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**Dawn Service marks ANZAC Day in Brunei Darussalam**

**Bandar Seri Begawan, 25 April 2026** – The Australian High Commission in Brunei Darussalam held a dawn service to commemorate ANZAC Day at the Brunei-Australia Memorial at Muara Beach on 25 April 2026, honouring the service of Australians and New Zealanders in wars, conflicts, peacekeeping and humanitarian operations.

The Australian High Commission was honoured by the presence of Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Minister of Defence II the Honourable Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Retired) Dato Paduka Seri Awang Haji Halbi bin Haji Mohd Yussof, senior member of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces, members of the diplomatic community, military officials and Australians and New Zealanders in Brunei Darussalam.

In his address, Australian High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam, His Excellency Mr Michael Hoy, reflected on the enduring values of service, sacrifice and cooperation that underpin ANZAC Day.

“On ANZAC Day it is heartening to see so many nations gathered together to remember our past and commit to building a safer world where we can prosper side by side,” High Commissioner Hoy said. “In uncertain times, the values that bind us are far greater than our differences, and we should choose cooperation over competition.”

Flight Lieutenant Abdul Kader, Islamic Chaplain for the Royal Australian Air Force, led prayers at the service.

The Australian High Commission extends its appreciation for ceremonial support from the Gurkha Security Unit, Ministry of Defence, and British Forces Brunei.

ANZAC (Australian and New Zealand Army Corps) Day commemorates the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces, in the First World War Gallipoli Campaign in 1915.

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