNESCO World Heritage site is outdoor and allows visitors to explore the 24 evacuation campaigns from the last past 140 years that have revealed citadels, gates and defensive walls. It is a very important site revealing the development of various settlements of Greek, Roman and Ottoman civilizations over thousands of years.

I was particularly interested in visiting the UNESCO World Heritage site as work is underway for UNESCO World Heritage listing for the Central Victorian Goldfields. My electorate of Wendouree is located in the Victorian Goldfields, which was the site of one of the world's most significant goldrush events. From 1851, the Victorian goldrush drew people from around the world to Ballarat and the central Victorian gold fields. Developing a greater understanding of the significance and economic benefits that come from the UNESCO World Heritage listing is important for jobs and the local economy of the Wendouree electorate.

The visit to the Troy Museum, which was opened in 2019, showcased how effective a modern contemporary museum space can exhibit antiquities and artefacts in a rich and innovative way that is engaging and challenging.

According to the Troy Museum's website

*"In the niches on the walls of the ramp, the different layers of Troy are described with tombstones, large sculptures, stage animations, and large photographs. Archaeology, archaeological, and archaeometric dating methods, such as "neolithic, chalcolithic, bronze age, iron age, mound, restoration, conservation", in order to provide an orientation to the visitor before the ongoing exhibition floors in the circulation band, which is the entrance area of the museum, is about Troas and its surroundings."*

Source: [www.turkishmuseums.com/museum/detail/2021-canakkale-museum-of-troy/2021/4](http://www.turkishmuseums.com/museum/detail/2021-canakkale-museum-of-troy/2021/4)

While I was visiting the archaeological site and Troy Museum, I was drawing parallels with what Sovereign Hill in Ballarat is seeking to achieve with their outdoor Museum, the Australian Centre for Gold Rush Collections, Centre for Rare and Forgotten Trades and their plans for future. Since returning from the trip, I have spoken to CEO of Sovereign Hill about my trip to the archaeological site and the innovative Troy Museum.



## **26 April 2024**

Travel from Cannakale to Istanbul.

Istanbul to Melbourne (flight).

## **Concluding remarks:**

The Victoria and Türkiye have long had strong cultural, historical, social and economic ties which can be strengthened even further between our communities and governments. Since the signing of the Australia-Turkey Migration Agreement in 1967 relationships have continued to be strengthen between the Australian and Turkish governments.

Since then, Victoria has become home to many successful Turkish migrants. Most recently this has demonstrated by the Victorian Government's \$1 million donation to support recovery efforts following the earthquakes in south-eastern Türkiye in February 2023 and the commencement of Turkish Airline flights between Melbourne and Istanbul in March 2024. Opportunities will continue to grow in this area with further investment, trade and tourism.

It was an honour to represent Victoria as the Member for Wendouree to take part in the commemorative services in Gallipoli Türkiye and honour our brave soldiers who sacrificed thier lives on the Gallipoli peninsula in 1915, visit the

Parliament of Turkiye In Ankara, and vist the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Troy.

It is so important that we continue to remember and honour the ANZACs and reflect on our wartime history. There are many occasions across the year for Victorians to honour and respect veterans both at home and overseas, and I would encourage all Victorians to take part in these important services.

Also programs such as the Sprit of ANZAC Prize are important to educate our Victorian Students of the ANZAC story and experience, and as a former History Teacher who have taught units on World War One and the Gallipoli campaing. I am pleased that this year twelve students will also travel to Gallipoli, Turkiye as part of the winning prize.

The visit to Turkiye as part of the Victorian Members of Parliament delegation was an oppportunity to represent the Wendouree community at the solemn commemoration services held across several days around ANZAC Day.

It is important that we continue to remember and honour the ANZACs and reflect on our wartime history. There are many occasions across the year for Victorians to honour our past and presently serving veterans both at home and overseas, and I would encourage all Victorians to take part in these moving and important services.

I wish to thank the Minister for Veterans, Youth and Small Business for her leadership and co-ordination of the delegation and all the MPs for their collegiate approach to this important delegation.

**Juliana Addison MP**  
**Member for Wendouree**