

<b>Member</b>	Emma Kealy	<b>Electorate</b>	Lowan
<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	\$14,470.75
Total amount paid to member for expense allowance	\$3,340.96

<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	\$10,708.25
Suburb in which the member's parliamentary accommodation is located	East Melbourne

<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
Total number of nights for international travel allowance claims			0
Total amount paid to member for international travel allowance			\$0.00
See attached travel report for further details			

# TURKIYE AND GALLIPOLI ANZAC DELEGATION 2024

17 April 2024 – 27 April 2024

Parliamentary Travel Report

Emma Kealy MP, Member for Lowan

## Purpose

The purpose of this Parliamentary trip to Türkiye was to:

- Represent my local communities at ANZAC commemoration services.
- Experience the harsh landscape of the Gallipoli peninsula to gain a better understanding of the Gallipoli landings and subsequent battles of the Gallipoli campaign.
- Pay my respects to the fallen soldiers from the Lowan electorate laid to rest in Gallipoli war cemeteries.
- Foster the strong Türkiye-Australian relationship and identify opportunities for future growth and development of trade and business growth of mutual benefit.

Türkiye and Australia share a unique bond, which originated in the shared experience of the horrors of war on the battlefields of Çanakkale (Gallipoli).

This year marks the 109<sup>th</sup> 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 for Australia, New Zealand and Türkiye.

I am a firm believer that we must honour the service and sacrifice of Australians that have represented our country and fought for the rights, freedoms, democracy and peaceful lifestyle that we enjoy in Australia today.

As a community leader, I am proud to have paid my respects at all known war graves of soldiers from the Lowan electorate that were accessible.

I thank the Hon. Tim Bull MP for his effort to identify all known soldiers from the Lowan electorate, and the RSLs across the Lowan electorate who provided poppies, provided additional information about soldiers from the local area that were involved in Gallipoli campaign. I would also like to acknowledge RSLs and communities across the Lowan electorate the continue the tradition of ANZAC

Day commemorative services to ensure that not only we remember them, but to ensure that we will never forget.

## **Gallipoli War Cemeteries**

There are many men from the Lowan electorate who have marked graves. It was an honour to visit the graves, lay a poppy and pay my respects to the following local men, who made the ultimate sacrifice in the Gallipoli campaign:

### **Shell Green Cemetery**

- William Coles, 917, 10th Battalion, of Stawell, grave II.I.4, age 28, died September 18, 1915
- Albert Muller, 448, 4th Battalion, of Nhill, grave I.B.25, age unknown, died August 2, 1915

### **Shrapnel Valley Cemetery**

- James Aitken, 2105, 5th Battalion, of Chatsworth, grave II.A.58, age unknown, died August 8, 1915
- Sid Cowell, 578, 6th Battalion, of Apsley, grave II.A.1, age 28, died August 15, 1915
- Cyril Butters, 518, 8th Battalion, of Stawell, grave II.B.39, age unknown, died August 24, 1915
- Robert Bruce, 1865, 7th Battalion, of Warracknabeal, grave II.B.43, age 26, died September 1, 1915
- Charles D'Alton, 769, 8th Battalion, of Nhill, grave II.A.60, age 24, died August 6, 1915
- Albert Heard, 1685A, 21st Battalion, of Horsham, grave II.D.33, age unknown, died September 17, 1915
- Leslie McConechy, 1328, 8th Battalion, of Harrow, grave II.A.33, age 38, died August 7, 1915
- Ernie Nicklen, 1998, 5th Battalion, of Coleraine, grave II.A.50, age 25, died August 7, 1915
- Athol McPherson, 352, 5th Bn, of Nangeela and Horsham, grave II.B.13, age 34, died August 19, 1915
- Alex McLeod, 1709, 7th Battalion, of Merino, grave II.A.3, age 19, died August 16, 1915
- James McKinnon, 2209, 6th Battalion, of Mumbannar, grave II.A.20, age xx, died August 7, 1915
- Robert McIntyre, 586, 8th Battalion, of Horsham, grave II.A.12, age 22, died August 7, 1915
- Edgar Simmons, 1229, 8th Battalion, of Lubeck, grave II.A.35, age 20, died August 6, 1915
- Ralph Sayers, 1108, 14th Battalion, of Horsham, grave IV.A.1, age 38, died May 19, 1915
- Lindsay Wallis, 614, 8th Battalion, of Horsham, grave II.A.37, age 19, died August 6, 1915

#### Beach Cemetery, ANZAC Cove

- Alf Glasson, 8th Battalion, of Minyip, grave II.I.9, age 31, died August 8, 1915
- Henry McDonald, 15, 7th Battalion, of Branhholme, grave II.A.3, age 21, died June 24, 1915

#### Ari Burnu Cemetery

- Edward Henty, 8th Light Horse, of Hamilton, grave A.14, age 27, died August 7, 1915
- Alex Barber, 343, 8th Light Horse, of Laen, grave C.5, age 24, died on June 22, 1915
- Eoin Smith, 666, 8th Light Horse, of Grassdale, grave D.6, age 24, died on June 27, 1915

#### Hill 10 Cemetery

- Herbert Peters, 8th LH, of Glenorchy. Grave I. I. 18 – one of two Aussies in this Cemetery.

#### Courtney's and Steel's Post Cemetery

- Clarry Dodds, 14th Battalion, of Penshurst. Special Memorial 23, aged 25, died April 30, 1915.

#### Embarkation Pier Cemetery

- James McIntyre, 1929, 16th Bn, of Casterton, Special Memorial C.52, aged 30, died Aug 29, 1915

#### Redoubt Cemetery, Helles

- John Starick 2064, 6th Battalion, of Dimboola, grave 1.B.9, age 21, died May 8, 1915

#### Walker's Ridge Cemetery

- Cyril Layh, 1065, 2nd Div. Signals, of Horsham, Special Memorial 13, age 23, died on October 6, 1915

#### No.2 Outpost Cemetery

- Reg Bond, 340, 7th Battalion, of Lillimur, Special Memorial 4, age 22, died April 25 – May 2, 1915

#### Hill 60 Cemetery

- Thomas Dickinson, 403, 9th Light Horse, of Nhill, Special Memorial 23, age 26, died August 28, 1915

At each war grave I laid a poppy provided by local RSL Clubs as a tribute to recognise the service and sacrifice of these brave men for our country.

Unfortunately, due to preparations in place for the Lone Pine Service on ANZAC Day, I was unable to pay my respects to visit the graves at Johnson's Jolly Cemetery and Lone Pine Cemetery:

#### Johnson's Jolly Cemetery

- Charlie Curry, 7th Battalion, 1125, of Casterton. Special Memorial 21

#### Lone Pine Cemetery

- Patrick Lynch, 910, 24th Battalion, of Murtoa, grave I.B.20, age 22, died September 20, 1915
- Arthur Hughes, 427, 24th Battalion, of Dimboola, grave I.C.9, age 23, died November 19, 1915

### **Gallipoli**

At Çanakkale, 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.

In addition to the Turkish commemoration, the Delegation also attended the ANZAC Day Gallipoli Dawn Service at ANZAC Cove, the Lone Pine Australian Service at Lone Pine Cemetery, and the New Zealand National Service at Chunuk Bair.

Other highlights of the trip were undoubtedly walking the sacred ground of the battle sites, in particular the cemeteries which in many cases, are located on battle grounds (e.g. Lone Pine and The Nek).

We were also in possession of Lone Pine seeds that were the descendants of the original Lone Pine.

These were provided by the Friends of Gallipoli and, to the best of anyone's knowledge, are the first descendent seeds to come back to Gallipoli from Australia.

We presented these seeds to the Mayor of Gallipoli, and our guide and caretaker of Australian war cemeteries in Türkiye, who escorted us around the battlegrounds and graves.

### **Official Meetings**

The Delegation visited the major cultural and historical sites of Istanbul which included the Dolmabahçe Palace, Sultan Ahmet Mosque, Ayasofya Mosque,

Basilicia Cistern, Topkapı Palace and the Bosphorus, as well as the historical ruins of Troya - places of immense historical and cultural significance for Türkiye.

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 Türkiye. He noted the opportunities that direct flights between Melbourne and Istanbul presented for business, trade and tourism. It was of particular interest to learn more about the large agricultural sector and opportunities for growth and development of international trade.

In Ankara, the Delegation had the 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 led the Turkish forces at Gallipoli was the founder of the Republic of Türkiye, serving as its first President from 1923 until his death in 1938.

After the Gallipoli campaign, Atatürk famously said:

*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.*

Ankara also afforded the opportunity to join the Australian Ambassador, Mr Miles Armitage, from the Embassy of Australia in Ankara, and Parliamentarians of the Türkiye Australia friends group from the Turkish Grand Assembly.

The following day, Delegation members visited the Turkish Grand National Assembly (Turkish Parliament), which has 600 members and is located 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 also attended the Turkish Parliament General Assembly Special Session for the Anniversary of Foundation of the Parliament and a guided tour. 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.

Our final meeting at the Turkish Parliament was with HE Bekir Bozdağ, Deputy Speaker of the Turkish Parliament. We discussed opportunities to foster the relationship between Türkiye and Australia, including expansion of Turkish Airlines flights between our countries.

### **Conclusion**

It is notable that from the fierce conflict between Australian and Turkish forces over the Gallipoli campaign, the relationship between our countries has now evolved to one of friendship and growing economic ties.

It was a great honour to walk the battlegrounds of the Gallipoli campaign, and to represent my local communities to lay a poppy and pay my respects at the graves of fallen local men.

To see firsthand the challenges of the landscape that the failed landing presented to young men in a strange land, who landed in the wrong location with known incredible risk ahead, was a humbling experience.

It is the courage of these brave Australian men that we will always remember.

Lest We Forget

## Itinerary

Wednesday 17 April	Depart Melbourne
Thursday 18 April	Arrive Istanbul
Saturday 20 April	Meeting with Council of Foreign Economic Relations Turkiye and Australian Business Council
Monday 22 April	Commercial flight to Ankara  Wreath laying ceremony at the Mausoleum of Atatürk  Meeting with Australian Ambassador to Turkiye, Mr Miles Armitage, and parliamentary members of the Turkiye-Australia Interparliamentary Friendship Group
Tuesday 23 April	Meeting with parliamentary members of the Turkiye- Australia Interparliamentary Friendship Group, and Australian Ambassador to Turkiye, Mr Miles Armitage  Attendance at the Turkish Grand National Assembly (Turkish Parliament) Special Session for the Anniversary of Foundation  Meeting with HE Bekir Bozdag, Deputy Speaker of the TGNA (Turkish Parliament) and parliamentary members of the Turkiye-Australia Interparliamentary Friendship Group  Commercial flight to Canakkale
Wednesday 24 April	Attend the ceremony for the 109th Anniversary of the Land Wars of Canakkale  Gallipoli battleground guided tour  Honoured the graves of fallen soldiers from Lowan at Gallipoli war cemeteries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shell Green Cemetery</li><li>• Shrapnel Valley Cemetery</li><li>• Beach Cemetery</li><li>• Ari Burnu Cemetery</li><li>• Hill 10 Cemetery</li></ul>



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- Embarkation Pier Cemetery
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Thursday 25 April	Attend ANZAC Day Gallipoli Dawn Service, ANZAC Cove
	Attend Lone Pine Australian Service, Lone Pine (Australia) Cemetery
	Attend The New Zealand National Service, Chunuk Bair (New Zealand) Cemetery
Friday 26 April	Bus to Istanbul
	Depart Istanbul
Saturday 27 April	Arrive Melbourne

### **Accommodation**

Accommodation in Istanbul 18 - 22 April, \$1,699.42

Accommodation in Ankara 22 – 23 April, A\$206.37

Accommodation in Canakkale 23 – 26 April, A\$706.94

### **Commercial Transport**

Internal flight Istanbul to Ankara, 22 April

Internal flight Ankara to Canakkale, 23 April

Total for both internal flights A\$172.28 (TRY3473.58)

## Gallipoli Dawn Service



## Gallipoli Lone Pine (Australian) Service



## War Cemeteries





## Turkish Parliament – Special Session

