
THE BOER WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT

Today we remember and commemorate those Australians who served in the Anglo Boer War (1899-1902). There are many local monuments throughout Australia dedicated to those who served from local areas but there is no National Memorial in our nation's capital, Canberra. It is time that these Australians' deeds were recognised in the National Military Commemorative Precinct by the construction of a suitable memorial.

In 2002 at the conclusion of the centenary ceremonies celebrating the end of the Boer War in 1902 it was decided to erect a memorial in Canberra to those who served in that conflict. In 2007, the then Prime Minister, The Honourable John Howard AC, as Chairman of the Canberra National Memorials Committee (CNMC), allocated a site in ANZAC Parade, Canberra. On 31st May 2008 the site for the Boer War Memorial (BWM) in ANZAC Parade was dedicated.

On 31st May 2009, at Watson's Bay, the Boer War Memorial Association and Woollahra Council rededicated the Gideon Grieve Memorial. Following this successful service it was decided to introduce a National Boer War Day throughout Australia. The first such a day was held on Sunday, 30th May 2010.

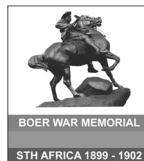
After more than two years of negotiations and submissions, the CNMC approved a Design Competition for a Boer War Memorial which was conducted in 2010. After several months of working through and refining a preferred design for the memorial very pleasing progress has occurred. A final submission has been prepared for government and will go the next scheduled meeting of the CNMC, possibly in July 2011.

Today on this Boer War Day, people are meeting throughout the nation in cities, towns and suburbs to remember those 23,000 Australian men and women who served in the conflict. These gatherings will make other Australians aware of this war in which 1,000 Australians died. It remains the most costly war for casualties other than the two World Wars.

Let us not forget what our troops did in this first war in which we fought as a nation. Let us ensure that those who served be given the correct recognition and place in the history of our country by the erection a memorial in ANZAC Parade, Canberra.

For further information or to give your support:

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Sydney
remembers them.



BOER WAR DAY
SUNDAY 29 MAY 2011

THE BOER WAR, SOUTH AFRICA 1899/1902
NATIONAL BOER WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT

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COMMEMORATION SERVICE

109TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE BOER WAR PEACE TREATY
AT THE ANZAC MEMORIAL
HYDE PARK, SUNDAY, 29TH MAY, 2011

Welcome

Lieutenant Colonel David Deasey, RFD
Master of Ceremonies

Prologue

Major General Craig Williams AM
Commander 2nd Division

Prayer

Chaplain Lieutenant Colonel Colin Aiken OAM, RFD (Rtd)

Commemorative Address

Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC, CVO
Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia

Wreath Laying Ceremony

'Flowers of the Forest'

Piper: WO1 Bill Campbell
Drummer: Arthur Robinson

The Last Post

Bugler: Corporal Aaron Madden

COMMEMORATION SERVICE

The Ode

Mr Don Rowe OAM
President, Returned and Services League of Australia
New South Wales Branch

The Rouse

The National Anthem

Australians all, let us rejoice	Of beauty rich and rare,
For we are young and free:	In history's page, let every stage
We've golden soil and wealth for toil,	Advance Australia fair.
Our home is girt by sea	In joyful strains then let us sing
Our land abounds in nature's gifts	Advance Australia fair.

Prayer And Blessing

Chaplain Lieutenant Colonel Colin Aiken OAM, RFD (Rtd)

Epilogue

Lieutenant Colonel Tony Larnach-Jones (Rtd)
Chairman, National Boer War Memorial Association
New South Wales Committee

Closure

Lieutenant Colonel David Deasey RFD