

**Labour and Anzac:
conference and *Labour History* ‘thematic’**

Program

Conference Dates: Friday 21 September and Saturday 22 September 2012

Venue: National Archives of Australia, Queen Victoria Terrace, Parkes, Canberra, ACT
2600

Convened by: Frank Bongiorno (Australian National University), Rae Frances (Monash University), Andrew Reeves (Monash University), Bruce Scates (Monash University) and Peter Stanley (National Museum of Australia)

Attendance free but bookings essential and places limited.

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Friday 21 September

9.15 Welcome

9.30-10.30 *Opening Shots*

Doug Newton (University of Western Sydney)

The ALP at the birth of Anzac: The Cook Cabinet, Australia’s offer of an expeditionary force to Britain on Monday 3 August 1914, and the response of Andrew Fisher’s ALP

Melanie Oppenheimer (University of New England)

Shaping the Legend: the role of the Australian Red Cross and Anzac

10.30-11.00 Morning Tea

11.00-1.00 *Industrial Warfare*

Charles Fahey (La Trobe University, Bendigo)

Wages and War - Working in Melbourne 1911-1921

John Lack (University of Melbourne)

‘Maintaining the supply of heroes’: the middle-class assault on workers and their families, and labour’s response, 1915-1919

Nathan Wise (University of New England)

Private conflicts: working relationships behind the lines during the First World War

Bruce Scates (Monash University) and Melanie Oppenheimer (University of New England)
'A worker is entitled to a Living Wage': Soldier Settlement and the Moral Economy of Anzac

1.00-2.00 Lunch

2.00-3.30 *Drawing the Line*

Robin Archer (London School of Economics)
Stopping the War Stopping Labor: Australian Labor's experience of WWI in comparative perspective

Robert Bollard (Victoria University and Deakin University)
The Second Conscription Referendum and the Struggle for the Soul of Anzac

Rodney Cavalier
'The Great War in the Southern Highlands, NSW' or 'Bowral rejects conscription'

3.30-4.00 Afternoon tea

***Religious Wars* 4.00-5.00**

Roslyn Russell (National Museum of Australia)
'A breach of faith with the workers': Dean Talbot, Gallipoli chaplain, and the 1917 strike

Val Noone (University of Melbourne)
Mannix in West Melbourne: labour and World War I

Saturday 22 September

9.30-10.30 *Anzac Days*

Mark Cryle (University of Queensland)
The Labour Movement and Anzac Day 1915-1918

Gareth Knapman (Monash University)
Labour and the creation of Anzac Day

10.30-11.00 Morning Tea

11.00-12.30 *Coming to the Party*

Nick Dyrenfurth (Monash University)
Antipathy, ambivalence and admiration: ANZAC and the Australian Labor Party, 1916-1946

Phillip Deery (Victoria University)
Frank Bongiorno (Australian National University)
Labor, Loyalty and Peace: Two Anzac Controversies of the 1920s

James Curran (University of Sydney)
'Hijack!': Labor mythology and the Anzac dilemma

12.30-1.00

Concluding Discussion