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NEWCASTLE HISTORIAN AWARDED WORLD WAR I HISTORY FELLOWSHIP

Newcastle-based historian Dr Victoria Haskins has been awarded the NSW Centenary of Anzac Commemoration (2014 – 2018) History Fellowship, valued at \$20,000, Minister for the Arts, George Souris, announced today.

Mr Souris said Dr Haskins' fellowship project would explore the diverse and distinct ways in which the Anzac experience and World War I impacted on the lives of NSW's women.

"Congratulations to Dr Victoria Haskins from the University of Newcastle on being awarded the NSW Centenary of Anzac Commemoration (2014 – 2018) History Fellowship for her project, *ANZAC: Her Story*," Mr Souris said.

"The fellowship was established to commemorate the centenary of World War I and its significance to the people of NSW. In making its decision to award the fellowship to Dr Haskins, the panel acknowledged that she is one of the leading historians in NSW.

"In her submission Dr Haskins said there is a need for more published work on the experiences of women in World War I. Her work will include a selection of personal stories, offering new insight into the profound impact of World War I on the women of NSW including women at war as well as those who stayed at home.

"I'm pleased that this funding from the NSW Government will support a project that will address a gap in the historical literature about the period."

Minister for Citizenship and Communities, Victor Dominello, said the research for *ANZAC: Her Story* will benefit the wider community including providing much-needed historical study material for students.

"The awarding of the scholarship is timely as the people of NSW prepare to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the First World War," Mr Dominello said.

"The Centenary will be a time for the community to come together and pay tribute to the first Anzacs and to all the brave servicemen and women who have since followed in their footsteps.

“Dr Haskins is a highly experienced and respected historian with a strong national and international profile for her work researching the relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal women in Australia,” Mr Dominello said.

“The research project for *ANZAC: Her Story* will start in July next year. Dr Haskins plans to publish articles and conduct public presentations on the research, coinciding with the anniversary of the Coo-ee March in 2015.”

Parliamentary Secretary for Veteran’s Affairs, Charlie Lynn, said the scholarship is just one of many actions that will be taken by the Government to commemorate the centenary of the First World War.

“I look forward to reading Dr Haskins work. It will be an invaluable contribution to our understanding of a conflict that defined a generation and affected many more.”

More information on the NSW Centenary of Anzac (2014 – 2018) Commemoration History Fellowship is available from Arts NSW: www.arts.nsw.gov.au

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