

REPORT TO PARLIAMENT



PREMIER'S ANZAC PRIZE, VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND OTHER BUSINESS 20-30 APRIL 2023

**BART MELLISH MP
ASSISTANT MINISTER TO THE PREMIER FOR VETERANS'
AFFAIRS AND THE PUBLIC SECTOR**

1. OFFICIAL PARTY

BART MELLISH MP Assistant Minister to the Premier for Veterans' Affairs and the Public Sector

At Premier's Anzac Prize engagements, other attendees included two teacher chaperones and eight recipients.

CHAPERONES Alison Marsh – Marsden State High School
Alexandra Cashin – Saint Mary's Catholic College

STUDENTS Anastasia Maher – Emerald State High School
Claire Gattera – St Monica's College
Dashiell Solomon – Ambrose Treacy College
Hilman Pranowo – Pimlico State High School
Nooria Ahmadi – Forest Lakes State High School
Sarah Ellis – St Joseph's College
Thomas Eccleston – Ambrose Treacy College
Tom Filipich - Pimlico State High School

At London engagements, Trade and Investment Queensland officials provided briefing materials and support.

ATTENDEES Dave Stewart, Commissioner, Europe
Warren Bartlett, Deputy Commissioner, Europe
TIQ Europe Team

2. PROGRAM

Thursday 20 April 2023

6:30pm	Parliament rises
10:40pm	Depart Brisbane to Doha on Qatar Flight QR0899

Friday 21 April 2023

6:15am	Arrive Doha
7:55am	Depart Doha to France on Qatar on QR0039
1:55pm	Arrive Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport
3:00pm	Depart for hotel via Airport shuttle
3:10pm	Arrive at hotel
Overnight	Sheraton Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport

Saturday 22 April with Anzac Prize group

9:30am	Check out and pick up Avis Hire Car Depart for Langemark Cemetery Drive time: 2hrs 45min
1:00pm	Arrive Langemark Cemetery Klerkenstraat 86a, 8920 Langemark-Poelkapelle, Belgium Onsite Parking
2:00pm	Visit German Cemetery Visit Canadian Cemetery
5:00pm	Depart for Cobber's Night Drive time: 45min
6:00pm	Arrive Cobber's Night in Fleurbaix
7:00pm	Ceremony and dinner with Cobber's Night organisers
9:30pm	Depart for hotel
Overnight	Novotel Ieper Centrum Flanders Fields

Sunday 23 April with Anzac Prize group

8:00am	Check out of hotel, depart for Albion Hotel
8:30am	Arrive Albion Hotel
8:30am	Depart for Messines Battlefield via hire car
10:00am	Arrive Bullecourt Battlefield Rue des 62128, 10 Rue des Australiens, 62128 Bullecourt, France Tour of Bullecourt Battlefield Commemoration at Australian Digger Statue Commemoration at Slouch Hat Memorial
1:00pm	Depart for Pozieres Town Drive time: 40min
1:30pm	Arrive Pozieres Town Commemoration at 1 st Australian Division Memorial
4:30pm	Depart for Amiens Drive time: 40min
6:30pm	Dinner with tour group at a local restaurant

8:00pm	Evening Debrief
Overnight	Ibis Style Amiens Amiens Centre

Monday 24 April 2023

8:30am	Depart for Somme Battlefields
8:45am	Commence tour of the Somme Battlefields Visit to Adelaide Cemetery - 119 Rue d'Amiens, 80380 Villers-Bretonneux, France Visit to Victoria School - 9 Rue Victoria, 80800 Villers-Bretonneux, France 196 Rue d'Amour, 80650 Vignacourt, France Meeting with Franco Australian Museum representatives
11:30am	Depart for Naours Café
12:00pm	Lunch with Anzac Prize group at Naours café
1:00pm	Underground Tunnel Tour
5:00pm	Depart for Amiens
5:25pm	Arrive Ibis Style Amiens Amiens Centre
6:30pm	Dinner with Anzac Prize group at hotel
7:45pm	Evening Debrief
Overnight	Ibis Style Amiens Amiens Centre

Tuesday 25 April 2023

2:00am	Meet Anzac Prize Group in hotel foyer, depart for Villers-Bretonneux
4:00am	Represent Queensland Government at Anzac Day Service, Australian National Memorial <i>04:00AM: Pre-service program commences</i> <i>05:30AM: Official program commences</i> <i>05:30AM: Dawn service commences</i> Represent Premier at Australian National Memorial Service
8:00am	Depart for Amiens
8:30am	Arrive Ibis Style Amiens Amiens Centre
12:00pm	Late checkout, depart for Paris

3:00pm	Drop off car hire
3:30pm	Walk to hotel
4:40pm	Arrive, check in OKKO Hotels Paris Gare de l'Est
Overnight	OKKO Hotels Paris Gare de l'Est

Wednesday 26 April 2023

8:20am	Check out, walk to Paris Gare du Nord
9:13am	Depart Paris Gare Du Nord on Eurostar
10:30am	Arrive St Pancras International, London Taxi to Strand
10:50am	Arrive Strand, check in
11:50am	Walk to Queensland House
12:00pm	Meeting and Marketing Briefing with Agent-General and Deputy Commissioner
1:30pm	Walk to Strand
Overnight	Strand

Thursday 27 April 2023

8:30am	Walk to the Londoner Hotel
8:45am	Meeting with TIQ representative
9:15am	Attend TechnologyOne Showcase
1:00pm	Walk to hotel
5:50pm	Walk to Australian High Commission
6:00pm	Meeting with Australian High Commission representative
6:30pm	Anzac Reception, Australia House
8:30pm	Depart for hotel
Overnight	Strand

Friday 28 April 2023

2:30pm	Travel to Australian War Memorial with Trade Commissioner
3:30pm	Attend Legacy Torch Relay Ceremony at Australian War Memorial
4:30pm	Torch Relay Ceremony Reception at Cavalry & Guards Club, London
6:30pm	Depart for hotel
Overnight	Strand

Saturday 29 April 2023

6:00am	Check out, taxi to Heathrow Airport, check in to flight
9:00am	Depart London for Doha on Qatar Flight QR0010
5:45pm	Arrive Doha International Airport
8:25pm	Depart Doha for Brisbane on Qatar Flight QR0898

Sunday 30 April 2023

5:30pm	Arrive Brisbane International Airport
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EVENT SUMMARIES

Saturday 22nd April 2023

Event	Langemark Cemetery -Visit German Cemetery -Visit Canadian Memorial -Cobber's Night Ceremony and dinner	
Time	1:00pm – 9:30pm	
Venue:	Klerkenstraat 86a, 8920 Langemark-Poelkapelle, Belgium Onsite Parking	
Attendees:		
Assistant Minister Bart Mellish	Assistant Minister to the Premier for Veterans' Affairs and the Public Sector	
Prize Winner's and chaperones	See page 2	
<p><u>Event Summary</u></p> <p>I visited the German war cemetery of Langemark (formerly spelt 'Langemarck') in Langemark-Poelkapelle, a municipality in the province of West Flanders, Belgium. Langemark cemetery is one of only four First World War German cemeteries in the Flanders region and it is the final resting place of around 44,00 German soldiers who died during the First World War.</p> <p>The war cemetery was established in the early 1920s by the German government, which sought to honour its fallen soldiers and create a site for national remembrance. The cemetery is divided into several sections including mass graves, individual graves, and a section for Jewish soldiers.</p> <p>One of the most striking features of the cemetery is the Comrades' Grave, a mass grave containing the remains of over 24,000 soldiers, many of whom were buried alive by a British gas attack in 1915.</p> <p>The Canadian Memorial at Langemark is a memorial site located in Langemark-Poelkapelle, Belgium and it is dedicated to the memory of Canadian soldiers who fought in the First World War and lost their lives in the battles around Langemark.</p> <p>The memorial is situated on a small hill overlooking the German war cemetery, which is just a short distance away and the memorial consists of a large granite block with a bronze plaque, which bears the inscription 'Here at the scene of their early victories, Canadians fought in the First World War 1914–1918'.</p> <p>The memorial was unveiled on April 22, 2015, to mark the 100th anniversary of the first gas attack at Ypres, which took place near Langemark.</p> <p>The evening, I attending the annual Cobber's Night event in Fleurbaix, France. Residents of Fleurbaix assisted by local associations have created the Cobber's Night Event so that descendants of Australian soldiers can meet the local people of Fleurbaix who welcomed,</p>		

took care of them and thanked them for their courage throughout the war. I was picked up from the hotel and taken us across the border to this very special event.

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Sunday 23rd April 2023

Event	Tour of Bullecourt Battlefield Commemoration at Australian Digger Statue Commemoration at Slouch Hat Memorial Commemoration at 1 st Australian Division Memorial	
Time	8:30am – 4:30pm	
Venue:	Rue des 62128, 10 Rue des Australiens, 62128 Bullecourt, France 268 Rte d'Albert, 80300 Pozie`res , France	
Attendees:		
Assistant Minister Bart Mellish		Assistant Minister to the Premier for Veterans' Affairs and the Public Sector
Prize Winner's and chaperones		See page 2
<u>Event Summary</u>		
<p>I travelled to the battlefields of the Somme in France to visit and pay my respects to the battlefield of Messines, the scene of a huge Allied attack in 1917 that was heralded by the explosion of 19 massive mines. The next visit was to the location of the battlefield of Bullecourt, where Australia lost 10,000 men in two great battles in 1917. I paid my respects to them at the Slouch Hat memorial in the centre of town and the Australian Memorial Park on the site of the German front line.</p> <p>I then visited the village of Pozieres, the scene of the most costly battle in Australia's history, 23,000 men were killed or wounded in six weeks of fighting and we visited the scenes of their heroic sacrifice at the 1st Division Memorial and the Windmill. We walked the battlefield with our Historian, gaining a better understanding of the fighting that led to more Australian casualties than any other battle in our history.</p> <p>Visited numerous other important battlefields and memorials throughout the day on the way to Amiens</p>		

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Monday 24th April 2023

Event	Tour of Somme Battlefields Tour of Franco Museum Underground Tunnel Tour Museum Vignacourt Visit	
Time	8:30am – 5:00pm	
Venue:	Site 1: Adelaide Cemetery, 119 Rue d'Amiens, 80380 Villers-Bretonneux, France Site 2: Victoria School, 9 Rue Victoria, 80800 Villers-Bretonneux, France 196 Rue d'Amour, 80650 Vignacourt, France	
Attendees:		
Assistant Minister Bart Mellish	Assistant Minister to the Premier for Veterans' Affairs and the Public Sector	
Prize Winner's and chaperones	See page 2	
<u>Event Summary</u>		
<p>I toured the town of Villers Bretonneux and visited the Franco-Australian Museum and neighbouring remarkable Victoria School where I saw the sign that entreats the children of Villers-Bretonneux to 'Never Forget Australia'. Lunch at the town of Naours before visiting the underground tunnels where many Australian soldiers left their mark with graffiti. Their names have become a self-made memorial at a site that has been a local attraction since the 1800s.</p>		

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Tuesday 25th April 2023

Event	Anzac Day Dawn Service	
Time	2:00am – 11:00am	
Venue:	Rte de Villers Bretonneux, 80800 Fouilloy, France	
Attendees:		
Assistant Minister Bart Mellish	Assistant Minister to the Premier for Veterans' Affairs and the Public Sector	
Prize Winner's and chaperones	See page 2	
<u>Event Summary</u>		
<p>Attended the Anzac Day Dawn Service at the Australian National Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux, which bears the names of almost 11,000 Australians missing in France. The memorial is set in the middle of one of Australia's most famous battlefields of the war. We gathered here with many other Australians and dignitaries to pay our respects to our 45,000 countrymen who were killed during fighting on the Western Front.</p>		

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Wednesday 26th April 2023

Event	Meeting and Market Briefing with Agent General and Deputy Commissioner	
Time	12:00pm	
Venue:	Queensland House, Strand, London	
Attendees:		
	Assistant Minister Bart Mellish	Assistant Minister to the Premier for Veterans' Affairs and the Public Sector
<u>Event Summary</u>		
<p>The Agent-General provided insight to prevailing local market conditions in Europe, emphasising the significance of Brexit, the pending Australia – United Kingdom (UK) Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and ongoing Australia – EU FTA negotiations. I learned that European energy industry stakeholders continue to show strong interest in all aspects of Queensland’s energy transition agenda with major investment opportunities in renewable energy production and energy storage.</p>		

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Thursday 27th April 2023

Event	Meeting with TIQ Representatives	
Time	8:45am	
Venue:	The Londoner Hotel 38 Leicester Square, London	
Attendees:		
Assistant Minister Bart Mellish	Assistant Minister to the Premier for Veterans' Affairs and the Public Sector	
Dave Stewart Warren Bartlett TIQ Europe Team	Commissioner, Europe Deputy Commissioner, Europe	
<u>Event Summary</u>		
<p>Trade and Investment Queensland (TIQ) is the Queensland Government's dedicated global business agency, supporting Queensland exporters take their products to world and promoting Queensland as the right destination for investment. TIQ Europe's office, based in London, is responsible for a region that includes the UK, Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Israel.</p> <p>I met with the TIQ Europe team at their office in Queensland House in London and received a briefing on their current priorities at strategic and operational levels. I received an update on issues relevant to the current Queensland – UK bilateral relations including trade and investment priorities. These priorities include a focus on investment attraction and export development in agriculture and agricultural technology; mining equipment, technology, services, renewable energy, renewables; innovative and digital technologies; advanced manufacturing, international education and training.</p>		

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Thursday 27th April 2023

Event	Attend TechologyOne Showcase	
Time	9:15am	
Venue:	The Londoner Hotel 38 Leicester Square, London	
Attendees:		
Assistant Minister Bart Mellish	Assistant Minister to the Premier for Veterans' Affairs and the Public Sector	
Tim Moylan	Executive Vice President - Sales and Marketing at TechnologyOne	
<u>Event Summary</u>		
<p>I was accompanied by the TIQ Deputy Commissioner to the inaugural TechnologyOne Showcase event in central London. TechnologyOne hosted around 800 existing and prospective clients to showcase and launch their latest product innovations in the UK.</p> <p>TechnologyOne is a Brisbane based ASX listed Software as a Service (SAAS) enterprise provider. With over 120 staff in London, TechnologyOne UK specialises in two market segments: universities and local councils. The company has experienced significant growth in the UK and has recently relocated its national head office to a central London location to attract and retain staff.</p> <p>I met with Tim Moylan, EVP Sales at TechnologyOne, who provided an overview of the company and outlined significant growth plans for the UK market. With the introduction of new product innovation, TechnologyOne will continue to focus on target market segments ie universities and local councils in the UK.</p> <p>TechnologyOne currently supports several Queensland Government departments and local councils across the state. Tim offered to provide a more detailed briefing to Government stakeholders in Brisbane.</p>		

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Thursday 27th April 2023

Event	Meeting with Australian High Commissioner Representative	
Time	6:00pm	
Venue:	Australian High Commission Strand, London	
Attendees:		
Assistant Minister Bart Mellish	Assistant Minister to the Premier for Veterans' Affairs and the Public Sector	
Stephen Smith Elisabeth Bowes Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeanette Young AC PSM	Australian High Commissioner Deputy Australian High Commissioner Governor of Queensland	
<u>Event Summary</u>		
<p>I met with the Honourable Stephen Smith to congratulate him on his recent commencement as Australian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom.</p> <p>During the meeting I received information on their Majesties Coronation and a briefing on current Australia-UK bilateral relations and the ongoing impact of Brexit on the UK and Australia's economy, specifically for trade and investment and on Queenslanders living in the UK. The briefing also touched on the Australia-UK Free Trade Agreement and AUKUS – the trilateral security pact between Australia, the UK and the United States of America.</p>		

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Thursday 27th April 2023

Event	Anzac Reception	
Time	6:30pm	
Venue:	Australian High Commission Strand, London	
Attendees:		
Assistant Minister Bart Mellish	Assistant Minister to the Premier for Veterans' Affairs and the Public Sector	
<u>Event Summary</u>		
<p>I represented the Queensland Government and people of Queensland at the Australian and New Zealand Defence Advisors to the UK's annual ANZAC Day Reception hosted at Australia House.</p> <p>The reception honoured fallen Australian and New Zealand servicepeople who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in all war, conflicts, and peacekeeping missions in which Australia and Australians have served. I was able to honour and thank Australian Defence staff and civilian personnel serving in Australian Defence Staff section at the Australian High Commission and at military postings across the UK.</p>		

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Friday 28th April 2023

Event	Legacy Torch Relay Ceremony at the Australian War Memorial & Torch Relay Ceremony Reception	
Time	3:30pm	
Venue:	Hyde Park, London	
Attendees:		
	Assistant Minister Bart Mellish	Assistant Minister to the Premier for Veterans' Affairs and the Public Sector
<u>Event Summary</u>		
<p>I attended and supported the London Legacy Torch Relay leg of the wider the Legacy Centenary Torch Relay. There I was able to promote and support the work of Legacy Australia and legatees who care and support widows and children of servicepeople who lost their lives or were injured in conflict.</p>		