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“WAR EXHIBITION COMES TO LONGWOOD”

Australia’s war history will be explored as part of a photographic exhibition from the Shrine of Remembrance at Longwood in November.

The WW1 centenary exhibition ‘Australia Will Be There: Victorians in the First World War (1914-19)’ will feature over 100 photographs drawn from major collections, including the Australian War Memorial and State Library of Victoria, and from the families of those who served, at the Longwood Community Centre.

Most Australian families lost loved ones, and all made sacrifices, as their sons, fathers, husbands, brothers, uncles and daughters left to serve at the frontline.

At home, they waited for news of loved ones and endured their losses, weathered extreme political upheaval and worked tirelessly to provide voluntary assistance for those who served.

The exhibition has travelled to over 20 venues throughout regional Victoria in the last four years.

Families and communities are encouraged to share in and contribute to Australia’s understanding of the experience of our forebears and the events that shaped our country and the world.

Strathbogie Shire Mayor Amanda McClaren encourages all residents to support this opportunity to acknowledge Australia’s war history.

“The Strathbogie Shire bears the honour of being home to three Victoria Cross (VC) recipients,” Cr McClaren said.

“Lieutenant-Colonel Leslie Cecil Maygar was awarded the VC during the Boer War. He went on to serve in WW1 and died of wounds received at the Battle of Beersheba in 1917.

“At Gallipoli on 9 August, 1915, Lieutenant (later Major) Frederick Harold Tubb and Corporal Alexander Stewart Burton were involved in the desperate fighting in the trenches at Lone Pine and were both awarded a VC. Burton did not survive.

“A memorial to all three VC recipients was opened in Euroa in 2014 and three blue stone pavers were unveiled more recently in the beautiful Seven Creeks Park.”

She said Longwood, where Major Tubb was born, was a perfect place to showcase the exhibition.

“We strongly encourage anyone interested in learning more about our nation’s war history to come along to the exhibition,” she said.

The official opening of the exhibition will be held on Thursday, 9 November at the Longwood Community Centre with a curator’s floor talk at 10am before the official opening at 11am.

Local schools are invited to bring groups to the exhibition, which will be open Tuesday to Thursday and weekends between 9-29 November.

For more information, contact Anne Murray on 0458 110 711.

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