The Home of Compassion Crèche has been stripped down and strengthened so it can be relocated to become part of the National War Memorial Park. The move will be done in three phases using hydraulic pullers and lifters. The first phase will see the crèche moving on rails to the back of the site, probably in late May.

In the following month, the crèche will be hydraulically lifted 3m in the air. Another rail system will be built to move it to its final location in front of Te Papa Archives building. The Alliance will then restore the crèche’s exterior. It will be strengthened to earthquake standard, including base isolation.

Protecting
- Heritage materials, such as the veranda and matai floorboards, have been removed and stored for later use.
- A specialist contractor has removed lead paint and asbestos. Both materials are often found in old houses.

Strengthening
- Strengthening work includes fibre-reinforced plastic glued to internal walls, metal ties through the wall cavities, timber bracing for the roof and steel beams to brace the floor.
- On the outside, concrete beams have been clamped round the foundations.