



Victoria Cross medals from Gallipoli

A special touring exhibition of the Australian War Memorial's collection of Victoria Cross medals from Gallipoli has now opened at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT), commemorating the 95th anniversary of the landing.

This company of brave men; the Gallipoli VCs, is presented by the Australian War Memorial and made possible through the generous support of Mr Kerry Stokes AC and Seven Network Limited.

Australian War Memorial Director Steve Gower said it was the first time the rare medals had travelled outside Canberra, and the tour provided a valuable opportunity for more Australians to learn the story of these ANZACs.

"The Victoria Cross is the highest form of recognition that can be bestowed on a soldier for remarkable and unselfish courage in the service of others. The entire nation draws pride and inspiration from these brave men," Mr Gower said.

MAGNT Acting Director Darlene Lion said MAGNT was honoured to host the exhibition.

"The touring exhibition offers a wonderful opportunity for Territorians and visitors to the museum to view these significant and rare medals," Ms Lion said.

The exhibition features the medals of Corporal Alexander Burton, Corporal William Dunstan, Private John Hamilton, Lance Corporal Albert Jacka, Lance Corporal Leonard Keysor, Captain Alfred Shout, Lieutenant William Symons, Second Lieutenant Hugo Throssell, and Lieutenant Frederick Tubb.

Seven of the nine Victoria Crosses awarded at Gallipoli were for bravery during the battle of Lone Pine, on 6-7 August, 1915. A total of 97 Australians have received the Victoria Cross.

This company of brave men; the Gallipoli VCs is on display in the Ken Waters Annexe at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory from Saturday, 8 May 2010 to Sunday, 20 June 2010. Entry to the *Gallipoli VCs* exhibition is free.

Australian War Memorial exhibition curator and military historian Libby Stewart will present a free talk about the Gallipoli Medals and the Australian War Memorial project in the MAGNT theatre at 10.30am Saturday, 8 May 2010. No bookings required.

For more information, including biographies of VC winners and photos, go to the media download centre at <http://www.awm.gov.au/media/> and login to media downloads.
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