



RETURN TO ANATOLIA

2010

Through Australian Eyes

Virtually from the onset of the Hellenic, Armenian and Assyrian Genocides (1914-1924), there was an Australian dimension to it. The Australian media reported on it. Australian servicemen witnessed it. Australians donated money, food and clothing to the survivors. Australians lived amongst the survivors and helped them rebuild their lives. Amongst them was the League of Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in eastern Macedonian and western Thrace, Lieutenant George Devine Treloar.

These intrepid men and women, who often placed their own lives at risk from exposure and disease, have left a remarkable legacy to the relationship that binds Anatolia and Australia. They rescued the lives of those in most desperate need. They recorded (in writing and in film) their experiences. The hunger, cold, and vermin of the arrival of the genocide survivors in safe havens such as Hellas and Syria. The celebration of survival. The struggle of reconstruction. The ecstasy of regeneration.

This national conference brings together speakers and exhibitions that celebrate the most difficult, and in many ways, most rewarding, part of the relationship between Australia and Anatolia.

Speakers

Associate Professor David Treloar (University of Western Australia)

Dr Panayiotis Diamadis (AIHGS)

Vicken Babkenian (AIHGS)

Nicholas Al-Jeeloo

Also Special guest speaker **Mr Kolokotronis** an ex American farm School student

12 - 5pm Saturday
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Free Entry - light refreshments provided for Saturday