

Overseas memorials and interpretive centre upgrades – Lemnos, Greece

This initiative provides \$4.9 million over two years for the creation of the Lemnos Remembrance Trail in Greece and the Lemnos digital trail website to commemorate the service and sacrifice of Australian personnel, in particular nurses and medical personnel who served there during the First World War.

Why is this important?

The Australian Government is committed to recognising the service and sacrifice of the more than two million Australians who have served the nation through the construction and maintenance of official overseas memorials and interpretive centres at key international sites of historical significance to Australia.

Lemnos was the final departure point for the Australian landings at Gallipoli. It served as an important rest camp for an estimated 5,000 to 7,000 Australian troops and as a major hospital base. Between August and November 1915, close to 100,000 sick and wounded arrived in Lemnos to be treated or evacuated to hospitals in Egypt, Malta and England.

Who will benefit?

Australians and international guests who visit the site on the island of Lemnos or the website.

The family members and descendants of First World War veterans, as well as veterans and currently serving health support personnel.

Date of effect?

25 October 2022.

How much will this cost?

\$4.9 million over two years.