

The National War Memorial Park

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The National War Memorial Park in Buckle Street, Wellington, will be the Government's key project to commemorate the Centenary of the First World War and the national focus for Anzac commemorations in 2015.

The National War Memorial Park in Buckle Street, Wellington, will be used to commemorate the Centenary of the First World War during [Anzac](#) [3] day in 2015.

Roads are not usually built to meet deadlines so special legislation was passed to allow the New Zealand Transport Agency to fast-track the building of the underpass. This will mean Memorial Park can be opened in time for [Anzac](#) [3] Day 2015, 100 years after the battle of Gallipoli.

An alliance, or team, has been formed to complete this project.

The Memorial Park Alliance

The [alliance](#) [4] is made up of;

- New Zealand Transport Agency
- Downer
- HEB Construction
- Tonkin and Taylor
- URS

An alliance allows different companies or organisations to work together to meet one common goal. It means work can be done faster with less money. Alliances have also been formed in Christchurch to work on rebuilding the city's earthquake damaged services and roads, and also in Auckland on the Waterview Connection project, New Zealand's largest roading project.

The people who have joined together in the alliance include;

- designers
- engineers
- geologists
- archaeologists
- road and construction workers

Creating a War Memorial for all of New Zealand

A National War Memorial Park will be built above the tunnel where Buckle Street

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once was. The park will reach from the Basin Reserve to Taranaki Street.

In the centre of the park there will be the Ceremonial [Plaza](#) [5] built in front of the current National War Memorial where Buckle Street was.

The Memorial is made up of

- the Carillon – a 74 bell tower
- the Hall of Memories – an area with six mini-chapels at the base of the Carillon used for commemoration services
- the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior – the tomb for an unidentified soldier who was one of the many New Zealand soldiers killed on the Somme in France during the First World War

A new Memorial Park will improve the setting of the National War Memorial and strengthen the heritage value of the entire area. A large grassed and paved area will be created to provide space for people to gather for services. This area can also be used to place new memorials from countries with which New Zealand has a close military relationship.

Creating the park

The drawings of Memorial Park are like a big picture. We can see what it will look like but the details are still to be filled in.

The Ceremonial Plaza will be a paved area between the National War Memorial and the boundary of Mount Cook School.

Australia, which is New Zealand's Anzac partner, will also build a war memorial on the [plaza](#) [5]. The memorial will be a tribute to our two countries' shared military history and will reflect the Australian landscape with columns of red sandstone and rows of gum trees.

Special laws were passed to make sure the Buckle Street underpass would be built in time for Anzac Day 2015, 100 years after the battle of Gallipoli.

- A special team called an alliance has been formed to complete this project.

The Memorial Park Alliance

The [alliance](#) [4] was formed to allow different organisations to work together to meet one common goal. It means work can be done faster with less money. The Memorial Park Alliance is made up of five organisations;

- New Zealand Transport Agency

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Alliances have also been formed:

- In Christchurch, to work on rebuilding the cities earthquake damaged services and roads. It is called SCIRT (Stronger Canterbury Infrastructure Rebuild Team)
- In Auckland to work on New Zealand's largest roading project called Waterview Connection. It is called the 'Well-Connected Alliance'.

The people who have joined together in the Memorial Park Alliance include;

- Designers
- Engineers
- Geologists
- Archaeologists
- Road and Construction Workers

Creating a War Memorial for all of New Zealand

A new Memorial Park will improve the setting of the National War Memorial and make a special place to remember those that died in war.

- The new Memorial Park will be built on top of State Highway One where Buckle Street goes underneath through a tunnel.
- In the centre will be the Ceremonial Plaza. This will be in front of the National War Memorial where Buckle Street used to be.
- The park will reach from the Basin Reserve to Taranaki Street
- A large grassed and paved area will be created for people to gather
- Space has been left for new memorials from other countries

The Memorial Park will have;

- The Carillon – a 74 bell tower
- The Hall of Memories – an area with six mini-chapels at the base of the Carillon used for special services
- The Tomb of the Unknown Warrior – the tomb for an unidentified soldier who was one of the many New Zealand soldiers killed on the Somme in France during the First World War.

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- The drawings of Memorial Park are like a big picture with the final details yet to be filled in.
- The Ceremonial Plaza will be a paved area between the National War Memorial and the boundary of Mount Cook School
- Australia will build a war memorial on the Ceremonial [Plaza](#) [5]. The memorial will be a tribute to our two countries' shared military history. It will have columns of red sandstone and rows of gum trees that remind people of Australia.

Māori keywords:

whakatuwheratanga [6]	opening ceremony
papa tākaro [7]	park
Rā o Ngā Hōia [8]	Anzac Day
mahere [9]	plan
Te Pāpaka a-Māui [10]	Australia
hanga [11]	to make, construct or build

Audio Māori keywords:

- [whakatuwheratanga - opening ceremony](#) [12]
- [papa tākaro - park](#) [13]
- [Rā o Ngā Hōia - Anzac Day](#) [14]
- [mahere - plan](#) [15]
- [Te Pāpaka a-Māui - Australia](#) [16]
- [hanga - to make, construct or build](#) [17]

Samoan keywords:

amataga aloaia	opening ceremony
paka / malae	park
Aso Fa'amanatu o 'au tau o Ausetalia ma Niu Sila	Anzac Day
fuafulaga	plan
Ausetalia	Australia
fa'atino, fai po'o fau	to make, construct or build

Tongan keywords:

kātoanga huufi	opening ceremony
mala'e	park
'Aho Fakamanatu 'o e kau tau 'a 'Aositelēlia mo Nu'u Sila	Anzac Day
fa'ufa'u	plan
'Aositelēlia	Australia
langa	to make, construct or build

Cook Islands Maori keywords:

Uipa'anga	opening ceremony
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akamaraanga	park
Ra Va'e'au	Anzac Day
anga	plan
'Autirēria	Australia
anga	to make, construct or build

Niuean keywords:

Fakaulu Hafagi	opening ceremony
male	park
Aho Fakamanatu he tau Kautau ha Osetalia mo Niusilani	Anzac Day
palana, hatakiaga	plan
Osetalia	Australia
talaga	to make, construct or build

Visit your local war memorial and find out more about who it [commemorates](#) [18].

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Anzac Day, 25 April 1932: 50,000 people stand in silence for the dedication of the Carillon on Mount Cook/Pukeahu. Image: Alexander Turnbull Library. Photo: Sydney Charles Smith.

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The new Memorial Park will allow a lot more people to gather to remember those who lost their lives in war. Image: NZTA



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This aerial photo gives an overview of the construction site for Memorial Park showing the trench construction where Buckle Street used to be. Image: NZTA.

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