

THERE'S A WAR ON!

WORLD WAR II AT HOME

ABOUT THE EXHIBITION

Following an extremely successful national tour, Museums & Galleries NSW is proud to present two small scale versions of the touring exhibition *There's A War On! World War II At Home*.

World War II inflicted momentous changes upon the people of New South Wales. As the cry "There's a war on!" echoed across the countryside, men, women and children banded together to face an uncertain future. For some wartime meant loss and hardship. For others it was a time of adventure, love, lasting friendships and new experiences.

The exhibition showcases the varied experiences of the men, women and children who fought the war on the home, tapping into images and stories from collections across NSW.

This smaller exhibition provides museums with limited space and resources access to professionally designed exhibition materials that can be shown either on their own or in conjunction with locally curated material.

Please note: No original materials will tour with this exhibition.

With option 1, museums can loan the professionally printed banners and text panels, custom-made title feature including compiled video footage and equipment, and accompanying printed ottomans. Option 2 offers a more economical package and includes the pull-up banners and the DVD (minus the equipment).



A photograph from the exhibition, Meg Sheaffe in Sydney, c. 1943, courtesy of Meg Sheaffe, private collection



An object from the exhibition, Knitted Comforts Book, courtesy of AlburyCity Collection

EXHIBITION COMPONENTS AVAILABLE FOR TOUR

OPTION 1

The following components will be available for tour as part of the smaller scale version.

Title feature with inbuilt LCD screen

A title feature item of exhibition furniture, approximately (h) 2300 x (w) 1075 x (d) 850mm, inspired by the shape and transient nature of the 'Nissen hut', will provide a visually and physically evocative centerpiece for the exhibition. The feature will contain a medium size in-built LCD screen displaying local footage of wartime New South Wales on one side. On the other side, the logo of the exhibition will be displayed, illuminated by an in-built period enamel lamp sitting on top of the hut.

Ottomans

Two custom built and printed ottomans will be supplied for visitors to sit on while watching video footage. The circular ottomans each sit two people and are (w) 1200 x (h) 50mm. They are printed with wartime propaganda, recruitment posters and photographs from local collections.

6 pull up banners

Each banner is (h) 2000 x (w) 1200mm and is self-supporting. They provide images and information under the headings:

- Australia At War
- Banding Together
- Enduring Threats and Restrictions
- Embracing Change
- Austerity Army
- The War is Over



An installation view of the exhibition furniture and components, Museum of the Riverina, Wagga Wagga

COST

\$1250 per venue (excluding GST)

Expenses covered by Touring Agency:

- All freight costs including insurance
- Exhibition furniture and components, as listed above
- Installation instructions for furniture and components
- Invitation artwork and images

Expenses to be covered by host venue:

- All costs associated with curating the exhibition
- All marketing materials and publicity
- Exhibition installation
- Insurance during exhibition

OPTION 2

The following components will be available for tour as part of this smaller scale version.

6 pull up banners

Each banner is (h) 2000 x (w) 1200mm and is self-supporting. They provide images and information under the headings:

- Australia At War
- Banding Together
- Enduring Threats and Restrictions
- Embracing Change
- Austerity Army
- The War is Over

DVD

A DVD of local footage of wartime New South Wales will be available for museums to display on their own monitors.

COST

\$350 per venue (excluding GST)

Expenses covered by Touring Agency:

- All freight costs including insurance
- Exhibition components, as listed above

Expenses to be covered by host venue:

- All costs associated with curating the exhibition
- All marketing materials and publicity
- Exhibition installation
- Insurance during exhibition

TOUR DETAILS

These versions of *There's A War On! World War II At Home* are available for tour from July 2011. Please contact Rachel Arndt at M&G NSW for further information on the schedule and availability:

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Embracing Change Banner detail