

Interview Brief

Memories of War

Call Out: Interview Subjects Required

We are looking for Fed Uni students who have undertaken research or creative projects in 2015 about Ballarat's WW1 experience to participate in our short film.

We would like to interview a number of students on camera.

If you are interested in participating in an interview or would like more information please contact us via the 'Memories of War' Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1567754426841127/>, or contact Lucinda Horrocks lucinda@windsy.com.au, 03 53395469.

About the Memories of War Project

The Memories of War project commemorates the centenary of WW1 in Ballarat and connects people today to events that took place a hundred years ago. Student researchers from Federation University Australia will discover and tell the stories of Ballarat people affected by the Great War. They will share their stories on the Ballarat Gold Museum Blog and in a series of local events held in 2015. A documentary film based on the research findings will be produced by Wind & Sky Productions in 2015 and screened at a dedicated event at the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka, Ballarat.

The project is a collaboration between the Ballarat RSL, Federation University Australia, the Ballarat Gold Museum, the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka, Wind & Sky Productions and the Ballarat Ranger Military Museum.

For more information visit: <http://mow.windsy.com.au/>

About The Documentary Film

In this film we take a journey with writing, history, education and acting students who have engaged in WW1 commemorative activities in Ballarat. This short documentary film will explore their attitudes to war, nationalism, commitment to a cause and the meaning of sacrifice. It will explore the student's personal journey in looking at the lives and times of individuals and society during the First World War and beyond.

The film will be composed of interviews with students interspersed with interpretive readings from letters and diary entries from the time. Stills and moving image will be used to support the story lines and the visual experience.

About the Student Interviews

We are intending to interview four Fed Uni students about their perceptions of WW1. If you have produced material for the Gold Museum Blog on WW1 or have undertaken some sort of project related to World War 1 we are interested in talking to you.

Selection

Four students will be selected to participate in the interviews after a selection phase. If you are interested in taking part in the project, please get in touch (contact details below).

Preparation

You don't need to do any preparation or consider yourself an expert. Your memory of the process you have gone through this year is enough. We want to ask you about your perceptions of WW1 and what you feel about the way we commemorate it. Don't feel that there are right or wrong answers.

Example Questions

Questions will vary based on your experiences, but typical questions will be:

- Tell me about your project and the process you went through.
- Has your perception of WW1 changed this year? Why/ why not?
- Are younger people more drawn to WW1 and the story of ANZAC? Why/ why not?
- How does the ANZAC story make you feel?
- In what ways do you feel connected to the experiences the community went through a hundred years ago?

The Shoot

Your interview will be shot in a location that reflects you and which is convenient for us all to access (we are Ballarat based). This we will discuss individually with you. If you don't have local transport we can pick you up and drop you off. Times for shoots will be flexible.

Interviews normally take around an hour, although far less of that material will be used in the final film. We may also want to take some B-roll footage of you doing everyday things.

Schedule

Preliminary conversations with potential interview subjects to start in June 2015.

Interview sessions to be scheduled throughout July 2015.

Contact

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Or chat about what we are doing at the project Facebook page

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About Wind & Sky Productions

Wind & Sky Productions is an independent film production company specialising in short documentaries. We make high quality productions for the web, DVD, mobile devices, TV, conferences, projectors, installations and social media. Using documentary methods to highlight issues, inspire action, inform and to entertain we take great care over each story – large or small.

We take on commissions and also produce self-driven projects where we develop story concepts, source funding, and bring together project partners and collaborators. We work with our project partners to help achieve beautiful, thoughtful productions within the scope and available budget.

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