



## MEDIA RELEASE

### Memorial Employee Wins at Tourism Awards

The Australian War Memorial congratulates Marylou Pooley on her award at the 2008 Canberra and Capital Region Tourism Awards tonight.

The winner of *Outstanding Contribution by an Individual* category, Marylou Pooley has been working in Canberra tourism industry for 20 years.

“Marylou has tremendous enthusiasm and pride for Canberra and its tourism industry, so the Memorial is delighted that she has been formally recognised for all her hard work,” Assistant Director Ms Withnell said.

“Her commitment to Canberra and its surrounds is infectious and she works tirelessly to advocate for both the national capital and the Australian War Memorial.

“This award validates what we at the Memorial already knew. During her ten years at the Memorial she has been instrumental in positioning the War Memorial as one of the world’s great museums and an Australian Tourism Awards Hall of Fame inductee,” Ms Withnell said.

Ms Pooley’s experience includes Parliament House, the National Archives of Australia, and ten years at the Australian War Memorial. She has a Masters in Tourism Management and an undergraduate degree in Human Resource Development.

She is currently on the management committees of ACT Tourism Awards Committee, the National Capital Attractions Association, and ACT Tourism Events Advisory Committee.

Previously, Ms Pooley has been involved with the ACT Festivals grants committee, President of the National Capital Attractions Association when in its infancy, and made an honorary tourism ambassador for the ACT by the Chief Minister in 2004.

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