

The Irish Anzacs Project

The Irish Anzacs Project is a significant research undertaking of the Global Irish Studies Centre at the University of New South Wales (UNSW), made possible by a grant in 2012 from the Irish government's Emigrant Support Program administered by the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

The project aims to identify all Irish-born enlistments as soldiers and nurses in the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) during the First World War, or as close to all as is practicable, and to compile a publicly accessible database containing information on each of them. The database will provide families with information on their Irish-born family members who served in the war as well as providing statistical information to assist researchers understand the contribution of the Irish to the Australian war effort.

The information in the database has been extracted from the service records held by the National Archives of Australia (NAA), and includes the following details: name, town and county of birth, date and place of enlistment, declared age, occupation, marital status, next of kin location, previous military service, religion, and the unit to which initially posted. In addition, information has been added from sources maintained by the Australian War Memorial (AWM) such as the Roll of Honour (which records those who were killed or died as a result of their war service), the list of Honours and Decorations and the Australian Red Cross's files relating to wounded and missing soldiers and to prisoners of war. Over time further information will be added from the Embarkation Roll and other sources. Links to the NAA and AWM websites enable searchers to view the original records of the soldiers and nurses they are researching. Ultimately the database will provide for each Irish-born soldier and nurse a comprehensive record of service in the AIF.