

THE FRANK MACDONALD MM *memorial prize*

TEACHER INFORMATION SHEET

Dear Teacher,

With this information sheet, please find attached an entry form for you to distribute to your students. The entry sheet should be copied and attached to each of your school's final three entries. Also attached is a poster for display.

Thank you in anticipation of your support for *The Frank MacDonal MM Memorial Prize*.



2019 PRIZE TOPIC

QUESTION 1:

FROM APRIL 1918 THE STALEMATE OF THE PRECEDING YEARS OF WORLD WAR I BEGAN TO GIVE WAY, LEADING TO THE ARMISTICE. OUTLINE KEY FACTORS THAT PROMOTED THIS CHANGE AND WHY YOU BELIEVE SUCH FACTORS WEREN'T PRESENT OR ENACTED IN THE PRECEDING YEARS OF THE WAR.

QUESTION 2:

HOW MIGHT AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY'S PERCEPTION OF WOMEN CHANGED BECAUSE OF WWI?

QUESTION 3:

EVALUATE THE EXTENT TO WHICH CASUALTIES OF WORLD WAR I AFFECTED AUSTRALIA AS A NATION. CONSIDER SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS IN YOUR RESPONSE.

Students are required to respond to either topic in an essay format or an audio-visual/ICT presentation.

ELIGIBILITY

The Frank MacDonal MM Memorial Prize is open to all Tasmanian year 9 students as well as home-schooled students at the same year level.

- Entries can only be submitted by individual students (not pairs or groups).
- Students may submit the same or similar entry in *The Frank MacDonal MM Memorial Prize* as in other competitions / prizes in the same year, provided the criteria are similar.

PRIZE: OVERSEAS TRAVEL

Winners will be selected from around Tasmania.

The winners will be part of a Study Tour of Belgium and France for approximately 10 nights, pending appropriate travel warning clearances, to visit WWI landmarks and battlefields.

The winners will be accompanied by a Tour Leader from Department of Communities, a Parliamentarian, an RSL representative and supervised by two teachers.

The State Government will meet the cost of travel, transfers, accommodation and some meals for each winner and the chaperones, plus the cost of issuing visas, health and travel insurance.

We will work closely with a travel agency in creating the itinerary.

CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 23 AUGUST 2019



All entrants will receive a *Certificate of Participation*. Finalists receive a *Finalists Certificate* and are invited to attend the official presentation. Winners receive a *Certificate of Excellence* and plaque from the RSL. Their entries will also be published on *The Frank MacDonald MM Memorial Prize* website at: <https://www.education.tas.gov.au/students/awards-scholarships-students/>

TEACHER CHECKLIST

Have you:

- Selected the final three entries (maximum) from your school?
- Filled in and attached the cover sheet to each entry?
- Ensured that the declaration on the cover sheet is signed?

STUDENT CHECKLIST

On the cover sheet have you:

- indicated which question you answered (1, 2 or 3)?
- Indicated your word count (within the required limit)?

BACKGROUND

Frank MacDonald MM was born in Ulverstone, Tasmania in 1896. He died on 23 August 2003 at the age of 107 as Tasmania's last World War I veteran. Frank MacDonald MM was also the last of the 40th Infantry Battalion raised in World War I. He was responsible for repairing signal lines between battalion headquarters and trenches and received the Military medal for working courageously under heavy fire. He also served in World War II and received the Legion of Honour in 1998.

ENTRY FORMAT

Essay: Maximum 1200 words (not including references or quotes)

Audio-visual / ICT: This option requires students to submit a self-contained presentation using any or all of the following mediums:

- Digital presentation on CD/DVD/USB
- Or any other formats as long as the question is answered.

Entries other than essay format must be accompanied by a written statement of up to 500 words which will enable the presentation to stand on its own merits and be compared fairly with an essay. The statement should address the following questions:

- How was the research conducted?
- How is the research related to the format/presentation chosen?
- Why was this format chosen?
- What are your conclusions on the specific topic?

AUTHENTICITY OF WORK

All entries submitted must be the student's original work and must not have been submitted in any other competition in previous years (see eligibility).

REFERENCING

Any part of the entrant's work that has been taken from another source must be referred in a format that is consistent and accurate.

Teachers and students may refer to The National History Challenge Website for a guide to referencing at: <http://historychallenge.org.au/>

REFERENCES

Principals/teachers will be required to provide a supporting statement for each nominated student winner.

JUDGING CRITERIA

The judging criteria for *The Frank MacDonald MM Memorial Prize* are those used in *The National History Challenge*.

HISTORICAL QUALITY (50%)	
IS THE ENTRY:	
<i>Historically accurate?</i>	The work must be factually correct and accurate.
<i>Using a range of different sources of information?</i>	This means that a variety of sources is used (where reasonably available).
<i>Demonstrating a historical understanding of the period?</i>	The work shows that you have understood the attitudes and values of the time being investigated.
<i>Using evidence and information to create an effective discussion or presentation?</i>	Successful history writing not only tells a story, but also shows analysis and interpretation. A question is set, and it is answered by the student.
RELATION TO QUESTION (20%)	
DOES THE ENTRY:	
<i>Clearly relate to the theme?</i>	At the end of your presentation the audience must see clearly how your investigation has helped to explain some aspects of the theme.
<i>Present a valid historical response to the theme?</i>	
PRESENTATION (30%)	
DOES THE ENTRY:	
<i>Show an original and creative interpretation or approach?</i>	Is it all your own work? The work does not show plagiarism. Plagiarism is using the work or ideas of others in ways that give the impression that these are your own (i.e. Copying information word-for-word without using quotations and footnotes; paraphrasing an author's ideas, or using visuals or music without giving proper credit in footnotes).
<i>Have a clear and logical organisation and effectively communicate its ideas?</i>	The audience can clearly follow the progress of the work. The ideas and messages of the work are clear to the audience.
<i>Have a bibliography and appropriately acknowledge sources?</i>	You have included a list of the resources you have used in you investigation.

JUDGING PROCESS

1. School students are required to submit their entries to their school in the first instance. If there are more than three entries submitted, the school is required to conduct its own selection process to determine the final three (maximum).
2. If schools would like assistance with the judging process, they may contact the Project Officer to arrange a local RSL member to help determine the final three entries (please allow five working days).
3. Schools are then required to forward these entries (**including cover sheets**) to the Project Officer by the closing date.
4. Home-schooled students can forward their entry directly to the Project Officer by the closing date.
5. After the closing date, all entries will be sent to the Tasmanian History Teachers Association for selection of 12 finalists.
6. *The Frank MacDonald MM Memorial Prize* Steering Committee will select the final 6 winners from the finalists.

SELECTION OF TEACHERS TO ACCOMPANY WINNERS ON PRIZE

Two teachers will accompany and supervise the winning students on the Prize. Teachers are asked to nominate on the cover sheet of their students' entries whether they would like to be considered for selection.

Further details and requests for information will then be sent to these teachers.

Nominating teachers will require the endorsement of their school principal. Relief payment will be made to the school/s of the travelling teacher for duration of the Prize, if required.

KEY DATES

The Project Officer must receive all entries by Friday 23 August 2019. No late entries will be accepted. It is up to each school to determine when they require students to submit their entries to the school in order to allow time for the selection process at school level to occur (see judging process).

Entries close with the Project Officer	Friday 23 August 2019
Successful/unsuccessful applicants notified	September 2019
Media Announcement and official presentation	October 2019
Dates of travel (approximately 10 nights incorporating Anzac Day)	April/May 2020

ADDRESS TO SEND ENTRIES

Schools (maximum 3 entries) and home educated students should send their entry and cover sheets to:

The Frank MacDonal MM Memorial Prize
DoE - Professional Learning Institute Learning Events
The Project Officer
GPO Box 169
Hobart 7001

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact the Project Officer, Lauren Faulks

Telephone: 03 6165 6389

Email: pli.learning.events@education.tas.gov.au

Website: <https://www.education.tas.gov.au/students/awards-scholarships-students/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/macdonaldprize/>



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COVER SHEET

(PLEASE ATTACH TO EACH ENTRY SUBMITTED TO THE PROJECT OFFICER - MAXIMUM THREE PER SCHOOL)

STUDENT DETAILS:

Name:

Date of Birth: Male Female Essay Word count:

Home address: Video

..... Audio

..... Postcode: Web page

Home telephone: Digital presentation

Email: Other

Parent name: Question answered: 1 2 3

Parent email:

TEACHER CONTACT DETAILS:

Contact teacher name:

School:

Address: Postcode:

Telephone: Fax:

Email:

ATTENTION TEACHERS

Please forward the best three entries (maximum) from your school to the Project Officer by no later than:

Friday 23 August 2019

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Would you like to receive more information about how you can be considered for selection to accompany the prize winners?

Yes No

How many students at this school prepared entries?

(To enable Certificates of Participation to be sent to your school)

How many entries are you sending to the Project Officer? (Maximum 3 allowed)

DECLARATION

1. I/we declare that I am/we are the guardians/parents of the creator of this entry as named above (from now on referred to as the entrant) and shall ensure that the entrant, so far as possible, understands the statements and obligations in the following declaration. I/we make the following declaration on behalf of the entrant in relation to his/her entry.
2. I/we accept that entry into the competition is subject to the terms of this declaration and is submitted according to the rules of *The Frank MacDonald MM Memorial Prize*. I/we accept that the judges' decision is final and that no correspondence or reconsideration will be entered into. I/we understand that acceptance of any prize is conditional on full participation in any program or presentation organised for prize winners.
3. I/we accept that the name and/or photo of the entrant may appear in printed or electronic form and may be available to a global audience on the World Wide Web. I/we accept that winning entries become the property of the State Government of Tasmania and may be published in whole or part in print and/or electronically.
4. I/we declare that this entry is the original work of the entrant and has not been submitted in any other competition in previous years.
5. I/we understand that no entries will be returned to the entrant.

Entrant's name (please print)

Signed (entrant) Date

Teacher's name (please print)

Signed (teacher) Date

Parent / Guardian name (please print).....

Signed (parent/guardian) Date

Department of Education Personal Information Protection Statement

Professional Learning Institute – Learning Events
GPO Box 169
Hobart 7001

Personal information is collected from you for the purpose of obtaining and verifying student related details. It is used by Professional Learning Institute (PLI) for the planning, provision and reporting of educational programs as authorised by the Education Act 1994 and related State Commonwealth Acts and Regulations.

Failure to provide this information may result in LSSR being unable to provide some services. Your personal information will be used for the primary purpose for which it is collected and may be disclosed to government and other authorised agencies for the purposes stated above.

Personal information will be managed in accordance with the Personal Information Protection Act 2004 (the Act) from its commencement and may be accessed by the individual to whom it relates on request to the Learning Events Coordinator, Professional Learning Institute.

You can obtain a copy of the Department of Education's Personal Information Protection Policy on request to the Project Officer or at:

<https://documentcentre.education.tas.gov.au/Documents/Personal-Information-Protection-Policy.pdf>