



MEDIA RELEASE

Planes, Trucks, Tanks and even a Rocket

This Sunday, the Australian War Memorial is opening its conservation and storage annex for *Big Things in Store*.

“*Big Things in Store* is a rare opportunity to view the Memorial’s large technology items. Even regular visitors to the Memorial are sure to experience something new from our collection,” said Head of Military Heraldry and Technology, Mike Cecil.

“For the first time since the First World War visitors will be able to see inside the only Mk IV Female Tank in Australia. We have removed the sponson for conservation and research, providing a unique view of the interior.

“We have recently undertaken significant restoration work on a Number 9 Gun Tractor and Ford 15 cwt General Service Truck which will be displayed for the first time since completion.

“There are relics to represent Australia’s involvement in conflict, including a De Havilland Tiger Moth, 25 Pounder field guns and the First World War Leyland truck; the Second World War DAP Beaufort bomber, V2 rocket on its original trailer, and Dingo Scout car; two Centurion tanks from Vietnam; and East Timor’s Bushmaster Infantry Mobility Vehicle. There are also a range of military Land Rovers and other vehicles,” Mr Cecil said.

Entry is by gold coin donation. Closed flat footwear is required for entry. No large bags, tripod or monopods*. Barbecue lunch and refreshments available.

* media excepted with escort

What: Media preview of *Big Things in Store*

Where: Australian War Memorial Conservation and Storage Annex
Treloar C Building
Callan Street Mitchell ACT

When: 10am – 11am (or alternative times by arrangement)
Friday 22 May 2009

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Australian War Memorial

Australian Tourism Awards
Major Tourist Attraction
HALL OF FAME

Treloar C Building
Callan Street Mitchell ACT

When: 12pm – 4pm (media access from 11am)
Sunday 24 May 2009

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