



Media Release

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CHOIR CHOSEN TO SING AT GALLIPOLI IN 2011

Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Warren Snowdon, today announced that a national choral organisation which has a strong community focus has been chosen to sing at this year's Anzac Day commemorations in Gallipoli.

Mr Snowdon said *Sing Australia* would take a group of up to 35 people to Turkey for the April 25th services following a process which sought interest from community choral groups across the country.

"*Sing Australia* has encouraged and trained Australians to sing for more than 25 years, and now has 60 groups across the country. The organisation has a great deal of experience singing in front of large crowds on days such as Australia Day and has supported Anzac Day commemorations at Gallipoli for the past six years.

"*Sing Australia's* involvement in the services will help to reflect the solemnity of the commemorations. The group will perform hymns, national anthems and period music at the Anzac Day Dawn Service and Australian Service at Lone Pine.

"The choir will be complemented by musicians from the Australian and New Zealand Defence Forces, and has become an integral part of the experience at Gallipoli," Mr Snowdon said.

An expression of interest process will be conducted later this year for choral services at Gallipoli for 2012–16.

For those interested in attending Anzac Day this year, information is available at www.dva.gov.au/gallipoli including:

- an opportunity for individuals to register their interest to receive helpful information and updates;
- useful guides including a 2010 Commemorative services booklet with details of services; and
- a *How To Prepare for Anzac Day* information sheet.

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