



PRIME MINISTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

**RONA TRANBY TRUST
AUSTRALIAN LIGHT HORSE CENTENARY PROJECT**

I pay tribute to everyone travelling to Beersheba to take part in commemorations for Indigenous Light Horsemen who served in WWI.

This is, first and foremost, a pilgrimage to honour the contributions of your ancestors and to affirm that their bravery and sacrifice will never be forgotten.

It is also a pilgrimage to further our understanding of the contributions made by Indigenous Australians to the security of our nation.

As you gratefully recall the courage and resilience of those who fought a hundred years ago, all Australians join you in saying thank you for their sacrifice.

The battlefields at Beersheba may be distant, but the deeds committed there remain close to the heart of our nation.

I hope that all of you find much pride and peace in this pilgrimage of honour.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Malcolm Turnbull'.

The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP
Prime Minister of Australia

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