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ANZAC NOTES LAUNCHED AT KOKODA TRACK MEMORIAL WALKWAY

Minister for the Arts, George Souris, has today launched the ANZAC Notes project, in which renowned composer Elena Kats-Chernin has been commissioned to write musical scores to be performed as part of the NSW ANZAC commemoration project in 2015.

Mr Souris announced the project with Ms Kats-Chernin at the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway in Concord, and they were joined by the Parliamentary Secretary for Veterans Affairs, Charlie Lynn, and the Member for Drummoyne, John Sidoti.

“The NSW Government is providing \$35,000 for Ms Elena Kats-Chernin to create a major work, five shorter arrangements and a soundscape. I look forward to hearing these compositions, as they will provide an interesting insight into both war and music,” Mr Souris said.

“The pieces will be performed at the ANZAC War Memorial in Sydney, and in regional communities such as Wollongong, Orange, Bathurst, Wagga Wagga, Albury and the Northern Rivers. It will also be broadcast by ABC Classic FM.”

The Minister for Citizenship and Communities, Victor Dominello, said: “2015 marks the centenary of the Gallipoli landings and the 70th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. ANZAC Notes will be one of the ways the NSW Government will commemorate these important events.”

Parliamentary Secretary for Veterans Affairs, Charlie Lynn, said: “These works will expand the opportunities available for the artistic community to be involved in the 2015 ANZAC Day commemorations. The Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway is an important location in Sydney, and I commend the KTMW board for co-ordinating this project.”

Member for Drummoyne, John Sidoti, said: “I am pleased that a separate arrangement of the larger composition will also be developed for permanent presentation as part of the sound installation at the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway. This will bring lasting benefit to the Walkway, which is the focal point of the Concord foreshore.”

Partners in the project include the ABC, The Australian Music Centre, the Department of Education and Communities’ Arts Unit, the Royal Australian Navy, the NSW Office of Veterans Affairs and regional conservatoriums.

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