

Thanks, PM!

The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, Prime Minister of Australia, now officially listed as a supporter of the National Boer War Memorial Fund.



“The memorial will be a fitting tribute to the courageous Australian soldiers who fought against tremendous odds during the Boer War. I am happy that my name be added to the letterhead as one of the supporters of the National Boer War Memorial Fund. I wish you every success for the memorial’s construction.”

At the end of January the Prime Minister wrote a most encouraging letter to our Fund Chairman, Michael Crouch, to let him know that he had agreed to our request for him to become a supporter of our campaign to complete Australia’s first national Boer War Memorial in Canberra, due for dedication in May 2017.

That very welcome expression of personal support comes shortly after the Department of Defence approved a grant of \$1.45 million towards our Fund, reducing the outstanding donations yet to be raised to approximately \$300,000.

We aim to raise further donations to that level as early as practical in 2016.



Melbourne sculptor Louis Laumen, with one of the four bronze sculptures (150% of life size) which will form the focal point for the National Boer War Memorial.



SCULPTURE 1:
completed in Melbourne



SCULPTURE 2:
moulding completed, soon to be cast in Melbourne.



SCULPTURE 3:
preliminary design model nearing completion in Melbourne.



SCULPTURE 4: design specification completed, sculpture design in progress.



TAKING OUR PLACE ON ANZAC PARADE.



Our site on Anzac Parade as it stands today.

The Boer War Memorial on Anzac Parade, Canberra, is one of 12 war memorial sites drawing an increasing number of Australian and overseas visitors to the Australian War Memorial and Anzac Parade precinct each year.

Our memorial is positioned next to the first memorial to be constructed on Anzac Parade, in 1968. It is the Desert Mounted Corps Memorial to all the Australian and New Zealand “mounted” units and formations that served in Egypt, Palestine and Syria from 1916 to 1918.

Our other “next door neighbour” on the other side of the Boer War

Memorial is The New Zealand Memorial, a 2001 gift from the NZ Government to the people of Australia. It comprises two large sculptures representing the handles of a traditional Maori flax basket – one on the site next to the Boer War Memorial (the “Australian” side) and one on the opposite side of Anzac Parade (the “New Zealand” side).

The design of The New Zealand Memorial expresses the unique co-operative relationship between the two nations, especially in wartime, with the basket handle motif representing an ancient Maori proverb “each of us at a handle of the basket”.



The New Zealand Memorial “next door” was a gift to Australia in 2001.



The other “next door neighbour” to our site, is Desert Mounted Corps Memorial. It dates from 1968.

Final Stages!

Detailed site plans lodged with National Capital Authority.

Memorial features included in our final submission to the National Capital Authority include the positioning and stage-lighting of the four larger-than-life bronze statues of troopers accurately representing the character of the Australian mounts, uniforms and equipment

of the day, plus a paved forecourt with illuminated flagpole, a low wall bearing information about Australia's role in the Boer War, and landscaping of the surrounding area in the style of a South African veldt.



Counting down to Dedication Day.

Colonel John Haynes announces 'a new volunteer has joined our team'



Fund Committee member Colonel John Haynes OAM (left) with Fund Chairman Michael Crouch AO (right) at the reception for Fund Supporters held in February 2015 at the State Library of New South Wales.

I was involved in an earlier quest for a National Boer War Memorial, which failed. In 1999, I took up the quest again, enduring six years before having a site in Anzac Parade allocated. What a triumph it is to be so close now, to its dedication on 31 May 2017!

Our first big win was to find a sculptor, Louis Laumen. I found his signature on the skirt of the Mary Mc Killop's statue on the steps of St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney and phoned him next day. He was ecstatic about the challenge, saying it would be the work of his life.

Our second big win came with the involvement of Michael Crouch as

our Fund Chairman. Without his fundraising success we would still be years away from completion.

And now we have been lucky enough to find a volunteer to join our team and take on the task of organising the Dedication Ceremony in Anzac Parade on 31 May 2017.

He is Lieutenant Colonel Brian Armour, who served for 20 years in the Australian Army, retiring in 1982. After his Army service Brian pursued a second 20-year career in the private sector, involving private school administration, private hospitals and a variety of management roles with Australian Defence Industries.

Well done! State Committees' donations hit \$625,000.

Every dollar counts in achieving our present goal of raising a further \$300,000 in donations as early as possible in 2016. Hearty congratulations are due to the various State Committees responsible for raising \$625,000 so far. New South Wales has been particularly successful – with 32% of Australia’s population, it has raised 55% of State funds.

Tasmania, Northern Territory and the ACT have done well, too – with a very small percentage of the nation’s population they nevertheless have contributed strongly, “hitting above their weight”.

It’s impressive to see the result of a lot of hard work from every State. Keep up the good work!

	POPULATION	DONATIONS
NSW	32%	55%
VIC	25%	15%
QLD	20%	12%
SA	7%	4%
WA	11%	7%
TAS	2%	2%
NT	1%	2%
ACT	1%	3%

National Patron

Air Chief Marshal Mark Binskin AC
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