

## Media Release

## Ironbark Gallery Exhibits Strathfield Answers the Call 1914-1918

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Strathfield Council is commemorating the spirit of the ANZACs this year with a special exhibition at the Ironbark Gallery in collaboration with the Strathfield-Homebush District Historical Society.

Strathfield Answers the Call 1914-1918 explores how people of Strathfield and Homebush participated in the events of World War I on the battlefront and at home. This exhibition shares the stories from our local district in supporting a war fought far from home.

Learn about the sacrifices of those who fought, the efforts of those at home and the issues that united and divided communities by reading extracts from the diary and letters of a soldier who served, seeing war medals on loan from the Australian War Memorial and examining a water bottle from the Fromelles battlefield.

Join guest speaker, Elise Edmonds, Senior Curator of the State Library of NSW as she officially opens the new exhibition at the Ironbark Gallery on Thursday 22 April.

In addition to the exhibition's Official Opening, you are invited to discover the many stories of those who answered the call by attending two historical talks at the Ironbark Gallery:

- Saturday 1 May From Homebush to Hill 60: the letters of Roy Richards
- Saturday 29 May The War at Home: the impact of WWI on the Strathfield district.

Registrations for the official opening and historical talks are essential and can be made through Council's website.

The exhibition runs from 23 April through to 20 June at the Ironbark Gallery located within the Strathfield Council Library & Innovation Hub, 65 – 67 Rochester Street, Homebush.

For more information, please visit Council's website <a href="www.strathfield.nsw.gov.au">www.strathfield.nsw.gov.au</a> or email <a href="mailto:exhibitions@strathfield.nsw.gov.au">exhibitions@strathfield.nsw.gov.au</a>

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