



## Aussies Abroad

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## Media Release

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### Australians to commemorate ANZACs

Aussies Abroad will host the ANZAC Sunset Service to commemorate ANZAC Day. ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, whose soldiers were known as ANZACs. The Remembrance Day service is held annually on the 25<sup>th</sup> April to mark the anniversary of those Australian, New Zealand and Turkish men and women who fought and died in war and to reflect on the many different meanings of war. This year the Sunset service commences at sunset (6.30pm). It includes the Commemoration Service and Wreath Laying ceremony.

This year the Australian, New Zealand and Turkish Ambassadors will join Aussie Abroad members and friends to share in the spirit of ANZAC and honour all who served and died for their nation in the ANZAC tradition.

The service will be held at The Club (British), Meena Sadiyat and will be followed by an Australian and New Zealand barbeque. Tickets are available from The Club, Australian Embassy or Aussies Abroad Committee members, and will not be sold on the day.

President of Aussies Abroad Mohanned Hourani, said "Commemorating the ANZACs is an important annual event for all Australian, New Zealand and Turkish nationals. We gather together to honour and acknowledge those who fought for and died for their country."

"The Aussies Abroad Sunset Service was inaugurated several years ago in response to the problems some members had with attending the traditional dawn service held by the Australian Embassy, as it was often a regular work day in the UAE", he said. "They wanted to pay their respects and acknowledge the day."

He went on to say, "Last year we had well over 200 people attend as well as the Australian Governor General. We are expecting more this year."

As well as the Sunset Service the Australian Embassy will again host a Dawn Service and interested attendees should contact the Embassy direct several days prior to the day to register their interest in attending. For the Aussies Abroad Sunset Service more detailed information is available on the Aussies Abroad website, at the Club or the Australian Embassy.

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## **ANZAC Day**

Link to Australian Government website re the event: <http://www.anzacsite.gov.au/>

## **About Aussies Abroad**

Aussies Abroad, a not-for-profit Abu Dhabi-based community organisation committed to the promotion of Australian culture in the UAE. Initiated some five years ago Aussies Abroad has a strong member and network base and works closely with other Australian groups such as the Abu Dhabi based Australian Business Group (AusBG).

It aims to provide its members and their friends with social and recreational opportunities to forge and strengthen bonds within the community and to enhance interaction within the culturally diversified UAE community.

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