



MEDIA RELEASE

Planes, Tanks and Even a Dingo

This Fathers Day, the Australian War Memorial is opening its conservation and storage annex for *Big Things in Store* from 12pm to 4pm.

“Fathers Day is an excellent opportunity to visit *Big Things in Store* and view the Memorial’s large technology items. Even regular visitors to the Memorial will experience something new from our collection,” said Acting Head of Military Heraldry and Technology, Nick Fletcher.

“For the first time, visitors will be able to see the different parts of our Dingo Scout Car, undergoing conservation work. This is a rare opportunity to see Dingo disassembled,” Mr Fletcher said.

“Last time we held this event, visitors were excited to see inside the only Mk IV Female Tank in Australia after the sponson was removed for conservation and research. This unique view was very popular, and the interior of the Mk IV tank will again be displayed.”

“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 and V2 rocket on its original trailer; two Centurion tanks from Vietnam; and East Timor’s Bushmaster Infantry Mobility Vehicle. There is also a range of military Land Rovers and other vehicles,” Mr Fletcher said.

Also on display is “Jeffery the Robot”. Invented by Corporal Jeffery in 1941, this small remote-controlled tracked robot was designed to deliver charges that would destroy barbed wire, bunkers and other enemy fortifications. This prototype was never produced.

A total of 245 Dingo Scout Cars were built in Australia. They served mainly with the Australian armoured divisions as training vehicles during the Second World War. The Dingo had a crew of just two, carried a Wireless Set No.19 Mark 2 and was armed with a Bren Light Machine Gun.

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

* media excepted with escort



Australian War Memorial

Australian Tourism Awards
Major Tourist Attraction
HALL OF FAME

What:	<i>Big Things in Store</i>
Where:	Australian War Memorial Conservation and Storage Annex Callan Street Mitchell ACT
When:	12pm – 4pm Father's Day Sunday 6 September 2009
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Further information:

Big Things In Store

<http://www.awm.gov.au>

Dingo Scout Car

<http://cas.awm.gov.au/item/REL23826>

Mk IV Female Tank

<http://cas.awm.gov.au/item/RELAWM05040.001>

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