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Supporting the National Boer War Memorial

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The Memorial Development Plan

We felt it was important to give everyone an update as to where the project now stands, as the National Committee of Management has now laid out the Memorial Development Plan for the next few years. Overall, the current identified cost of the Memorial is \$4.4 million of which

\$1.17 million has been raised so far. This leaves us with a balance of \$3.23 million still to be raised. The Fund Committee is now in place under chairman Mr Michael Crouch AO. It has become absolutely essential for several reasons to gain the approval of design and construction plans

for the Memorial from the National Capital Authority. It is important for all to understand that at present these only exist as design proposals and artist's impressions. The completion of engineering plans for the memorial is therefore the next critical step in the

process. This and the payment of the first Trooper statue will take all of the available funds for this financial year. The construction of the full landscape and the second horseman has been put into the financial year 2014 – 15 as has the start-up of the third horseman. This will require an additional \$2.4 million



in that financial year. Current planning is that the Memorial with all four troopers to be complete in financial year 2016 – 17.

It is intended that the first sculpture will include in the cast bronze, some brass shell casings from Boer War battlefields. If you have some

that you would like to donate for this purpose please contact your committee. We welcome all your financial support.

Would any reader like to donate a horse sculpture?

NCA'S Chief Planner inspects sculptor's progress

Mr Andrew Smith, Chief Planner for the [National Capital Authority](#), visited Louis Laumen's studio in suburban Melbourne to assess his progress and the quality of his work.



The NCA's approval is a legislated requirement under the 1998 Commonwealth Act "...to provide national public places for all Australians to visit and enjoy; to enhance the unique character and symbolic meaning of the capital; and to develop appreciation of the capital as a reflection of our democracy and national life. ..." Andrew Smith reported, "I was very pleased with the clay form of the sculpture" and was convinced "...that the sculptor had the skills, knowledge and artistic talent to create a high quality piece."

Louis Laumen was delighted to be asked to demonstrate aspects of his sculptural technique



to achieve the twin objects of combining the art of his original design and the craft skills to construct it, as well as for the foundry to cast it in bronze; in Mr Smith's words "to ensure that the work was sufficiently robust."

The Chief Planner's endorsement provides the constituent state and territory committees of the National BWM Association independent reassurance to take to descendants and supporters, and the wider public our quest for all of the further funds needed to complete the project as soon as possible.



When General Hurley, the Chief of the Defence Force, unveiled the original design four years ago we believed that this Boer War Memorial was going to be a superb symbolic way to commemorate the Commonwealth's first war.

The design incorporated realities of the turn of the 20th Century war and expressed them realistically at the turn of the 21st century. What is now apparent is that its quality goes a long way to compensate for its lateness....

Local Memorials—State Library of NSW membership offer

Monumentally Speaking readers will know that we have sought your help in the past to search for undocumented and unregistered memorials commemorating Boer War soldiers and nurses.

Our own website's listing linked to the State Library's Register of War Memorials in NSW had been taken down pending a complete restructure of their website. This marvellous record will always remain as a work in progress, but the current work is now completed and available at

www.warmemorialsregister.nsw.gov.au/

Memorials Officer Dr William Molloy and PR Officer Keith Smith are currently working with SLNSW Digital Library Services staff, Megan Reilly and Rod Higgins to relink with BWMA's Webmaster John Howells'

Megan Reilly is now offering the NBWMA community to sign up for an online account. This will give our enthusiasts direct access to the State Library's Register of War Memorials in NSW in the Online Information

Services, Digital Library Services, State Library of New South Wales, allowing account holders to update and add Boer War information and photos within NSW. You will also be welcome to post newly 'discovered' ones.

Instructions are on the website: warmemorialsregister.nsw.gov.au/content/how-create-account



Rod Higgins, Keith Smith, Megan Reilly and Dr William Molloy at the State Library of NSW

**PLEASE DONATE FOR THE NATIONAL BOER WAR MEMORIAL NOW
TO KEEP SCULPTOR LAUMEN WORKING ON OUR PROJECT**

MORNING TEA IN THE OFFICERS MESS ++ 9 APRIL 10.30

The NSW Committee of the National Boer War Memorial Association Inc. invites you and your friends to morning tea in the Officers Mess, a museum visit and special Victoria Barracks tour, a 'hidden' part of Sydney's history. A rare opportunity to inspect and enjoy being in the Officers Mess in Sydney's oldest military base.

This morning tea is to honour nurses, doctors, ambulance drivers, stretcher bearers, and all soldiers of the Boer War.

**10.30am Wednesday 9th April, 2014 at
Victoria Barracks, Oxford Street, Paddington.**

Cost: \$35 per person.

Need to book please for catering purposes.

By Mail: by 5th April, to: Major Bernadette Mottram (Rtd), National Boer War Memorial Association, Building 96, Victoria Barracks, Oxford Street, Paddington 2021

Phone, including enquires about special needs:
Bernadette Mottram H 9560 8896 or M 0412 216 086
Jilly Warren H 4576 3005 or M 0409 045 705

The morning tea format gives those supporters who do not wish to travel at night an opportunity to see the barracks and to have refreshments in the Officers Mess.

Limited parking

is available in the barracks—please ring Bernadette to arrange a Security Parking Pass.

Bus Transport:

380 from Circular Quay via Elizabeth Street

378 from Eddy Avenue, Central Station

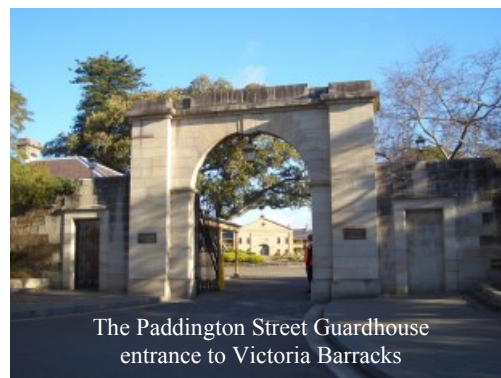
Raffle tickets \$1 each

Raffle Prizes:

1. A Hallmarked 1897 silver nurses buckle
2. A Forget-Me-Not silver and enamel brooch period 1900-1920
3. Wine donated by the Auld family of Tizzana Winery at Ebenezer, set up by Major Dr. Fiaschi who served in both the Boer and First World Wars.
4. Wedgewood Jasper Ware, Royal Doulton, Royal Albert and Wedgewood China

Raffle to be drawn at the Morning Tea.

All funds raised go to the BWM building fund.



The Paddington Street Guardhouse
entrance to Victoria Barracks

ANZAC DAY MARCH DESCENDANTS WITH BOER WAR BANNER—PLEASE

NSW—NBWMA Chairman, Lt Col David Deasey will again be leading Boer War Descendants on this one day of the year that reflects the place of the Boer War in Australia's culture and of course within the nation's military history.

A small but significant group last year attracted a lot of attention from the media, reminding all that Australia as a nation had been engaged in a real war prior to Gallipoli.

2014 marks 100 years since the beginning of World War 1, and 112 years since the Boer War ended. Probably many descendants of WW1 service men and women may not know that their antecedents survived the Boer War and again volunteered to go into the Pacific, to Turkey and to France to fight again under the Empire flag against the Kaiser's armies. Of course those who do know will probably march with WW1 contingent.

As it is WW1's Centenary it is fitting that we support them with a good attendance. Even if you have never marched before, would you unearth the medals and RFD medallions, and line up with the Boer War Descendants?

We want to remember these old hands who helped the

raw recruits by giving skills hardened in combat on the veldt to those volunteering to sail first to Albany WA to form the convoy on its way in November 1914. Rightly those destined for ANZAC Cove are remembered.

Only a few weeks after WW1 was declared (Aug 4) the Australian Government sent the brand-new Royal Australian Navy and regular Army troops as the Australian Expeditionary Force (AEF) to take German colonies in the Pacific.

In this all-war march Boer War descendants represent those who fought in Australia's first war.

All Boer War Descendants are very welcome to turn out to march in this year's ANZAC Parade.

**Assemble at:
11 am at
the Castlereagh
corner with King
Street and look
for the Boer War
banner.**



BW Day First: new memorial plaque at Randwick War Memorial

The first of the Boer War Day ceremonies will be held on Sunday 25 May to dedicate a plaque on the 1925 High Cross Park WW1 memorial, cnr Avoca and Belmore Streets beginning at 10.40 am. All welcome, medals and medallions may be worn.

BOER WAR DAY IN NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA

We understand that many centres will be commemorating Boer War Day on 1 June, though others have chosen different days—for example the Randwick ceremony, and Adelaide.

Would you please let the [Webmaster](#), [John Howells](#) know when, where and what time yours will be so that he can [publicise it on the website](#). By all means include other known details eg if members of local, state and federal parliaments will attend, guest speaker.

Progress on the sculptures and now on the site increase our hopes that the national Boer War Memorial may indeed be completed and we may still be alive to attend the dedication ceremony.

In 2014 it is important that the service of soldiers and nurses in South Africa be remembered and recognised. Theirs is just as worthy as that of all other troops in later wars. Boer War service earned its own national memorial on ANZAC Parade in the ACT.

To do this we must raise the majority of the funds needed ourselves to complete all four mounted troopers as well as the site-works.

Our appeal for funds has to be to the private and business sectors supported by the donations from a public groundswell of small donors.

Boer War Day itself is not the time for an appeal for funds, but a time of remembrance. It is our solemn duty to thank those who served.

Banjo Paterson's 150th anniversary party Fundraiser

Photos from this function are now up on the NBWMA website at



NBWMA President John Haynes gave a true cavalry smite to Banjo's Birthday cake as Fundraiser Patron Tim Fischer (who confessed that his military career never got him a higher rank than Lieutenant as a National Serviceman sent to Vietnam!) said that had Banjo still been alive he would have thoroughly enjoyed this birthday party in the house where he spent his school years boarding with his maternal grandmother.