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Spirit of Anzac exhibition brings back memories

Thelma Pope has lived through two world wars and became the oldest person to take in the Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience when it toured Adelaide this month.

The 106-year-old created a buzz when the national exhibition organisers discovered her age and her photo and visit was recorded on the group's Facebook page.

Thelma, who lives at Kapara in Glenelg South, was one of several ACH Group residents who toured the exhibition.

A group from Perry Park at Port Noarlunga also took in the stunning photography, audio and interactive displays that brought Australia's war years to life, from the eve of the First World War to World War 2 and beyond.

They included Pearl Uden, who was nine and living in the UK when World War 2 broke out in Europe.

She and the other Perry Park residents wore red poppies crocheted by residents during the visit.

Using stories and artefacts from the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, the Experience has been described as the most significant national exhibition to tour Australia since the 1988 Bicentenary.

You can see a virtual tour of the exhibition via www.spiritofanzac.gov.au.

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About ACH Group

ACH Group is a not-for-profit aged care organisation that has been offering services to support good lives for older people in South Australia since 1952.

As well as accommodation options across Adelaide, the Fleurieu Peninsula and East Melbourne, the group offers a range of health, wellbeing, respite and support services, help at home and social activities.

Our 1700 specialist staff and hundreds of volunteers share the belief that older people should be valued and respected, connected to their communities and in control of their lives.

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