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**The Alliance for Forgotten Australians welcomes
Inside: Life in Children's Homes and Institutions,
National Museum of Australia, Canberra
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On the second anniversary of the National Apology to Forgotten Australians, the Alliance for Forgotten Australians congratulates the Hon Jenny Macklin, MP, Minister for Families and Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and the National Museum of Australia for placing the history of the children who grew up in institutional and other forms or out-of-home care in the twentieth century, on public view.

The exhibition has been developed with the stories, memorabilia and art works provided by Forgotten Australians. The exhibition takes the public on a tour of what life was like inside children's homes and institutions – it is a disturbing and moving testimony to the survivors.

Ms Caroline Carroll, Chair, Alliance for Forgotten Australians said: 'I encourage viewers to reflect on the exhibition, to look for lessons beyond the historical setting. I hope that the exhibition will galvanise interest in and support for Forgotten Australians accessing the health, community and welfare system; further that the exhibition will provoke discussion about the current child and family welfare system to help improve outcomes for children in out-of-home care today.'

For more details about the exhibition and associated events please go to the National Museum web site <http://www.nma.gov.au/exhibitions/inside/>

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