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***Professor Chris Mackie – The ancient context of Gallipoli***

My current research is focussed on the Gallipoli Peninsula and what I’m trying to do is explore the Greco-Roman part of the Gallipoli Peninsula and the Dardenelles and to see how that feeds into the Gallipoli 1915 narrative both through the literature and through the material evidence of archaeology.

What I’d like to achieve is to demonstrate that, that the Greeks and the Romans have a fundamental presence in this region and that it is there and not sufficiently appreciated within the discourse of the Gallipoli campaign and so forth.

I think it’ll impact the society and the community by broadening the perspective of Australians about Gallipoli and the fact that it’s not just about 1915, that much else happened in this region right up, right back until the world of Homer and beyond before that.