



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR INALA**

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## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

### **Anzac Day**

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (10.03 am): On Anzac Day this year Queensland paused to commemorate the centenary of the landings at Gallipoli. In the lead-up to this special day, we saw local communities across Queensland enthusiastically embrace the event, with 140 events and projects proudly supported by the Queensland Anzac Centenary grants program. This program is part of the state's \$49.3 million commitment to the Anzac Centenary commemorations through to 2018.

On Tuesday, 21 April, along with the Minister for Education, we proudly farewelled 70 students and their chaperones as they departed overseas to represent Queensland as part of the Premier's Anzac Prize. They embarked on a two-week journey through Gallipoli and the First World War battlefields of the Western Front. On Thursday the minister and I will attend an event welcoming them home, and I look forward to hearing about their experiences, which will create a lifetime of memories.

On Thursday, 23 April I addressed thousands of Queensland primary students at Anzac Square. They placed wreaths at the eternal flame, committing to never forget the service and sacrifice of the men and women of our Australian Defence Forces. I also witnessed record crowds in attendance at the Anzac Day dawn services and parades in Brisbane. It was an extraordinary level of participation mirrored right across Queensland. I wish to congratulate all involved in delivering a safe and memorable Anzac Day. It is the tireless work and commitment of event committees and volunteers that will ensure the legacy of over a century of service continues to strengthen each year.

Anzac Day 2015 was a significant milestone in our Anzac Centenary commemoration program. I am pleased to announce today that we have now opened round 3 of the Queensland Anzac Centenary grants program. Funding will be available for projects that encourage community participation and engagement. In particular, round 3 will give priority to projects focused on community research, which expand our knowledge of activities on the home front. This round of grants is open until 9 June and more information can be found on our Anzac 100 website. I encourage people to apply for this round of grants.