

New Zealand's War Memorial Park

Read the Background Pages before attempting the activity	Curriculum Area: Social Studies Level 3-5	Strand Place and Environment Culture and Organisation Continuity and Change
Achievement Objectives	Understand how people view and use places differently. Understand how people participate individually and collectively in response to community challenges. Understand that events have causes and effects.	

1. What is the main reason for putting Buckle Street in Wellington underground?
 - to create a large War Memorial Park for all New Zealanders.

2. List the benefits of the Memorial Park project for the following groups

People:	Local Mount Cook/Pukeahu residents	The people of Wellington	Road Users	New Zealanders
Benefits:	Less road noise and traffic. A safer and more aesthetically pleasing place to walk and cycle.	A new open space/green space. A quiet place for contemplation. The War Memorial will stand out better and be easier to access.	Quicker, easier travel. No distractions from cyclists and pedestrians.	A focal place for war commemorations that we can all be proud of. Events could be televised.

3. Describe the challenges of building Memorial Park and the Buckle Street underpass and how they will be addressed:
 - it is a busy road that cannot be closed so a temporary road is being built
 - services such as water, gas, telecommunications and electricity are in the way so they are being moved
 - digging out the soil could cause a collapse so retaining walls are built in a trench
4. What makes this project different from other roading projects?
 - it is not just a roading project; it includes building a park of national significance
5. The tunnel for Buckle Street is not being burrowed into rock so how is it being constructed?
 - it is a "cut and cover" project whereby the tunnel is a concrete box on a trench.