



MEDIA ALERT

Conference to Address Veterans' Health

The Australian War Memorial's international conference *War wounds: medicine and the trauma of conflict*, starts tomorrow.

The Memorial is bringing together eminent historians, medical practitioners, veterans and researchers from Australia and abroad to explore the impact of war, wounds and trauma through the historical record and personal experiences.

Highlights for Thursday, 24 September are:

- 9am
The Minister for Veterans' Affairs, the Hon Alan Griffin MP, will open the conference
- 9.15am
Professor Jay Winter, of Yale University, will deliver the keynote address:
Shell shock and the shadow of the Great War
- 10.40am
Media conference about the long term effects of war service on Australian veterans of conflicts in Korea, Vietnam and Iraq

A media conference will also be held at 10.40am on Friday 25 September, to announce a new military history award in memory of Bryan Gandevia, a former member of the Australian War Memorial board, respiratory physician and Australian Army Major.

What:	Media Conference <i>War wounds: medicine and the trauma of conflict</i> The long term effects of war service on Australian veterans of conflicts in Korea, Vietnam and Iraq Dr Keith Horsley, veterans' health specialist and Graham Edwards, Vietnam veteran and former MP
When:	10.40am, Thursday 24 September
Where:	Western Courtyard Gallery Australian War Memorial Treloar Crescent Campbell ACT

Further information:

<http://www.awm.gov.au/events/conference/2009/index.asp>

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