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Corporal Cameron Baird VC MG Scholarship

Burnie-born Corporal Cameron Baird VC MG was awarded Australia's 100th Victoria Cross after he was tragically killed in action while courageously drawing fire away from his team members during operations against insurgent forces in Afghanistan on 22 June 2013.

Corporal Baird's Victoria Cross recognises the tempo, extremity and complexity of the fighting that his mates undertook in Afghanistan with Corporal Baird's personal motto being "Aspire to Inspire".

He was one of the most inspiring leaders within 2nd Commando Regiment, where he was chosen to be a leader for representing armed forces values, including toughness; leadership; initiative; and compassion.

To commemorate the service and sacrifice of Corporal Baird, the Tasmanian Government is re-launching a Scholarship in his name.

Drawing on Corporal Baird's motto "Aspire to Inspire", the scholarship will be a multi-format competition designed to increase awareness and learning about Corporal Baird VC and the experience of our veterans and serving members of the ADF.

Year 11 and 12 students enrolled at any Tasmanian school will be encouraged to explore Australia's significant military and peacekeeping history and to learn about the experience of a current or past defence force member in their family, as well as the legacy of Corporal Baird.

The Scholarship will open in Term 2 of next year with two successful entrants to receive \$2,500 each to support their further education and training.

The Tasmanian Government recognises the importance of preserving the memory of our veterans.

The new Scholarship will stand alongside the Frank MacDonald Memorial Prize competition for Year 9 students that commemorates and preserves the meaning of the Anzac Spirit in the Tasmanian community.

The Corporal Baird Scholarship will grow the spirit of his ethos and raise awareness and learning so future generations may also 'Aspire to Inspire'.