2015 Anniversary Lecture

Mr Peter FitzSimons, will present the 2015 John Curtin Prime Ministerial Library Anniversary Lecture on Monday 27th July.

Peter FitzSimons is a well-respected columnist for the Sydney Morning Herald and the Sun-Herald. He speaks four languages, played rugby for Australia and has co-hosted radio programs. In the SBS program the Great Australian Race Riot in 2015 Peter FitzSimons explored the secret history of Australian race riots.

Peter is the author of several bestselling books including Tobruk, Kokoda, Batavia and his latest book Gallipoli was published in 2014. Peter attended the 100th anniversary commemorations of the ANZAC landings at Gallipoli and has been a Council member of the Australian War Memorial since March 2012.


Event Details
Date Monday 27th July 2015
Time 4.45pm for a 5pm start
Venue Tim Winton Lecture Theatre
Building 213, Curtin University, Kent Street, Bentley

The lecture will be followed by light refreshments.

RSVP by 17th July 2015
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Free parking (excluding disabled or reserved bays) is available in Car Park D3. Enter via the main entrance on Kent Street and follow the signs.
Compassion and Conflict

Inspired by the ANZAC centenary, Compassion and Conflict was the theme of the National Trust Heritage Festival this year, with 160 events held by organisations across Western Australia during April and May.

With support from the National Trust, the John Curtin Prime Ministerial Library hosted an exhibition featuring collection items relating to World War 1. The items on display represented a range of experiences during the conflict, including the call up notice issued to Curtin ordering him to enlist at Brunswick Drill Hall, post cards sent by serving soldiers to their relatives, a first edition copy of The Anzac Book edited by C.E.W Bean, Australia at war featuring the work of Australia’s first official war artist Will Dyson, and medals awarded to Fred McLaughlin, who later served Curtin as Private Secretary for Defence. Visitors to the exhibition were also able to view the photographic mural of the 11th Battalion ALF, on the Great Pyramid of Khufu, Giza, Egypt on January 10th 1915, on display in the John Curtin Gallery until November.

Ordering Images

We often receive requests from organisations and individuals who wish to use images from the collections. During the last twelve months the JCPML has provided photographs and information used in television programs produced for the ABC, the BBC, Foxtel History Channel, several books, magazines and even a calendar.

We’ve streamlined the process for ordering and delivering images, and now simply ask for requests to be sent by email to jcpml@curtin.edu.au. More information about using JCPML images and copyright is available at: http://john.curtin.edu.au/collection/faqs.html