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Letters from World War I come to Tallangatta

To commemorate the centenary of World War I, Tallangatta Neighbourhood House is presenting a touring exhibition from the State Library Victoria, exploring the personal stories of ordinary Australians told through their own diaries and letters.

Writing the War: Personal stories from WWI tells the story of Australia's involvement in WWI seen through the eyes of seven ordinary Australians from very different backgrounds – a teacher, a nurse, a bank clerk, a farmer, a journalist, an artist and an activist. Their personal experiences are conveyed through diaries, letters, photos and multimedia which take us from Gallipoli to the Western Front, to Gaza, and capture a diverse range of perspectives.

Some of these writings helped shape public opinion about the war effort, such as Sir Keith Murdoch's Gallipoli letter or the writing of pacifist Vida Goldstein. Some were never intended to be read in public, like the diaries of George Auchterlonie which remained in his family's possession for more than 70 years.

The exhibition due to open at Tallangatta Library and Community Centre on 22 December 2017 will also feature letters, diaries, memorabilia and personal accounts from the Towong area who served in WWI. It will remain on exhibition until 2 February 2018.

Tallangatta is one of twelve regional libraries and galleries across Victoria who will host the exhibition.

For further information, contact Lou Newman, Tallangatta Neighbourhood House Co-Ordinator at the Tallangatta Council Office on (02) 6071 5100.

The Writing the War exhibition tour is supported by the Victorian Government through 'Creative Victoria'.

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