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**Dawn service marks ANZAC Day in Brunei Darussalam
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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 2025, 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 members 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 H.E. Michael Hoy said this ANZAC Day Service had “special meaning in 80th anniversary year of Operation Oboe, which saw Australian soldiers land on Muara Beach on 10 June 1945. The Australians then worked with Bruneians, US and other Allies to liberate Brunei Darussalam and the rest of Borneo. Among them were the 114 Australians who made the ultimate sacrifice.”

“In the same spirit of reconciliation that brought Australia and Türkiye together after the First World War, today Australia, Japan and Brunei Darussalam are united in our determination to never see our region at war again,” High Commissioner Hoy said.

Air Commodore Michael Durant of the Royal Australian Air Force attended on behalf of the Australian Defence Force. 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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