

Destination Australia Post WW II Odysseys of Polish Soldiers



The Polish Museum and Archives in Australia and The Rats of Tobruk Association

Invites you to the opening of the exhibiton
Destination Australia - Post WW II Odysseys of Polish Soldiers

On Saturday, 17 August 2019, 2 pm at Tobruk House, 44 Victoria Avenue, Albert Park, VIC 3206

The exhibition will be formally opened by Ms Mary Elizabeth Calwell, daughter of Arthur Calwell (Australia's first Minister of Immigration), who was responsible for the Polish Soldier migrant scheme in Australia in 1947/48.

In 1947/48 Australia accepted 1,500 Polish military who were part of the Polish free forces in the UK and who decided not to return to Poland which was in the Soviet sphere of influence. Thanks to the lobbying and support of the Australian Rats of Tobruk, their comrades in arms in 1941, this special group of men were the prelude to the large post war migration of displaced Poles to Australia. This exhibition presents this unknown story of Australian Polish relations and comradeship between these veterans.

During the opening, the accompanying booklet
"Destination Australia – Polish Soldier Migrants 1947-48"
will also be launched.

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