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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR 2003 SIMPSON PRIZE

Member for New England, Tony Windsor, has been advised by the Hon Brendan Nelson MP, Minister for Education, Science & Training that the essay competition for the 2003 Simpson Prize is open.

Year 9 and 10 students from across Australia may participate in the competition which aims to honour John Simpson Kirkpatrick, "the man with the donkey" of Gallipoli fame. The ANZAC spirit will always be associated with Simpson's bravery and compassion in rescuing soldiers whilst under fire. War historian, Charles Bean, has written "the most furious shrapnel fire never stopped him".

Mr Windsor encourages students to enter the competition to write an essay of between 900 and 1200 words about the ANZAC spirit, how it was born in Gallipoli in 1915 and how Australians demonstrate it in war and in other fields. The topic for the 2003 Simpson Prize is ***"We Will Remember Them": How and Why Have Australians commemorated the ANZAC experience?***

Mr Nelson has advised that the winning students (one from each State and Territory) and their teacher chaperones will travel to Turkey in April 2003 to attend the dawn service and other activities. The runners-up will be joining the study tour winners in Canberra in early 2003 for a three-day forum based at significant national institutions such as the Australian War Memorial and Parliament House.

Mr Windsor said interested Year 9 and 10 students can obtain further information on this competition from their history teachers or by contacting his Electorate Office. The closing date for entries in **13 December 2002**.

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