



SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE
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Calendar of Events & Exhibitions

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JANUARY – JUNE 2012

Monday 13 February, 12.30pm



Fall of Singapore and Malaya

Garth Pratten

The fall of Singapore is widely regarded as one of the Allies' greatest military disasters of the Second World War. Central to British strategy in Asia and the Pacific, Singapore was touted as an impregnable fortress, home for a mighty fleet and yet it was conquered by the Japanese in a week. This presentation will examine the reasons for that calamitous defeat and also address some of the many myths that, 70 years later, still bedevil Australia's understandings of it.

Monday 20 February, 12.30pm



Darwin Spitfires: The Real Battle for Australia

Anthony Cooper

In 1943, a small band of inexperienced Australian and British fighter pilots fought an ongoing air battle in defence of north-western Australia, flying against a formidably skilled and proficient opponent. The air raids on Darwin during 1942-43 constituted the only sustained and intensive direct assault on Australian mainland territory in the whole of World War Two. Anthony Cooper, a Brisbane schoolteacher and author of *Darwin Spitfires* tells this little-known story, and in so doing, recovers this important aspect of Australian history.

Wednesday 29 February, 12.30pm



HMAS Perth I and her men: Commemorating the 70th anniversary of her loss in the Battle of the Sunda Strait

Pattie Wright:

Pattie Wright, author of *'The Men of the Line'* (Miegunyah-MUP) and the soon to be published Biography of CPO Ray Parkin, RAN, AM (Pan MacMillan) will speak on the history of HMAS *Perth I* and her men.

2012 marks the 70th anniversary of the sinking of the HMAS *Perth I* and USS *Houston* in the plucky Battle of the Sunda Strait on 1 March 1942. Pattie will discuss the men's attempts to survive, escape and the P.O.W. years on the Thai Burma Railway and Japan.

Wednesday 7 March, 12.30pm



The Korean War: Australia in the Giants' Playground

Cameron Forbes

The Korean War had a profound impact on the world and the great ideological confrontation that was the Cold War. It also gave shape to Australia's strategic alliance with the United States and set the pattern for our involvement in Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. Multi-award winning journalist and author Cameron Forbes will talk both about the giants of history – Mao, Stalin and Truman – and about the marvellous Diggers in an Australian force which punched above their weight.

Monday 12 March, 12:30 pm



The Only War We've Got

Peter Grose

For Australians, wars are fought in that mysterious land called "overseas". Few Australians are aware of the bitter battles on their own soil. There were 97 Japanese air raids on Northern Australia, including Darwin, which remains the worst single event in Australian history, with as many as 300 dead. A midget submarine attack inside Sydney Harbour led to 21 Allied sailors killed. Sydney and Newcastle were shelled. Peter Grose, author of *An Awkward Truth* and *A Very Rude Awakening*, talks about the only war that is truly ours.

Cost: gold coin donation which includes refreshments

Wednesday 21 March, 4.30 pm



'Good Campers': The History of Australian Conflict Reporting *Fay Anderson*

When the Chief of British Intelligence told Australia's First Official War Correspondent, C.E.W Bean in October 1914 that war reporters were a 'dying profession', Bean recorded in his diary that on the contrary, he thought it was the beginning of a new era. Bean proved prescient. This talk will examine how wars have been reported over time, censorship and the ANZAC legend. Dr Fay Anderson from Monash University reveals the challenges, fears, regrets, successes, and personal dangers experienced when reporting war.

Wednesday 28 March, 12.30pm



The Gallipoli Samurai *Brian Tate*

Born to a samurai clan mother and Australian father, Harry Freame's remarkable life and mysterious death are the stuff of adventure novels. Clipper ship sailor, adventurer, soldier of fortune, crack pistol shot and Gallipoli hero. Following the outbreak of the Second World War and anticipating Japan's inevitable march through the Pacific, Freame was recruited from his apple orchards into the world of mirrors as an undercover agent for the Australian Military Intelligence. Join author Brian Tate as he discuss the amazing and mysterious life of Harry Freame.

Wednesday 4 April, 12.30pm



Unlocking Gallipoli: New Perspectives on the History and Archaeology of the ANZAC Battlefield *Antonio Sagona*

Despite the centrality that the Gallipoli Peninsula and the 1915 campaign have in the psyche of many Australians, the Battlefield itself has not been physically studied in great detail. This illustrated lecture will report on the first two seasons of archaeological fieldwork conducted in 2010 and 2011 in the ANZAC Battlefield. Join Professor Tony Sagona from the University of Melbourne to discuss the discoveries made on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

Wednesday 11 April, 12.30pm



Celluloid ANZACS: The Great War through Australian Cinema *Daniel Reynaud*

Daniel Reynaud joins us from Avondale College of Higher Education (Lake Macquarie, NSW) to discuss the fascinating interacting development of the ANZAC Legend and Australian war cinema.

Associate Professor Reynaud is Dean of the Faculty of Arts & Theology, and is an authority on ANZAC cinema, having published a number of scholarly articles and a book.

Monday 30 April, 12.30pm



Australia's Lost Generation of World War One *Ross McMullin*

In evaluating the impact of the Great War, Australians have tended to focus on the collective impact of all the casualties. There has been less focus on the individuals of exceptional talent and potential who did not return. Australians today don't know the stories of these special identities whose loss was a national deprivation. Historian Ross McMullin, biographer of Pompey Elliott, has been researching Australia's lost generation for his next book.

Wednesday 9 May, 12.30



**Sea Power Centre:
The Battle of the Coral Sea:
May 1942**

An historian from the Sea Power Centre – Australia, discusses the Battle of the Coral Sea in 1942. That year is remembered in Australia’s history as being among the darkest of World War II. Australia’s mainland came under attack within months of Japan entering the war. Securing Australia’s sea lines of communications was pivotal to keeping Australia in the fight. The Battle of the Coral Sea was one of several important naval battles and the precursor for the Battle of Midway.

Thursday 24th May, 5.30pm



**The Remarkable Pompey Elliott
Regional Lecture**

Gippsland Grammar School, Sale
Ross McMullin
Pompey Elliott was a charismatic, controversial and outstandingly successful Australian commander. He was significant in such major battles of the Great War as Fromelles, Polygon Wood and Villers-Bretonneux. An accomplished tactician and remarkably brave, he was renowned for never sending anyone anywhere he was not prepared to go himself. His tempestuousness generated numerous anecdotes that amused his men and disconcerted his superiors. Historian Ross McMullin has written an award-winning biography of Pompey Elliott.

Thursday 31 May, 5.30pm



**Documentary Screening of
The Forgotten**

Glen Stasiuk
Join Associate Professor Glen Stasiuk from Murdoch University for the screening and discussion of his documentary *The FORGOTTEN*. Glen explores the role played by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in European and American wars (and Australia’s peace-keeping missions). These proud “Black Diggers” have continued a warrior tradition that stems back through the ages. Aboriginal soldiers have replaced the spear with the gun – the kangaroo hide with the khaki uniform – the boomerang with the grenade – they were warriors then and are warriors still.

Wednesday 6 June 12.30pm



The Other ANZACS

Peter Rees

By the end of The Great War, forty-five Australian and New Zealand nurses had died on overseas service and over two hundred had been decorated. These were women who left for war on an adventure, but were soon confronted with remarkable challenges for which their civilian lives could never have prepared them. Peter Rees takes us into the hospital camps, the wards and the tent surgeries on the edge of some of the most horrific battlefronts of human history.

Wednesday 13 June, 12.30pm



**Trauma, Memory and
Madness: Experiences in
Post-WWI Australia**

Jen Hawksley

Join war historian Jen Hawksley from the University of Wollongong to discuss aspects of her research into Australian parents who were institutionalised after losing their son(s) during the First World War and returned soldiers who were treated in hospitals for shell shock and other war-related psychological conditions. Jen will conceptualise an unprecedented national trauma at the microcosm of the individual patients, their families and the doctors who tried to treat a generation permanently scarred by war.

SHRINE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Friday 24 February

Friends Only Luncheon

Friends of the Shrine luncheon at Tobruk House.

Join Lambis Englezos AM, at Tobruk House in Albert Park on Friday the 24 February. Our special guests will be some of the original surviving Rats of Tobruk. Cost of the lunch for Friends is \$35. Bookings essential.

Thursday 12 April, 6.30pm

Friends Night Tour

Night Tour of the Shrine and special screening of 'The Hero of the Dardanelles'.

Join us for a special Friends only screening of The Hero of the Dardanelles. This unique film shows the first re-creation of the Gallipoli landing. The evening will be followed by a special night time tour of the Shrine of Remembrance and light refreshments. Meet in the visitors centre. Bookings essential.

School programs

The Shrine has an inspiring range of learning programs for P-12. All Programs are free of charge, which include a Shrine tour and a short service of remembrance. Programs available are:

- ▶ **The Spirit of ANZAC:** Focuses on the ANZAC legend, its values and contemporary relevance to national identity (suitable for years 5-10, length 90 minutes).
- ▶ **Education Guided Tour:** Includes the ANZAC experience in both World Wars and the history of the Shrine (years 5-10, 60 minutes).
- ▶ **Welcome to the Shrine:** Younger students can develop their understanding of the Shrine as a place to honour Australia's servicemen and women (years P-2, 60 mins).

Other School programs include **Loyal Friends, Only 19 – Attitudes to the Vietnam War** and **Fromelles – Don't Forget Me Cobber.**

For further information and teacher support materials visit www.shrine.org.au/education

Bookings via the website, email education@shrine.org.au or telephone (03) 9661 8113

Other programs:

Outreach Programs: For P-12 in regional, rural and disadvantaged metropolitan schools.

Special Commemorative Services: Schools are encouraged to attend special commemorative services and participate in other educational activities on the day.

School Holiday Activities: Suitable for children aged 6-12 years.

Adopt an Ex-Service Organisation: Facilitating lasting partnerships between schools and ex-service organisations.

Young Ambassadors: For secondary students who display exemplary enthusiasm when participating in Shrine activities.

Share Your Story: Share your story about Australian servicemen and women in your family or community.

For more information see www.shrine.org.au or phone (03) 9661 8100.



EXHIBITIONS

29 September 2011 – 19 February 2012



Greece, Crete and Syria

The AIF in the Eastern Mediterranean 1941

Shrine Visitor Centre

In April and May 1941, the 6th Australian Division fought valiant but ultimately unsuccessful campaigns in Greece and Crete. In June and July the same year, the 7th Australian Division fought an unexpectedly vicious and politically embarrassing campaign against men who had once been allies, the Vichy French, in Syria. This exhibition, incorporating contemporary portraits by Peter Wegner, celebrates the seldom told sacrifices, exploits and achievements of these brave Australians.

3 December 2011 – 15 January 2012



Pacific reminders

Places of memory and commemoration

Shrine Visitor Centre

The Second World War in the Pacific was fought from the tropical isles in the South Pacific to the windswept Aleutians off Alaska. Throughout this region places and objects remain, silent witnesses and poignant reminders of atrocity. Many have transformed into places of peace and symbols of hope. At home, the Shrine of Remembrance and other sites provide avenues of contemplation for those who returned, and commemoration of those who did not. As Associate Professor for Cultural Heritage Management at Charles Sturt University, Dirk Spennemann professionally investigates these places. As a photographer, Dirk explores the interaction of cultural heritage, landscape and human experience through more personal and emotive imagery.

20 January – 3 June 2012



Japan's entry into the Second World War (1939-1945)

Shrine Visitor Centre

Japan achieved a series of victories in Malaya, Singapore, Rabaul, Java, Ambon and Timor in the six month period following its declaration of war in December 1941. Thousands of Australian men and women died serving in these territories and many more became prisoners of war. 70 years have passed since these momentous events shocked Australia out of complacency and brought the war to our doorstep. The Shrine remembers these anniversaries in an exhibition which commemorates Australia's darkest days - from Japan's entry into the Second World War until the battle of the Coral Sea in May 1942, when Japan suffered its first setback and the tide of the war in the Pacific began to turn.

24 February –24 June 2012



Lieutenant Colonel and Helena Cass

Shrine Visitor Centre

This exhibition will tell stories of Cass' service over two wars, the Boer War (1899-1902) and the First World War (1914-18) at Gallipoli, Krythia and later in Fromelles. These events were interwoven with the personal stories of Cass and his wife, Helena, a Canadian war nurse, who married after the Battle of Fromelles in 1916. The outstanding collection of Cass' personal photographs, letters and diaries, uniforms and medals provide the content for this exhibition.

8 June – September 2012



Kokoda: Australians in New Guinea, 1942

Shrine Visitor Centre

It is 70 years since Australia fought a series of costly battles between July and November 1942 against Japanese forces in Papua and New Guinea. The Kokoda Trail, or Track, winding through the Owen Stanley mountain range, was the setting for a campaign which many believe is Australia's defining episode of the Second World War (1939-45).

The challenges presented by the rugged, 100 kilometre track, which rises to an altitude of 2,250 kilometres and is passable only on foot, coupled with deadly endemic diseases, logistical difficulties, tropical conditions and an implacable foe, tested the mettle of Australian soldiers. The story of their eventual triumph is one of our nation's greatest stories.

Shrine Travelling Exhibition



Indigenous Australians at war from the Boer War to present

Exhibition Location	Dates
Burke Museum Beechworth	3 December – 23 January 2012
Portland Arts Centre	6 February – 2 March 2012
Echuca Uniting Church Hall, Echuca	30 March- 29 April 2012

Check the website for further details www.shrine.org.au

CEREMONIES

For a complete listing of ceremonies please visit <http://www.shrine.org.au/Remembrance/Ceremonies> or call (03) 9661 8100

26 January, 12pm



Australia Day Salute 2012

Artillery Salute on Forecourt. Australia's diversity and tolerance is commemorated on this day each year with a 21-gun salute fired from the Shrine's Lower Forecourt by the Royal Australian Artillery. The Salute occurs on Australia Day each year.

12 February, 10:30am



National Servicemen's Association

This service is held in honour of all those who were National Servicemen. It takes place on the Shrine Forecourt.

19 April, 11am



Melbourne Legacy Student Ceremony

Each year prior to ANZAC Day Legacy holds a special service for school students. This service combines education with commemoration and is attended by thousands of school children annually. The first service was held in 1932.

25 April, 6am



ANZAC Day

The Dawn Service commences on the Shrine Forecourt at 6am. The ANZAC Day March along St Kilda Road starts at approximately 9am and concludes at the Shrine by 1pm for the Commemorative Service.

31 May, 11am



Indigenous Service Men & Women

This service is held in honour of all the Indigenous service men and women. It is held on the Shrine Forecourt. Today, Indigenous personnel are serving on Peacekeeping Operations and in many employment areas in the three Services.

Sundays and Weekdays Monthly



Monthly and Weekday Wreath Laying

Monthly Remembrance Services, held on a Sunday of each month, honour all units no longer able to make the pilgrimage to the Shrine. Monthly weekday memorial services commemorate specific units and their efforts in conflict and peacekeeping missions.



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Entrance to the Shrine: Birdwood Ave, Melbourne, Melways 2F J12

Public Transport: All southbound trams along St Kilda Rd from Flinders Street Station, except the number 1, stop 19. Or take the Melbourne City tourist shuttle bus, stop 13

Parking: Birdwood Avenue and St. Kilda Road

Wheelchair Access: Yes

Contact Us: (03) 9661 8100 or reception@shrine.org.au

Opening Hours: Daily from 10am – 5pm, closed Christmas Day and Good Friday

Admission: Free, donations welcome

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Members of the public and schools are welcome to attend any ceremony at the Shrine