



# Media Release

Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson  
Minister for Veterans' Affairs  
Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC  
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## NEW BOARD TO OVERSEE ANZAC CENTENARY PUBLIC FUND

Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC, Senator the Hon. Michael Ronaldson, today announced the appointment of a new five member Board to oversee the operation of the Anzac Centenary Public Fund.

Senator Ronaldson said the role of the Board would be to assess projects and make recommendations to the Government for project funding from the Anzac Centenary Public Fund.

"Today I am delighted to announce the appointment of Gary Humphries as Chair of the Anzac Centenary Public Fund Board and the Hon Con Sciacca AO as Deputy Chair. Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston, AC, AFC (Ret'd), David Tune, Secretary of Finance and Simon Lewis, Secretary of Veterans' Affairs will also serve as members of the Board," Senator Ronaldson said.

"Gary Humphries is a former senator and Chief Minister of the Australian Capital Territory. He brings enormous experience to this role."

"The Hon Con Sciacca is a former Minister for Veterans' Affairs who was responsible for delivering the highly-successful Australia Remembers programme in 1995 to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

"I want to thank Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston (Ret'd) and the Anzac Centenary Advisory Board for their work to date advising government about the Centenary of Anzac programme. I am pleased the Air Chief Marshal Houston (Ret'd) has accepted my invitation to serve in this new capacity."

"The Anzac Centenary Advisory Board's work is now complete and I will be writing to every outgoing Board member to personally thank them for their contribution, time, ideas and effort in ensuring Australia is well set up to commemorate the Centenary."

Senator Ronaldson again thanked Lindsay Fox AC for his work raising funds for the Anzac Centenary Public Fund.

"The Australian Government again thanks Lindsay Fox for his work to raise funds from corporate Australia to support the Centenary of Anzac. Funds raised through the Fund will support the Centenary of Anzac Travelling Exhibition and major commemorative projects in each of the States and territories.

"I look forward to working with the Board to deliver the Government's programme for the Centenary of Anzac," Senator Ronaldson said.

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