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Community Talk



A shoe box, a love affair, and the Great War exhibitions

A story of intrigue, uneasy alliances and war photographs on a grand scale

Wendy Lugg

When a visitor arrived at History West bearing a shoe box overflowing with letters, Great War photographs and some 1920s exhibition catalogues, this intriguing collection initiated a fascinating escapade of travel and research.

The letters disclosed a lingering love affair, intertwined with the story of an uneasy alliance between Australia's Official War Board and acclaimed Victoria Cross winner William Donovan Joynt. Their competing tours of spectacular enlargements of Great War photographs criss-crossed the nation. One told the official story. The other painted the 'true' picture of the conflict, captured on cameras smuggled onto the battlefields in soldiers' pockets.

Wendy Lugg has been History West's artist in residence since 2009. In an arts career spanning five decades she has travelled the world to exhibit, teach and explore other cultures, whilst remaining deeply embedded in her own WA family heritage. Wendy is interested in the stories history tells about people's lives. Researching those stories leads her down rabbit holes that never fail to intrigue and excite.

Thursday 23 November, 10 for 10.30am

Cost \$10 Bookings essential

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