

MEDIA ALERT

Plaque dedication for Horrie's heroes

A plaque dedication to the service and sacrifice of the 2/1st Australian Machine Gun Battalion will be held today at the Australian War Memorial.

The battalion famously adopted 'Horrie the Wog Dog' as their mascot after finding him in the Western Desert. Horrie can now be seen as part of the Memorial's travelling exhibition *A is for Animals*, on display at the Western Plains Cultural Centre in Dubbo from 7 November.

The 2/1st Australian Machine Gun Battalion was formed in December 1939 as part of the 6th Division. The machine gunners suffered heavily during the ill-fated Creek and Crete campaigns in 1941. Returning to Australia, the battalion later served in New Guinea during 1943 and Borneo towards the end of the war.

What:	2/1st Australian Machine Gun Battalion Plaque Dedication
Where:	Western Courtyard Australian War Memorial Treloar Crescent Campbell ACT
When:	2pm, Tuesday 15 September
Photo opps:	2pm, plaque dedication 2.45pm (approx), Veterans of 2/1st Australian Machine Gun Battalion viewing Horrie's 'corporal uniform'



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