

National Collection item	Date of request	Addressee	Requestor	Nature of request	Deliberation	Outcome
1 Shellal Mosaic (ART19801)	29-Jun-15	Minister for Veterans' Affairs	Israel Nature and Parks Authority (INPA)	Israel Nature and Parks Authority (INPA) requested the gifting of a replica of the Shellal mosaic currently on display at the Australian War Memorial - or the return of the original.	<p>The Council of the Australian War Memorial considered the request from the Israel Nature and Parks Authority seeking return, or replica of the mosaic at its August 2015 meeting.</p> <p>The mosaic is on display on a structural wall beneath the Hall of Memory. Removing the mosaic from its current position would be extremely costly and could damage the tesserae. The Council agreed to provide high-resolution imagery of the Mosaic to the Israel Nature and Parks Authority for its use in the proposed interpretive centre near the site of the action.</p>	<p>The request for the return of the original was denied but the INPA was provided a CD containing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a high resolution image of the Shellal Mosaic - a low resolution image of the Shellal Mosaic - the Australian War Memorial catalogue record for the Shellal Mosaic - an article from the Journal of the Australian War Memorial titled 'The Shellal Mosaic: A reappraisal'. - a zipped hard drive containing images of a sketchbook held in the National Collection, and direction to further information online: https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/ART19801/. - Scan of booklet titled The Shellal Mosaic by A.D. Trendall dated 1973.
2 Regimental Standards of the Turkish Infantry (RELAWM04772, RELAWM 15159, RELAWM 16020)	11-Dec-13	Director of the Australian War Memorial Chairman of the Australian War Memorial	Turkish Embassy (Canberra)	Request from the Turkish Ambassador for the repatriation of three Regimental Standards of the Turkish Infantry that were captured by the Australian Army during the First World War.	<p>The Council of the Australian War Memorial considered the request for the return of three regimental standards at its March 2014 meeting.</p> <p>Council acknowledged that the banners and photograph were legitimately held by the Australian War Memorial as items captured on the field of battle and are significant items for Australia and for the National Collection; and that the banners would be included in the redevelopment of the First World War galleries.</p> <p>Council further acknowledged the special relationship that has existed between Australia and Turkey for almost a century since the First World War and sought a response to the Turkish Ambassador's request which is sensitive to that enduring and harmonious relationship.</p>	<p>The request to return the standards was denied, however an offer of donation to the Canakkale Naval Museum was made for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - an extremely rare unit banner and staff for the 2nd Division Train Australian Army Service Corps AIF showing campaign honours for Egypt, Gallipoli, France and Belgium. - a folding periscope - a Turkish 'cricket ball' grenade