

# Commemoration Newsletter



### Statistics:

- Park: 21,000m<sup>2</sup>
- Pathways: 6500m<sup>2</sup>
- Anzac Square ceremonial plaza: 1000m<sup>2</sup>
- Pavers: 4500m<sup>2</sup> of granite paving
- Concrete: 920 tonnes of concrete retaining walls, 900 tonnes of other site concrete
- Turf: 3850m<sup>2</sup> of tall fescue
- Timber seats: 35 seats made from Eucalyptus saligna

Source: Memorial Park Alliance. Photograph Morgan Whitfield, April 2015.

## Thank you from Memorial Park Alliance

Thank you to everyone who has had an interest in the development of the Government's WWI centenary project, Pukeahu National War Memorial Park and Arras Tunnel, for your support and constructive criticism during the past two and a half years.

It seems just a short while ago that we were clearing the site and establishing relationships with those who had a stake in the project, whether clients, suppliers, neighbours, commuters, travellers or anyone interested in watching us achieve this significant national park for all New Zealanders.

You have seen us through the different phases of the project, from digging the trench to constructing the tunnel to building the park on top. You have put up with us during noisy moments and celebrated with us at milestones.

Now the park is complete and is a special place for the nation to honour and commemorate the 300,000 who have served their country and the 30,000 who have died during war and peace-keeping.

We leave the park with a feeling of great achievement yet also with sadness that something we all felt proud to be part of is finished. We hope you will appreciate the photographs of the Anzac Day ceremonies, 100 years since the Gallipoli Landings, and other formal events for the park on the following pages that illustrate a deep sense of nationhood and respect for the sacrifice others have made on our behalf.

Once again, thank you for your support.

Duncan Kenderdine  
**Alliance Manager**

Fraser Wyllie  
**Board Chairman**

- 1 New Zealand National War Memorial: Carillon (25 April 1932), Hall of Memories (1964), Tomb of the Unknown Warrior (2004)
- 2 Australian War Memorial (20 April 2015)
- 3 Anzac Square
- 4 Tangata Whenua Gardens: Bronze sculpture Hinerangi; Mounts Taranaki, Ruapehu and Tongariro rocks carved with symbols of Maori culture
- 5 Open pavilion at the entrance on Tasman and Tory Streets, roof edged with copper that will age to the green of the Carillon and Dominion Museum roofs
- 6 Studs in paving on western terraces mark where archaeologists uncovered military building foundations and training pit for 8-inch Armstrong gun
- 7 Home of Compassion Crèche  
  
Significant plants throughout the park: Pohutukawa and red roses (remembrance), olives (peace), white rengarenga lilies (sacred talisman), eucalypts (Anzac relationship)

Photos P2-4, Colin McLellan

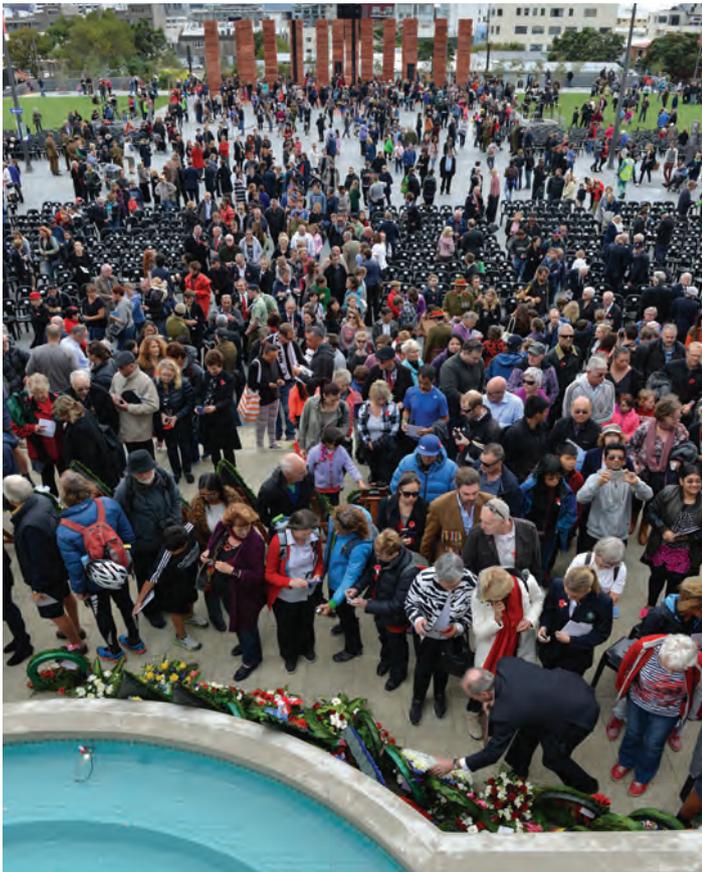
# Huge turnout at Pukeahu on Anzac Day



40,000 stood in silence for the Dawn Service on Anzac Day, 25 April 2015, crowding the park and nearby streets.



Haka at the 11.00am National Service of Commemoration and wreath-laying.



People taking a close-up view of the wreaths.



The light and sound show on the Carillon and former Dominion Museum drew crowds every night for a week.



View of the Anzac Dawn Service from the Australian War Memorial to the Carillon tower.

# Park blessed and opened



The "Spirit of Remembrance" unravels her red train over the balcony of the Carillon.



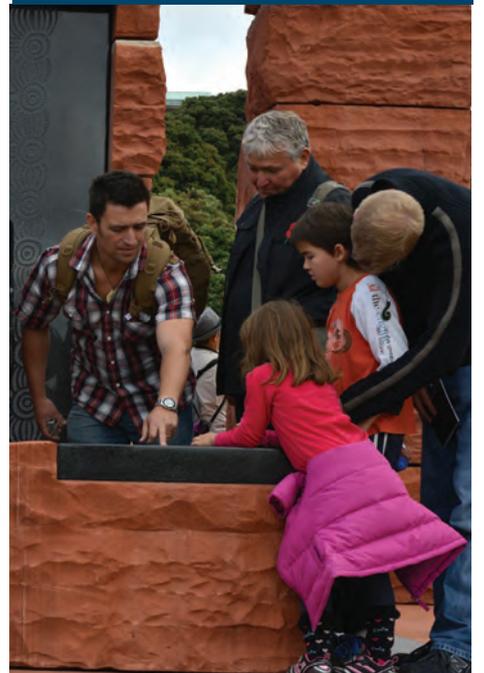
Ceremony for dawn blessing of the park Wednesday 25 March 2015.



Statue of Hinerangi, the waiting woman, unveiled - and honoured by iwi at the dawn blessing.



The "Spirit of Remembrance" is led by a Maori warrior through the park to the National War Memorial at the official opening of the park on Saturday 18 April 2015.



The Australian War Memorial officially opened on Monday 20 April 2015.

