



**AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY
ANKARA**

Dear Tour Operators,

You are invited to attend a briefing on **18 April 2017 at 10:00am** to be held at TÜRSAB, Istanbul where you will receive an update on the new program.

The Anzac Day Dawn Service at Gallipoli remains one of Australia's most significant commemorative events each year, and plans are well underway for the service to be held in 2017. Our commitment to maintaining a very close and productive working relationship with the Turkish Government in providing a solemn and dignified Dawn Service at Gallipoli will continue.

There have been some changes to the Services for 2017 including a change in the opening time at the Anzac commemorative site, the re-establishment of a mid-morning service at Lone Pine on the morning of the 25th of April and the requirement for all attendees to register and receive an attendance pass. Attendance passes are available by registering at <https://overseascommemorations.ticketek.com.au>.

At time of writing this letter, there are not any known security concerns that will prevent the Services on 25 April 2017 from being held. The DVA relies on the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for their expert opinion with regards to the security situation in Turkey and you should direct your customers to visit the Smart Traveller website so they may make their own informed decision (<http://smartraveller.gov.au>).

Information about the commemorations will be routinely updated on the DVA's website www.dva.gov.au and I invite you to access this site in the first instance for updated information about the services.

Yours Sincerely,



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