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2014-2018 ANZAC CENTENARY
WORLD WAR I COMMEMORATION -
THE FIRST SHOT

Tuesday 5 August 2014
11am - 1:30pm

Point Nepean National Park
Portsea

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Between 2014 and 2018, Australia will commemorate the ANZAC Centenary, marking 100 years since our nation's involvement in World War I.

The first shot in the British Empire was fired from Coastal Artillery Gun Emplacement No. 6 at Fort Nepean, Portsea, Victoria on 5 August 1914 at 12:45pm, just 3 hours 45 minutes after war was declared in London. The shot was fired in order to prevent the German merchant vessel *SS Pfalz* from escaping Port Phillip to the open sea. The shot was successful – the *Pfalz* surrendered.

To acknowledge the significance of this historic occasion, a special commemoration open to all Australians is to be conducted at the Parade Ground at the former Officer Cadet School within the Quarantine Station at Point Nepean National Park. This event will be the very first of many commemorations to be held all around the world in those countries that comprised the former British Empire.

The anniversary will coincide with the opening of conservation and visitor access improvements at Fort Nepean that will enhance the telling of Point Nepean's war time heritage stories.



You are invited to attend
The First Shot Commemoration
on the 100th anniversary
of the first shot fired in the
British Empire in WWI.

WHEN & WHERE

Tuesday 5 August 2014

11am – 1:30pm

Point Nepean National Park

Free entry

Immediately following the commemoration, visitors will be able to travel down to Fort Nepean by free shuttle bus to view the site of the First Shot and enjoy the new interpretative experiences. Spaces are limited – register early!

