

# Northern Rivers Military Museum

## Preserving Stories of Service and Sacrifice

Located within the historic Casino Drill Hall and its surrounding parklands, the Northern Rivers Military Museum provides an opportunity for locals and visitors to explore the military heritage of the Northern Rivers region and honour those who served their country.

The Museum aims to educate visitors about local involvement across both World Wars and more recent conflicts, through displays, artefacts and historical interpretation that tell the stories behind service. More than preserving military history, the Museum shares the victories, tragedies and sacrifice experienced by those who served. All while recognising the important roles played by their families at home.

Highlights at the Northern Rivers Military Museum are:-

**Camp Victory display**, highlighting the Dutch East Indies Army camp hosted in Casino during WW2. With service personnel from the Netherlands, Suriname, Dutch Caribbean and across Indonesia.

**Nieuport 11 biplane**, a French WW1 aircraft from 1916 to show an insight into the early years of military aviation.

**Light Horseman and his horse**, an accurate depiction of a Trooper as he would have been equipped in 1914 at the outbreak of war, with correct saddlery, markings and tack for the horse for the period.

**John May Memorial Room**, reflecting on the individual soldiers, sailors and airmen from the Northern Rivers in serving their country.

**Generals Room**, to recognise the service of 5 Australian Army generals who came from this region. From Harry Chauvel, the leader of the Light Horse during WW1 to Susan Coyle, the new Chief of Army.

**Model Medium Girder Bridge**, a practical teaching aid for Army Engineers in the construction of a temporary bridge for use in combat or as depicted in recent Australian natural disaster responses.

From the Colonial era, through Federation, two World Wars, more recent military conflicts and peacekeeping efforts. All housed in one of the oldest Light Horse buildings within Australia, which were founded nearby in Tabulam in 1885.

*Preserving local military history for future generations*

