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**New Sir John Monash Centre tapestry - cutting of the loom event**

The *Morning Star* tapestry, designed by prominent Australian war artists Lyndell Brown and Charles Green, will be cut from the loom at an event at the Australian Tapestry Workshop in Melbourne tomorrow.

The tapestry, which has taken close to 4000 weaving hours to complete, was designed for the new Sir John Monash Centre which opens in Villers-Bretonneux, France in April 2018.

The Centre will be the newest addition to the Australian Remembrance Trail along the Western Front, which links First World War sites of significance to Australia—including museums, battlefields, memorial and cemeteries.

The event will be attended by artists Lyndell Brown and Charles Green; Mr Ken Corke, Director of the Office of Australian War Graves; Pamela Joyce, head weaver; Chris Cochius, weaver; and Michael Bennett, Great Grandson of Sir John Monash.

Interview opportunities will be available on request.

**Event details:**

Date: Wednesday, 13 December 2017  
Media arrival: From 1.00pm  
Time: 2.30pm – 3.30pm  
Venue: Australian Tapestry Workshop  
262-266 Park Street, South Melbourne

For further information please call 02 6289 6203.

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