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Anzac commemorative naming project

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Summary***

The centenary of the Anzac landing at Gallipoli, Turkey, will be marked on 25 April 2015. The geographic naming project was established in Victoria to commemorate all men and women who have given operational service in the Australian and New Zealand Defence Forces. The project is jointly managed by the Office of Geographic Names (Department of Sustainability and Environment), the Victoria Road Corporation (VicRoads) and the Veterans Unit (Department of Planning and Community Development) and has received an official letter of endorsement from Ted Baillieu MLA, Premier of Victoria, as part of the state's submission to the National Commission on the Commemoration of the Anzac Centenary, and support from the Anzac Centenary Advisory Board, headed by Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston.

The project has three phases — scoping, research and implementation. It commenced in September 2010 and is expected to run until late 2015. Between October 2010 and December 2011, a pilot project with the invaluable assistance of five municipal councils in Victoria, was undertaken. Historical research was guided by a geographic place names advisory committee, which developed a long-term plan for the Anzac commemorative naming project to be rolled out across Victoria. The long-term process envisions Anzac commemorative naming proposals being developed by municipal councils with the assistance of local interest groups and

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schools. Final proposals will be considered for registration by the advisory committee and the Registrar of Geographic Names.

The five councils that assisted with the pilot project were the City of Ballarat, Melton Shire Council, South Gippsland Shire Council, Hindmarsh Shire Council and the City of Greater Geelong. The councils developed a compendium of commemorative names for roads, features and infrastructure according to their different planning needs. The experience of the pilot councils varied according to how much time and how many resources were available. The report was prepared to document the experiences and inform future stages of the project.
