



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Thousands attend ANZAC Day National Ceremony**

The Australian War Memorial attracted around 10,000 visitors for the National ANZAC Day ceremony today.

The ceremony was attended by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, Governor-General Quentin Bryce, war veterans and serving members of the Defence Forces.

Australian War Memorial Director Steve Gower said it was uplifting to see so many families attending the service to pay tribute to our service men and women.

“ANZAC Day gives Australians the opportunity to reflect on the sacrifice made by so many, to mourn their passing and remember our dead,” he said.

“We honour their service and their memory and give thanks for their courage in great adversity.”

The Memorial will remain open until 5pm today so that poppies can be placed on the Roll of Honour and Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The museum’s galleries are also open.

The Australian War Memorial is one of the world’s great museums, a place to remember and learn about the Australian experience of war and its enduring impact on society.

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