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New exhibition celebrates community

10 Objects 10 Stories: Celebrating Community Collections presents a remarkable range of objects from around Tasmania.

Arts Tasmania's Roving Curators, Melissa Smith and Veronica Macno have combed small museums and collections to find the objects.

Each tells the unique social history of Tasmania's communities and highlights the geographical spread and diversity of small museums and collections around the state.

The important role these museums and collections have as custodians and story tellers of the state's unique cultural heritage is also highlighted in the exhibition.

The ten objects include a teddy bear from the Wynyard RSL collection.

The bear belonged to Gunner Alexander George Innes II who fought in the Battle of El Alamein. He took this coveted childhood toy with him when he served overseas.

Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery Director Richard Mulvaney says the exhibition demonstrates how much there is to learn from our lesser-known collections.

"This exhibition offers a close look at some personal pieces of Tasmania's past, and shows the significant value in our small museums."

10 Objects 10 Stories runs from June 3 to July 23 at the Queen Victoria Museum's Community Gallery at Inveresk.

The curators and Richard Mulvaney will be available for interview today at the Community Gallery at Inveresk at 10am.