



MEDIA ALERT

Great War in the Air remembered for ANZAC Day

It was a war fought amid the steep ravines of the Gallipoli Peninsula, and in muddy trenches in France and Belgium – but the First World War also saw a surprising amount of action in the air.

As we prepare to commemorate ANZAC Day on April 25, the Australian War Memorial remembers the role of the young men of the Australian Flying Corps and the risks, actions, and drama of First World War aerial battles.

Over the front: the Great War in the air is a new permanent exhibition that brings history to life with a range of extraordinary and rare aircraft and a riveting visual depiction of military flight from acclaimed film director Peter Jackson.

The exhibition includes five aircraft that have been painstakingly restored to their original condition, including three Allied aircraft (SE5a, Avro 504K trainer and Airco DH9) and two rare German fighter planes (Albatros and Pfalz). A number of other major objects are also on display, including an original balloon basket shot down near Ypres in 1917, and a German observation post disguised as a fake tree.

Australian War Memorial historians are available for interview about First World War aircraft and the Great War in the air. Media are also invited to see the Peter Jackson film and other items in the exhibition. Please send your requests for interviews and an exhibition viewing to media@awm.gov.au

More information and photos of First World War aircraft is available in the media download centre of the AWM website.

What:	Over the front: the Great War in the air exhibition
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