



# Media Release

The Hon Alan Griffin MP  
Minister for Veterans' Affairs  
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*Sir Edward Dunlop*  
MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

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## 2010 SIR EDWARD DUNLOP MEDICAL RESEARCH APPEAL 12–25 July

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Minister for Defence Personnel, Alan Griffin, today launched the annual Sir Edward Dunlop Medical Research Foundation 2010 Silver Jubilee fundraising appeal and called for Australia's support.

Mr Griffin said the vital work of the Sir Edward Dunlop Medical Research Foundation existed purely through the good will of volunteers and donations.

"Between 12–25 July, I urge Australians to contribute to the appeal by assisting in fundraising, buying a lapel pin or making a donation," he said.

Celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Foundation was established to carry on the work of Australian war surgeon Sir Edward Dunlop. Affectionately known as 'Weary', Sir Edward is renowned for the bravery and leadership he displayed during the Second World War.

Praising the work of the Foundation and all its volunteers, Mr Griffin said the not-for-profit organisation worked towards improving the quality of life for veterans and their dependents through medical research.

Mr Griffin said, "I'd like to congratulate the Foundation on the fantastic work they have undertaken in the past 25 years. The work of the Sir Edward Dunlop Medical Research Foundation ultimately promotes the personal qualities and standards of excellence that Weary Dunlop came to represent – compassion, courage and dedication".

"As a former prisoner of war, the plight of veterans, particularly their health and wellbeing, was something that Sir Edward worked tirelessly to improve and the Sir Edward Dunlop Medical Research Foundation is the legacy he left to ensure this invaluable work continues."

Launching the appeal, the Minister also awarded the 2010 Sir Edward Dunlop Foundation scholarship, supported by Swinburne University and the City of Stonnington, to Nancy Huynh-Vu.

"I congratulate Ms Huynh-Vu for her achievement. This scholarship is another way the Foundation is ensuring the next generation of Australians continue to keep Sir Edward's legacy alive," Mr Griffin said.

Volunteers wishing to assist with fundraising efforts should contact the Foundation on 03 9387 7833 or email [info@siredwarddunlop.com.au](mailto:info@siredwarddunlop.com.au).

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