



MEDIA ALERT

Interviews with Official Artist and Curator

Interviews are now available with the Official Artist for Afghanistan.

Travelling during October, he will be accompanied by Nick Fletcher, an Australian War Memorial Curator who will focus on general items that may be added to the Memorial's broader collection.

Shaun Gladwell has been commissioned to create a body of work that includes video and photography which will become part of the national collection once completed.

A critically acclaimed artist, his work explores personal history, memory and contemporary cultural phenomena through photography, performance, painting and sculpture. He is currently representing Australia in the 2009 Venice Biennale.

Gladwell joins a long line of official war artists; a tradition that began during the First World War.

The visit is part of the Memorial's ongoing collecting and official art programs, and was developed with the assistance of the Australian Defence Force.

Limited interview times will be available with Official Artist Shaun Gladwell.

Who:	Interview with Nick Fletcher, Senior Curator
What:	Official curator to Afghanistan
When:	11am, Thursday 1 October
Where:	Australian War Memorial Entry via Security behind HMAS Brisbane Treloar Crescent Campbell ACT

Other times by arrangement.

Further information:

http://www.awm.gov.au/encyclopedia/war_artists/

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