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Politicians At War: The Experiences of Australian Senators and Members in the First World War

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Theatre, Parliament House
Friday 10 April 12.15pm to 1.15pm

This talk looks at the wartime experiences of a number of Australian politicians who fought in the First World War. Some members of parliament felt compelled to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) at the outbreak of war; others were shaped by their wartime experiences and entered politics in the post-war period. This talk by Aaron Pegram, seeks to shed light on a number of Australian politicians who fought and sometimes made the supreme sacrifice in the fighting during the First World War.

Aaron Pegram is a senior historian in the Military History Section at the Australian War Memorial where he was recently appointed Historian – First World War Centenary Projects. Aaron is a tour leader and historical guide for the Memorial's battlefield tours to the Western Front, and has published extensively on the First World War and other areas of military history in the Memorial's magazine, *Wartime*. In 2011, Aaron re-published an edited version of William Cull's record of captivity in Germany during the First World War, *Both sides of the wire: the memoir of an Australian officer captured in the Great War*. A history graduate of Charles Sturt University and a recipient of a research grant from the Australian Army History Unit, Aaron is currently completing a PhD thesis on Australian prisoners in Germany during the First World War at the Australian National University.



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