

Timetable for Australian National Racing Pigeon Board

11.00am Board members are welcomed by AWM staff on arrival

Taken to presentation of **Animals in War** presented by Mr Nigel Allsopp

1.00pm - Members are given tour of AWM by staff

2.45pm - Board members meet at forecourt on AWM

President Mr Greg Kakoschke to deliver brief acknowledgements prior to Mr Nigel Allsopp who will provide an introduction to pigeon release, and also talk about other animals which have served.

Nigel is the CEO of the Australian Animal Memorial Organization. He is an author and expert on war and service animals. Nigel has lectured at institutions such as Sandhurst Military Academy in the UK and the New Zealand National Museum. He has written 14 books, including *Cry Havoc-the History of War Dogs*. Nigel was awarded the Returned and Services League of Australia ANZAC of the Year Award in 2017 which recognizes the efforts and achievements of Australians who have given service to the community in a positive, selfless and compassionate manner.

3.00pm

Pigeons released at Forecourt by Two representatives of ANRPB

32 pigeons will be release to commemorate the number of pigeons which received the Dicken Medal.

Robyn Siers will then introduce Steven Holland after the release.

Following release, party will proceed to the memorial sculpture garden which will include the commemorative pigeon plaque.

Presenter Steven Holland

Steven was born in 1960 in Dwellingup, WA.

He studied at the Royal College of Art, London, Canberra School of Art and the Curtin University of Technology. Steven completed his Doctor of Philosophy at the ANU in 2015. He has a particular interest in animals and nature and has studied natural history illustration. In the form of sculpture, performance and drawing he takes a critical view of the social, political and cultural construction of the lives of animals.

In 2009, Steven completed the *Animals in War Memorial* which was a joint project between the Memorial and the RSPCA. His sculpture *Circling into Sleep* was recently installed in the Memorial's Sculpture Garden and commemorates the service of military working dogs.

Thanks to Anton van der Heever for providing the 32 pigeons. Anton is a member of the Canberra Racing Pigeon Combine.