



MEDIA ALERT

Establishment of new award for military history

A new award to promote and develop research into Australian military history will be announced tomorrow as part of the Australian War Memorial's international conference *War wounds: medicine and the trauma of conflict*.

The Bryan Gandevia Award is a biennial prize to be awarded to an outstanding postgraduate history thesis in the fields of military or military-medical history.

The prize commemorates Professor Gandevia, a former member of the Australian War Memorial board, respiratory physician and Australian Army Major who served in Japan and Korea.

The Memorial's War Wounds conference 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 Friday 24 September are:

- 9am
Dr Tony White will deliver the opening address for day two:
A short walk in the minefield: a doctor's experience of mine casualties
- 9.45am
Libby Stewart, Australian War Memorial historian, will deliver
Surgery under fire: civilian surgical teams in Vietnam
- 10.40am
Media conference to announce the *Bryan Gandevia Award for military history*

What:	Media Conference <i>War wounds: medicine and the trauma of conflict</i> . Announcement of the Bryan Gandevia Award for military history.
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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