



## Sir John Monash Centre – Additional Funding

As announced, this initiative provides \$7.4 million over four years (\$8.3 million over six years) to enable important upgrades and maintenance works for the Sir John Monash Centre in France. The works include replacement of aging technical equipment while maintaining the continued delivery of a highly interactive, cutting edge interpretive experience that will continue to offer insight into the Australian experience on the Western Front in the First World War.

### Why is this important?

The Sir John Monash Centre in France was opened in 2018 and plays an important role in ensuring ongoing commemoration and recognition of Australia's role and sacrifice during the First World War. The visitor experience is an interactive experience predicated on constant interaction between the visitor and highly technical equipment. This highly technical equipment requires cyclical funding to maintain its compatibility with emerging technologies and visitor devices, and its effectiveness in telling the Australian story on the Western Front.

The Australian Government remains committed to recognising the service and sacrifice of the more than two million Australians who have served the nation through the construction and maintenance of official overseas memorials and interpretive centres at key international sites of historical significance to Australia. The Australian public holds an expectation that the Australian Government will sustain and maintain its assets, to appropriately and solemnly commemorate service and sacrifice.

### Who will benefit?

Over 295,000 Australian served on the Western Front. Of those service men and women, 46,000 lost their lives and more than 130,000 were wounded. The recognition of the service and sacrifice during the First World War is important for the Australian community as a whole.

### Date of effect?

The project will commence in 2023.

### How much will this cost?

\$7.4 million over four years (\$8.3 million over six years).