



Donations to date hit \$1.8 million.

Just \$2.7 million to go!

The site for Australia's first national Boer War Memorial on Canberra's Anzac Parade was allocated in 2006 and dedicated in 2008. A design competition was completed in 2013, and work on the four mounted trooper bronze statues to be erected on the site has been in hand since 2014.

Additional funds are now being sought to complete the memorial in time for its dedication on Boer War Day, May 31, 2017. Many hundreds of public spirited individuals and organizations have donated \$1.8 million but an additional \$2.7 million is sought to enable its completion.

Information on donation and acknowledgement of recent donations is shown on the website of the National Boer War Memorial Association Inc, www.bwm.org.au

So far, the Commonwealth Government has contributed little towards the memorial other than allocation of the Canberra site and reimbursement of some costs of the design competition and government approvals. No donations have been forthcoming from approaches to such entities as State Governments, the Anzac Centenary Fund and Department of Veterans' affairs.

Governor-General backs our project.

A message from the Governor-General, His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) will be made available to be read at Boer War Day commemorations.

Last year, his message stated: "I commend the National Boer War Association for their commitment to honouring the service and the sacrifice of Australians in the Boer War. As time passes, it becomes more important that we proudly remember their heroic deeds."

Our memorial merits support.

Anzac Parade, Canberra, is a beautiful and sacred boulevard. Our memorial will attract interest, suggest remembrance and it will educate. It will complete the memorial coverage of the wars in which Australia has fought since Federation.





The Hon David Hurley, previously National Patron of the National Boer War Memorial Association, now Governor of NSW.

Governor calls for public support.

Association launches a fresh appeal.

A Memorial Fund Launch meeting of supporters of the National Boer War Memorial Fund held in Sydney at the Mitchell Library on Thursday 5 February called on government authorities and charitable trusts to assist in completion of Australia's first national memorial to the 23,000 Australian men and women who served in the Boer War.

Speakers at the meeting included The Hon David Hurley, previously National Patron of the National Boer War Memorial Association, and now Governor of NSW, and The Hon Michael Jeffery, former Governor of WA and Governor General of Australia, who also served for a period as Patron in Chief of our Association.. Others present included the Premier of Tasmania, The Hon Will Hodgman MP, and The Hon

Bronwyn Bishop MP, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

David Hurley reaffirmed his commitment to the Memorial, reminding the meeting that as Chief of the Defence Force he gladly took on the role of Patron of the Association and was privileged to be in that position for the unveiling of the Memorial design.

In calling for action to complete the long-overdue Memorial, the Governor stated: "It is tremendously important that we achieve what we want to achieve here. I think there is plenty of goodwill and recognition of what needs to be done. We just need to get over the final hurdle. Now I am no longer Chief of Defence Force and Patron, but very much a very active supporter of what we are trying to achieve."



Two supporters at the February 5 launch function: Ken Youdale AM DFC and The Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP, Speaker of the House of Representatives.



A key speaker at the February 5 launch was Major General the Hon Michael Jeffery AC AO (Mil) CVO MC (Retd).



The Premier of Tasmania, The Hon Will Hodgman MP was a guest at the February 5 launch function, seen with Fund Chairman Michael Crouch AO



Supporters at the February 5 function took a keen interest in a scale model of the Memorial.

ANZAC CENTENARY HIGHLIGHTS LACK OF NATIONAL BOER WAR MEMORIAL.

Completion well overdue.



The Hon Tim Fischer AC, current Patron of the National Boer War Memorial Fund.

Our Fund Patron, the Hon Tim Fischer AC, has highlighted the very real need for completion of Australia's first National Boer War Memorial in a statement he has signed simply "2Lt Tim Fischer AC Retd" drawing attention to the role of Boer War veterans in the Gallipoli campaign.

"Many of the First AIF and second AIF convoys that arrived in Egypt almost exactly 100 years ago were Boer War

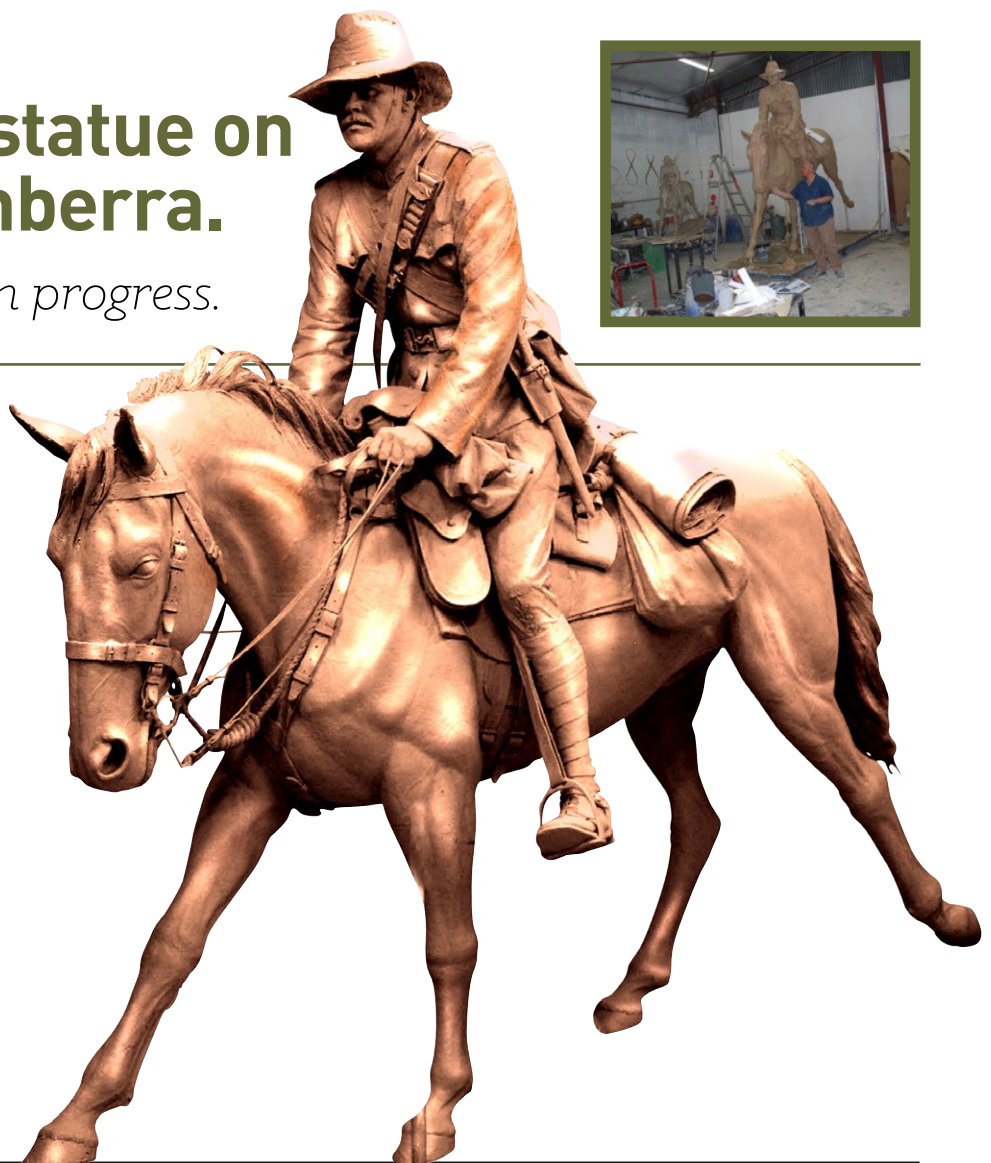
veterans, voluntarily stepping up to do battle utilizing their vital Boer War experiences but in an updated way. Sadly, British General Ian Hamilton at Gallipoli did not update his Boer War experiences for the Gallipoli campaign. The Australian massive efforts in the Boer War must be fully recognized for what they were and for what they contributed to the WW1 effort!"

First bronze statue on its way to Canberra.

Second statue now in progress.

The celebrated Melbourne sculptor Louis Laumen has completed the first of the bronze statues to be featured in Australia's first National Boer War Memorial and it is to be shipped shortly from Melbourne to Canberra, where it will be cared for by the Australian War Memorial organisation until all four figures are completed.

As the mounted trooper bronzes are all 150% of life size, shipping and storage is no mean task. A video interview with the sculptor is now available on the website of the National Boer War Memorial Association Inc.



AN INSPIRATION TO ALL AUSTRALIANS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

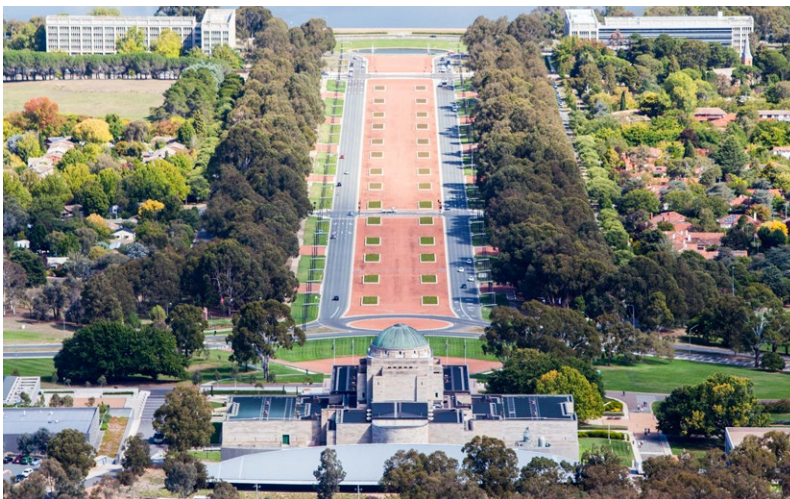
Magnificent site in National Capital.



Anzac Parade, on which Australia's first national Boer War memorial is to be located, is a major thoroughfare in Canberra, forming a parade route for many

commemorative ceremonies and services each year. The Australian War Memorial is located at its eastern end, and the Parade itself is lined with dedicated memorials such as:

- Air Force Memorial
- Army Memorial
- Navy Memorial
- Korean War Memorial
- New Zealand Memorial
- Rats of Tobruk Memorial
- Service Nurses Memorial
- Vietnam Forces Memorial
- Greek Memorial
- Turkish Memorial.



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