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Subject: Walking in Two Worlds

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WALKING in Two Worlds is a powerful new audio podcast launching at the Murray Bridge Library during Reconciliation Week, detailing the stories of two Ngarrindjeri ANZACs.

Walking in Two Worlds explores the remarkable World War I stories of proud Raukkan Ngarrindjeri brothers Cyril and Rufus Rigney, in an educational resource made for the <u>Virtual War Memorial Australia</u> (VWMA) Schools Program, created by Megan Spencer.

A number of interviews were recorded in Murray Bridge for the podcast, where the lives of Cyril and Rufus Rigney are pieced together detailing how they both enlisted underage and died on the Western Front battlefields in Belgium before they were 21.

Invited guests will attend the launch to hear excerpts from the seven part audio podcast and listen to insights from guest speakers at 2pm Wednesday 31 May at the <u>Murray Bridge Library</u>.

Team Leader Library Tim Law said capturing and sharing Ngarrindjeri stories in a podcast format was an important way to bring history to life for a new generation.

"This is an important story about First Nations Service in Australia," he said.

"The descendants of these two courageous Ngarrindjeri ANZACs live in our community today and it's important we remember and carry their legacy forward.

"This podcast is a great way to record Ngarrindjeri stories and make them accessible to the next generation as an engaging educational resource.

"As technology evolves we need to change the way we interact and share stories with our audiences and podcasts are a great way to do this."

The podcast provides an important educational resource for year nine students who are required to study World War I as part of the curriculum.

Respected Ngarrindjeri and Kaurna Elder Uncle Moogy Sumner will perform a smoking ceremony and Welcome to Country at the podcast launch.

For more information phone the Library on 8539 1175

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