



THE CENTENARY OF ANZAC JEWISH PROGRAM

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Book on Australian Jewish Military History

Mark Dapin is progressing well with his research for the book, in preparation for commencing the manuscript and has made some exciting, new discoveries, in particular regarding post-WW2 Jewish servicemen. The SJM is aiming to launch the book in April 2016, around Anzac Day.

Advertisements in the Jewish press have elicited several, previously unknown items and stories of historical interest, from Jewish ex-servicemen and women and their relatives.

Anzac Centenary Local Grants

We are delighted to announce that Senator the Hon. Michael Ronaldson, Minister for Veterans' Affairs, advised during last Chanukah, that Anzac Centenary Local Grant applications were successful in at least 20 electorates Australia-wide, on behalf of the CoAJP. From electorates in NSW 4, WA 3, Qld 3, SA 2, Tas 1 and ACT 2, a total of \$121,760 has been granted for CoAJP projects, with a further significant sum from 5 Victorian electorates to be confirmed.

Anzac Centenary Commemorative Service of the NSW Jewish Community

Planning is well advanced for this prestigious service, to be held on Sunday afternoon 3rd May 2015 at The Great Synagogue, Sydney. It will include a Combined Jewish Schools Choir and it is anticipated that senior dignitaries and military heads will attend. Please keep this date free of other communal events, as we commemorate our fallen brethren of the Great War.

CoAJP Fundraising

Specially produced "Slouch Hats" to initially fund The Great Synagogue event, are being offered to supplement other CoAJP fundraising activities, which to date exceed \$50,000.

Sydney Jewish Museum Anzac Centenary Photographic Exhibition

A selection of the 172 photographs taken by Jewish digger, Harold Collins on Gallipoli, in Egypt, England and the Western Front, are currently being restored. The SJM anticipates displaying this exhibition from Anzac Day to Rosh Hashanah in 2015 and possibly again in 2016.

This will also form the essence of a Travelling Exhibition that will visit interstate in future years, including Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide and culminating in Canberra for the Centenary of the Armistice in 2018.

Jewish Museum of Australia Anzac Centenary Exhibition

This exhibition, from June 28th 2015 to January 17th 2016, will look at the Australian Jewish experience of WW1 by exploring the Australian context, the conflicts and the ultimate consequences of the War.

Other Anzac Centenary Commemorative Services include

- 2015: WA: Sunday 19 April at Perth HC and Friday 24 April at King's Park Memorial
Vic: Sunday 26 April at Glen Eira Town Hall and Sunday 28 June at St Kilda HC
Qld: Sunday 19 April at Brisbane HC
ACT: Sunday 19 April at ACT JCC
NSW: August - dedication 'Lt Keysor VC Community Building' at DHA development, West Lindfield
- 2016: SA: Sunday 24 April at Adelaide HC
Tas: Sunday 30 October at Hobart HC - unveiling of Honour Board to Tasmanian Jews
- 2017: tbc - combined anniversaries of Beersheba Centenary, Tobruk/Kokoda 75th and Vietnam 50th
- 2018: Vic: August - Sir John Monash knighthood - tbc - at Bialik College
Canberra: Sunday 11 November at ACT JCC - unveiling of Australian Jewish War Memorial.



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