



## **MEDIA ALERT**

# **Gallipoli – Courage, Controversy and Catastrophe**

This Sunday, three historians from the Australian War Memorial will present fascinating talks on the ANZAC experience at Gallipoli.

As ANZAC Day approaches, accounts of Gallipoli will focus on courage, endurance, humour in adversity and, above all, mateship.

Yet, Gallipoli has a dark side. As well as being poorly led, the Australians soldiers were poorly trained and suffered needless casualties as a result. Improvement at all levels was slow in coming. When the last great attempt to win the campaign was made in August, many of the earlier problems arose again.

This presentation will bring a sense of perspective and objectivity to a subject that has become cloaked in popular myths and misconceptions. It promises to be stimulating, thought-provoking and controversial.

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| <b>What:</b>  | Gallipoli – Courage, Controversy and Catastrophe<br>Free public talk   |
| <b>Where:</b> | BAE Systems Theatre<br>(media entry via security behind HMAS Brisbane)<br>Australian War Memorial<br>Treloar Crescent Campbell ACT |
| <b>When:</b>  | 2pm – 4pm<br>Sunday 5 April 2009   |

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