



The art of Anzac Day

Free Anzac trails at the Art Gallery of South Australia

The Art Gallery invites all South Australians to reconnect with our wartime history through art this Anzac Day. For the first time, the Gallery will offer free self-guided trails of selected war images in the Gallery's Australian collections.

Through the paintings of some of Australia's most renowned artists, visitors will have the chance to see images of battles fought on the Western Front and the difficult conditions faced by allied troops during The Great War. The Second World War brought the action closer to home and works from this period depict the trauma of war for Australian civilians and soldiers alike. Also included in the trail will be works by some of Australia's official male and female war artists as well as contemporary works relating to the current conflict in Iraq.

"Art is a great communicator and nearly 100 years after they were painted, the eye-witness images of Anzacs still invoke intense emotions in us" says Miranda Starke, the Gallery's Communications Manager. "We're encouraging people to stay on in the city after Sunday's Anzac Day parade and learn even more about this important part of Australia's history through the images in our state's collection" she says.

Hand-outs for the self-guided Anzac Day trails are free and available from today at the Gallery which is open 10am to 5pm every day of the Anzac weekend.

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