



PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

The Ducklings Are Back

For the third consecutive year, a mother duck has chosen to hatch her ducklings in the Australian War Memorial's commemorative area.

There is a short opportunity to see the ducklings learning to swim in the pool of reflection, as they usually migrate to Lake Burley Griffin once the ducklings are a few days old.

This year is the first time the mother duck has had a second nesting, coincidentally just in time for the opening of the Memorial's new exhibition *A is for Animals*, opening next Friday 27 February.

A is for Animals offers an A to Z of animals in war, from mascots and messengers to creepy-crawlies. Animals are put to many uses in war. Sometimes they have jobs to do: the horses, camels, mules, and donkeys used to transport soldiers and equipment, as well as carrier pigeons and tracker dog with their special talents.

The exhibition has been developed with a young audience in mind, but visitors of all ages will enjoy its fascinating and moving stories.

***A is for Animals* is open to the public from Friday 27 February – Wednesday 22 July 2009.**

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