



# Welcome to Canberra—

## *Beautiful Autumn in the City*

Hi Everyone

Welcome to April's Canberra Newsletter. We have been very busy with all of the DIAC changes and hope to have positive news soon regarding processing times for your sponsored application. Julianne is busily preparing for her trip to South Africa in early May to talk to current and potential sponsored clients. If you would like to meet up with her when she is there, get in touch at [businessmigration@act.gov.au](mailto:businessmigration@act.gov.au). A formal invitation will be sent soon with dates and times.

April is the month that Australians celebrate ANZAC Day. On 25 April every year, Australians commemorate the landing of Australian and New Zealand troops at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915. The day was officially named ANZAC Day in 1916. ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. On this day every year we recognise the huge sacrifice our soldiers made for their country and we remember the lives of all Australians lost in wars throughout our history. ANZAC Day is traditionally a sombre affair for the formal proceedings held at war memorials across the country; however it is also the day for true Australian larrikinism. ANZAC Day is the only time that we can indulge in an ANZAC tradition of a game called Two Up. The game is basically played with 3 coins. The coins are tossed in the air and bets are made on how they will fall – heads or tails. Australian soldiers would play the game during times of cease fire in World War I as a way to relieve the tension and pressure of the war.

World War I ANZAC troops were affectionately known as Diggers, a term that is still used today. The term referred to the troops digging kilometres of trenches. The trenches in Gallipoli were lived in during the fighting period and the diggers suffered such things as, poor food, poor sanitary conditions, typhoid, lice and lack of fresh water. Thousands of Australian troops either lost their lives or were wounded during the eight months of fighting and stalemate at Gallipoli.

ANZAC Day is a time for all Australians to acknowledge the courage, endurance and sacrifice of our Australian Defence Force, that is quintessentially Australian.

The Australian War Memorial (located in Canberra) holds a dawn service, followed by a formal ceremony later in the morning. General public can attend these events and details for the day can be found at [www.awm.gov.au](http://www.awm.gov.au).

**Jenny**

## What's Happening

- **Canberra and Region Heritage Festival** Discover more about our natural, built and Aboriginal heritage. From bygone eras to contemporary times, our eclectic program is sure to intrigue and delight residents and visitors alike.
- **National Carillon 40th Anniversary** Celebrate 40 years of the National Carillon with a month of activities including free tours of the instrument and a family open day.
- **Emerging Elders** honouring senior Indigenous artists at the National Gallery of Australia, Canberra
- **Bundanoon is Brigadoon** 33rd Annual Highland Gathering. Saturday 17 April 2010 Bundanoon, Southern Highlands, NSW, Australia

### QUICK LINKS

- [ACT Skilled Migration Program](#) ↗
- [Visit Canberra](#) ↗
- [Live In Canberra](#) ↗
- [Arts Around Canberra](#) ↗
- [Map of Canberra](#) ↗
- [Events in the ACT](#) ↗
- [Canberra Kids](#) ↗

### SETTLEMENT SERVICES

The ACT Government offers a range of free settlement services to help new migrants move to Canberra. These include:

- a dedicated 'Welcome to Canberra' team member who will be in contact with you throughout the whole process;
- a meet and greet service on arrival;
- a two-hour guided tour of Canberra; and
- accommodation assistance and employment support.

For further information contact Jenny at: [welcometocanberra@act.gov.au](mailto:welcometocanberra@act.gov.au)

### THE MIGRATION TEAM



Top row: Jenny and Michelle

Bottom row: Julianne, Jeannine and Pat

## HOT SPOT

### NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA

- For Australian and Canberra history.

For more information click: [here](#) ↗

