

# Memories of War

## Film and Research Project

23 February 2015

### Invitation to Participate – FedUni Students

#### 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.windsky.com.au/>

#### Call for Content

You are invited to contribute writing, research, performative or creative content on Ballarat's WW1 experience.

Multimedia and written content you produce, if selected, will be published on a specially developed blog to be used as a community resource to help the people of Ballarat commemorate World War One.

The research that you undertake to develop your content will also inform a documentary film to be produced about the WW1 experience in Ballarat.

## What Sort of Content?

We are after mostly written content, hopefully with associated images, which informs or adds insight to the experiences of individual Ballarat people during World War One (1914-1918).

The written content can be historical, research-based, journalistic, reflective or creative. It can be any length from very short (50 words) to quite long (3000 words).

We are particularly interested in stories which:

- Make readers think about what life was like for the people of Ballarat at home and at war during that time.
- Make readers feel personally connected to specific Ballarat people from the time, men or women, young and old, those who went to war and those who stayed behind.
- Draw the reader's attention to specific important dates or events in the world or in Ballarat, and explain how they relate to the experience of Ballarat people.
- Give a sense of how the grand themes and debates in Australia or the world at that time related to the local conditions of Ballarat.
- Reflect on the legacy of World War One and the relevance of commemorating it in Ballarat today.

There are options to produce performative, musical, audio and video content as venues will be sought where interest dictates a need.

## The Documentary

The documentary film will be a short reflective piece with a strong focus on connecting people today with people who lived through the war experience. The film will go beyond the normal emphasis on the experience of soldiers at the front and attempt to show the effects of war on all the people of Ballarat. We will look to explore the real human stories that transpired in the time through the historical records of correspondence, diary entries and photographic and film archives.

## Who is Eligible?

You are eligible if you are a student of Federation University Australia at the Mt Helen/ Ballarat campuses. We are interested in contributions from a range of people. For further information contact the Memories of War Liaison Dr David Waldron: Mt Helen Campus H Building Room 226, 03 5327 9710, [d.waldron@federation.edu.au](mailto:d.waldron@federation.edu.au)

## Course Credit

The following courses are offering assignment options which connect to the Memories of War project:

- HISSG 1106: World Empires
- HISGL 1107: Australia People and Cultures
- LITCR 1002: Expository Writing
- LITCI2204: Digital Writing Genres
- EDBED1007: Australian History Curriculum
- BAFND1004: Western Civilization

If you are enrolled in one of these courses and would like to participate in the project via an assignment, talk to your Course Coordinator.

## Course Assessment Tasks

If you are a student enrolled in one of the six courses mentioned above, there will be an assessment task which relates to the Memories of War project. **It is important you meet the Course Assessment criteria first** before attempting to meet the requirements of content for the blog. You should discuss your assignment ideas with your Course Coordinator before undertaking the assignment.

## Other Contributions

If you have an idea for a contribution you could make to the blog which lies outside of the Course Assessment tasks, contact the Memories of War FedUni Liaison Dr David Waldron: Mt Helen Campus H Building Room 226, 03 5327 9710 [d.waldron@federation.edu.au](mailto:d.waldron@federation.edu.au)



## Evaluation and Moderation of Content

All content will be evaluated for suitability first by Fed Uni staff before being recommended for publication on the blog. If your content is part of a Course Assessment task, your Course Coordinator will evaluate your content's suitability for publication after completing the assessment. Note that your final assessment grade for the task is not related to the content's suitability for publishing on the blog: the two are separate beasts.

Your content may also be edited before publication on the blog for the purposes of brevity, to correct a historical inaccuracy, or for readability. We do not guarantee that all content produced for the blog will be published.

## Permission and Attribution

You will be attributed as the author/ creator of the work when it is published on the blog.

There will be no payment for contributions. (This is a non-profit exercise with many organisations and contributors donating services or expertise freely).

When you submit your content for evaluation, you will be asked to sign a form stating you give consent for your work to be published on the blog so long as it is correctly attributed with you as the creator of the work, and that you do not expect payment for the work.

Any content you wish to use in your work which you did not create yourself, for example images you find on the Internet or in archives, or journals or letters or other documentary sources, need to be appropriately acknowledged and attributed.

## When will my Story be Published?

Stories will be published sequentially on the blog starting around April/ May 2015 (the schedule is not yet finalised, the blog is currently in development).

Your content may not be immediately published. It will go into a publishing schedule designed to roll out throughout 2015.

## More Information

Thanks for being interested in our project!

If you have any queries or would like more information please feel free to get in touch.



'Memories of War' Project Web Site: <http://mow.windsky.com.au/>

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## About Wind & Sky Productions

Wind & Sky Productions is an independent production company specialising in short documentaries. Founded by Jary Nemo and Lucinda Horrocks in 2008, Wind & Sky favours stories that engender social responsibility and promote positive change, with a focus on stories of community, history, sustainability and culture.

For more information about Wind & Sky visit <http://windsky.com.au>

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