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Anzac Day at Home and Abroad: A Centenary History of Australia's National Day

My name is Professor Bruce Scates from Monash University.

On behalf of all my research team I would like to thank you for responding to our Centenary of Anzac Day Appeal. We're interviewing and surveying people who've attended Anzac Day services in Australia or abroad. Australia is fast approaching the centenary of Anzac Day and many believe this is the one day of the year that captures the spirit of the nation. This project will examine Anzac Day's complex and much contested history, retrieving our private and collective memories of war through archival research and novel and participatory public history.

The aim of this study is to chart Anzac Day's origins, development and much contested meanings. It will be both an historical study, tracing changes in commemoration over time and an investigation of how Australians mark Anzac Day today, interrogating the making of historical sensibility and exploring the complex connections between personal and collective memory. We will examine the Day's shared origins/observance with New Zealand and the changing role it has played shaping national identity abroad.

We are conducting this research to write a history of Anzac Day. It will be based both on the archival record and the experience of individuals such as yourself. We believe this study will help us to understand the changing memory of Anzac Day. We anticipate research publications outputs including special issue journal proposals and are currently liaising with Cambridge University Press about publishing a co-authored monograph. All researchers and some research assistants will present conference papers that will include publication of conference proceedings for organisations such as the Australian Historical Association. There will also be some web generated content posted on the Anzac Day project’s website: http://artsonline.monash.edu.au/anzac-remembered/.

What does the research involve?
The study involves interviews (audio taping), surveys and semi-structured interviews. You can agree to take part in any one or all of these research exercises.

How much time will the research take?
That will depend on you. Generally, an interview runs from 20 minutes to an hour, a written survey could be completed in ten minutes or you might spend several hours adding comments where you see fit.

Inconvenience/discomfort
The memory of war can often be disturbing. Those who lost loved ones during World War II may still feel a great sense of grief. But often telling one's family story is seen as a way of achieving closure. In this sense, speaking one's history can have a healing effect. It is not the intention of this study to inflict pain or discomfort on anyone. You can withdraw from an interview at any time, or choose not to complete the survey. You should also be aware that
counselling services are offered by the Australian Department of Veterans’ Affairs and other such agencies to help families come to terms with the enduring loss of war. The VVCS – Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service, a service founded by Vietnam veterans, can be contacted on 1800 011 046.

In New Zealand, there are counselling services available regarding the 2010-2011 earthquakes through the Canterbury Support Line on 0800 777 846.

Can I withdraw from the research?
Being in this study is voluntary and you are under no obligation to consent to participation. However, if you do consent to participate, you can ask for your survey to be returned or the tape to be destroyed within a month of its completion. We request a month as this will enable our administrative process to take place and to access the interview archive. Of course, the survey or interview need not reveal your identity.

Confidentiality
Respecting your privacy, we will identify any material we publish with a different name. Bruce Scates, for instance, could become Brian. This way generic anonymity is ensured. This way any information provided is confidential, cannot lead to the identification of any individual disclosed in any reports on the project, or to any other party.

Storage of data
Storage of the data collected will adhere to the University regulations and will be kept on University premises in a locked cupboard/filing cabinet for 5 years. A report of the study may be submitted for publication, but individual participants will not be identifiable in such a report. After the five years have expired, the collection will be offered to the Australian War Memorial as a record of how Australians and New Zealanders have remembered war. You can withhold your survey from this collection if you wish to do so. Such withheld surveys will be destroyed.

Use of data for other purposes
The data collected for this project will be anonymous. It will not be shared with any individual outside the research team. The chief investigators for this project are Prof Bruce Scates, Prof Rae Frances, Dr Keir Reeves, Dr Tim Soutphommasane, Prof Graham Seal and Dr Martin Crotty. Partner investigators are Prof Andrew Hoskins, Dr Peter Stanley, A/Prof Kevin Blackburn, Dr Frank Bongiorno, Dr Stephen Clarke and Dr Sally Carlton. Other research assistants and the PhD candidates with access to this information will also treat it with strictest confidentiality.

Results
If you would like to be informed of the research finding, please contact Professor Bruce Scates, National Centre for Australian Studies, Monash University Tel +61 3 9903 4781 Fax +61 3 9903 4225. Email: bruce.scates@monash.edu. This project has been funded by the Australian Research Council and will lead (in time) to a major co-authored monograph, a series of scholarly articles, workshops and conferences.
If you would like to contact the researchers about any aspect of this study, please contact the lead Chief Investigator:

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Thank you.

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