



## MEDIA ALERT

### Preview of *Sidney Nolan: the Gallipoli series*

Media are invited to attend a preview of the exhibition *Sidney Nolan: the Gallipoli series* this Wednesday 5 August, at the Australian War Memorial.

This is a rare opportunity for visitors to experience these striking and iconic works, now on display together for the first time in thirty years.

Inspired by the Gallipoli campaign and the myths of the Trojan War the collection provides new insights into how Australia's military history and identity is perceived.

Nolan first donated this collection to the Memorial in 1978, in memory of his brother who, tragically drowned just before the end of the Second World War.

A collection of powerful images from one of Australia's most complex, innovative and prolific artists, Nolan's *Gallipoli series* constitutes a personal and public lament at a campaign that cost so many Australian lives.

Over 80 works from the series will showcase the variety of styles that Nolan painted and drew over a 20 -year period.

***Sidney Nolan: the Gallipoli series* is on display at the Australian War Memorial from 6 August until 18 November 2009**, before travelling to other exhibition venues. The Australian War Memorial is open every day from 10am to 5pm. Entry is free.

**What:** Media launch of *Sidney Nolan: the Gallipoli series*

**Where:** Entry via Security Entrance  
Australian War Memorial  
Treloar Crescent Campbell ACT

**When:** 11am  
Wednesday 5 August

**Photo opps:** With exhibition curator, Lola Wilkins

**Further information:**

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