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Forthcoming Anniversaries

27 January 1941: Fighting in Derna, Libya, between Australians and Italians. Full mobilisation of militia forces ordered in Australia
27 January 1942: Withdrawal of British forces from Malaya to Singapore begins
27 January 1973: Conclusion of hostilities in Việt Nam
29 January 1943: Japanese attack Wau Airfield, New Guinea
30 January 1942: Japanese attack Ambon, Dutch East Indies
30 January 1968: First Battle of Saigon begins Operation Coburg for 2 and 7 RAR
31 January 1968: Beginning of the Tet Offensive, Việt Nam
1 February 1942: First air attack on Port Moresby, Papua
1 February 1943: Last Australian forces sail for home from the Middle East
3 February 1941: Two 6 Div brigades encircle and capture Derna, Libya

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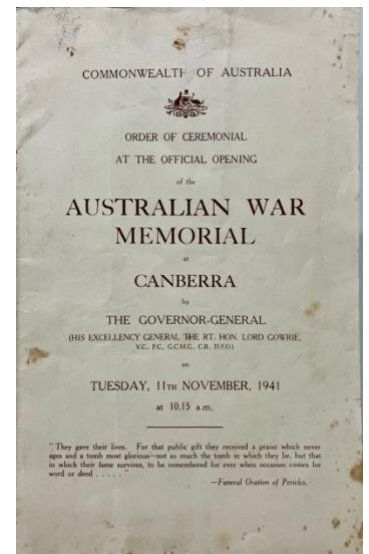
The Opening of the Australian War Memorial (AWM)

This is the program for the official opening of the AWM by the Governor-General Lord Gowrie on Armistice Day 1941. Here is some of its content

“By the decision of the Commonwealth Government the scope of the AWM has been extended to include the present war. It will consequently be the repository not only of the relics and records of the war of 1914-1918 but of those of the Australian forces now so gallantly serving Australia and the cause of freedom.

The ceremony on this occasion will be confined to the opening of the national collection of the war of 1914-1918. The dedication of the Memorial cannot take place now since it is not possible to complete the Roll of Honour and the Hall of Memory until the cessation of hostilities.

The Memorial to the Australians who died in the war of 1914-1918 consists of the national collection of war relics and the building in which it is preserved. The collection includes the documentary records of the Australian fighting forces, the pictures, photographs, dioramas, and material relics in which their story is enshrined. The gathering of these relics began on the battle-field and the decision that they should become part of Australia's Memorial was made by the Commonwealth Government on a suggestion emanating from the front.”



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Australia must be clear-eyed and pragmatic about Donald Trump: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)
 Aussies announce \$163M more for AUKUS initiatives, experts skeptical of ‘substance’: [\(M\)BreakingDefense](#)
 The ADF needs more specialists. To get them, it needs more flexibility: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Navy

Carrier 2.0: the drone carrier revolution: [\(M\)WarQuants](#)

Army

Army receives the first AS9 Huntsman self-propelled howitzer: [\(F\)DefenceUP87](#)

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Kiwi appointed Deputy Air Commander Australia: [\(M\)Contact](#)

New Zealand

Aotearoa underway on Op Tio: [\(F\)NZDF](#)

Asia Pacific

Partnership of convenience: Ream Naval Base and the Cambodia–China convergence: [\(M\)Lowy](#)
Looking through a Pacific Islands lens: Access, accountability, and alignment in global engagements: [\(M\)Lowy](#)

Trump administration promises ‘ironclad’ support for Philippines’ security: [\(M\)AlJazeera](#)

French Carrier *Charles de Gaulle* Kicks Off La Perouse Exercise in South East Asia: [\(M\)USNI](#)

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Defence Secretary oral statement on Russian Maritime activity and UK response: [\(M\)Gov.UK](#)

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Everything Trump said about national security on Day 1: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

Tracking Trump’s national-security conflicts of interest: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

Trump’s inaugural speech: the clues in what he said – and didn’t say: [\(M\)AspiStrategist](#)

Hegseth confirmed as Defense Secretary in tie-breaker vote: [\(M\)DefenseOne](#)

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New Syrian government officially boots Russia out of Tartus: [\(F\)WardCarroll](#)

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Ukraine to hand combat units \$60 million monthly for new drones: [\(M\)DefenseNews](#)

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