

Providing a wealth of information

Award winning website a useful tool for students and researchers

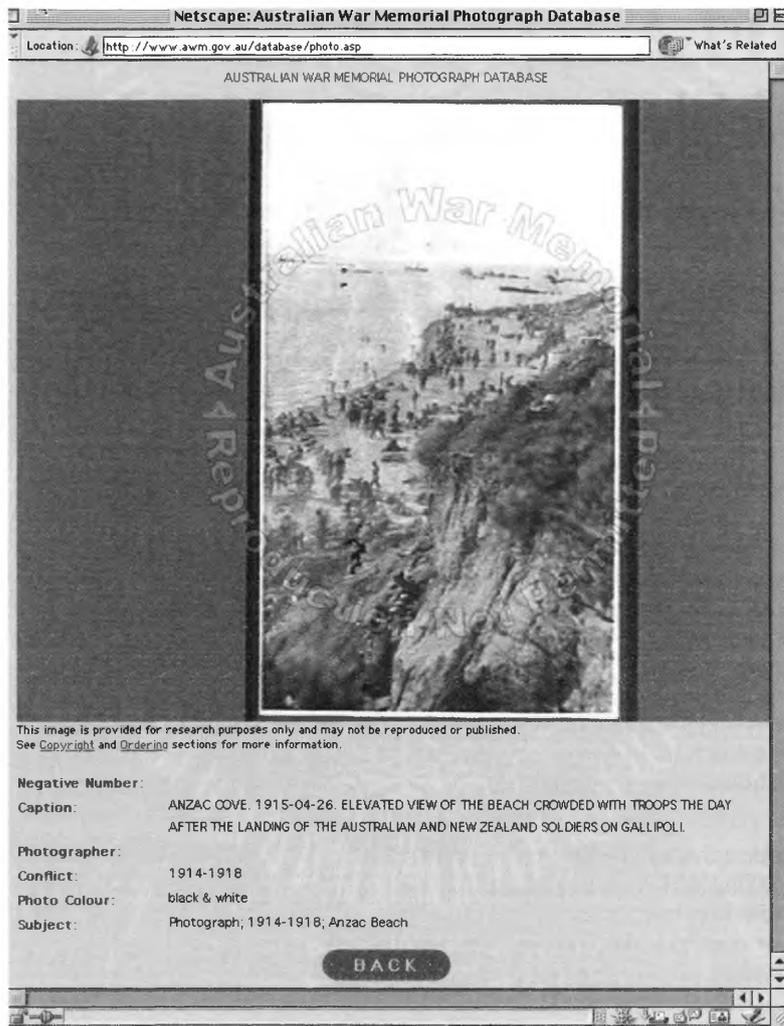
As reported in Webb's Web in January [*inCite*, volume 20, N°1, p26], the Australian War Memorial's website has been named Australia's top government site at the Australian Financial Review/Telstra Australian Internet Awards 1998.

The Australian Internet Awards acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of Australian talent and expertise on the internet. All categories (except the 'Most popular Australian website') were open for public nomination and were judged by panels of industry experts and end-users.

The highlight of the site is the collection and biographical databases. Over 250 000 items in the Memorial's collections are listed and searchable in these databases. They include 184 000 photographic and 2400 art images, together making up the largest image database on an Australian website, and one of the largest in the world. The photograph database is the most popular section of the site, but also heavily searched is the online 'Roll of Honour' a database listing details of the more than 102 000 Australian war dead.

As well as the databases, the Memorial's website offers a wealth of other useful information to a range of users: students of Australia's general and military history, intending visitors from Australia and overseas, collectors of military technology and memorabilia, family historians and military genealogists, teachers, and all those wanting to find out about the unique institution that is the Australian War Memorial will find plenty to interest them here.

Researchers are catered for by the addition of the Australia Japan Research Project and the Journal of the Australian War Memorial to the site.



One of the 184 000 photographic images included on the Australian War Memorial's winning web site. This photograph shows an elevated view of the beach at ANZAC cove crowded with troops the day after the Australian and New Zealand troops landed at Gallipoli

The site was launched in March 1998. The Memorial has had an internet presence for some years, but decided in 1997 to redevelop the site. Digital Equipment Corporation worked with the Memorial to redevelop the site: Digital provided the AltaVista Search technology and constructed the Memorial's collection search pages. Digital subcontracted Edime Internet Consulting to design the main structure for the site and the overall look of the pages.

You can visit the Australian War Memorial's winning website at <http://www.awm.gov.au>

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