



MEDIA ALERT

Out of the Dust: photos from Afghanistan

A new exhibition of photos that captures the life of the Afghan people amid the upheaval of war will open this Friday at the Australian War Memorial.

Out of the Dust: Life in Afghanistan pays tribute to the strength and perseverance of the local people as they go about their work and play in the war-ravaged country.

The photos were taken by Dutch photographer Hans Stakelbeek, who was commissioned by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs to document the reconstruction of Afghanistan during efforts to restore peace and stability to the country.

Stakelbeek made four trips, photographing in Kabul and Oruzgan province as well as other remote areas. Australian and Dutch troops are currently serving side by side in southern Afghanistan.

Out of the Dust will be launched at the Dutch Embassy on Thursday, April 2 at 10am. Press who wish to attend the launch should contact the Embassy on 6220 9417.

The exhibition has previously toured the Netherlands, London, Washington DC, Berlin and Perth.

What:	<i>Out of the Dust: Life in Afghanistan</i> exhibition
Where:	Western Courtyard Gallery, Australian War Memorial
When:	On display from 3 April to 24 May 2009

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