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WW1 French, local experience remembered at CMAG

Minister for the Arts Joy Burch today joined French Ambassador to Australia, His Excellency Mr Christophe Lecourtier to accept a major World War 1 gift to the Canberra Museum and Gallery (CMAG), The McIntosh Collection.

The event was also the national launch of a new World War 1 French language education resource developed for Australian schools.

Minister Burch said that the gift, by locals Kevin and Sue McIntosh, significantly added to CMAG's holdings of First World War material.

"The collection includes a 1918 wooden Roll of Honour commemorating five men from the Majura area who served in France during the First World War, together with material related to the war service of Arnold McIntosh, one of the men listed on the roll," Ms Burch said.

Minister Burch also welcomed the national launch of a new World War 1 French language education resource developed by Alliance Française branches across Australia.

"Congratulations to the Alliance Française for its initiative in responding to the need of teachers for a tailored and accessible French teaching resource.

"The resource communicates the experiences of the French during the First World War and recognises that every grand narrative is created from the sum of individual stories. These stories often show the strength and sacrifice of individuals, their families, and their communities," Ms Burch said.

The education resource, *Exploring WW1: learning French with the soldiers*, is available to download free via www.ww1frenchkit.com.

Items from The McIntosh Collection are currently on display at CMAG. Admission is free.

(caption: French Ambassador His Excellency Mr Christophe Lecourtier, Minister for the Arts Joy Burch and locals Kevin and Sue McIntosh with their donation, the McIntosh Collection, in the background.)

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