



MEDIA ALERT

Sandakan Remembrance Ceremony

The Australian War Memorial is holding the annual Sandakan Remembrance Ceremony tomorrow at 11am to commemorate the 64th anniversary of the last “death march”.

Sandakan was the location of a prisoner of war camp in Borneo during the Second World War. From 1942-43 more than 1650 Australians were sent to the camp.

Nearing the end of the war, prisoners were forced to walk from the camp in Sandakan to the village of Ranau, some 250 kilometres away. Only six Australians survived the long walk through the jungle, which has become known as the “death march”.

The Sandakan Death March remains the greatest single atrocity committed against Australians at war.

What:	National Sandakan Remembrance Ceremony
Where:	Sandakan Memorial, Sculpture Garden, Australian War Memorial Treloar Crescent, Campbell, ACT
When:	Friday 29 May 2009 11am
Photo opps:	Wreath laying at the Sandakan Memorial

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