

## THE DESIGN

In March 2012, the Federal Government approved the design shown on the cover of this brochure.

The centrepiece of the memorial will be four realistic bronze statues, each 150% of life-size, depicting a section of Australian mounted troopers on patrol in the South African veldt.

Sculptor, Louis Laumen, pays tribute to both the men and horses who suffered the privations of war. The front wall will have stories from the war, and places for wreath and poppy tributes.

Its six parts remind us that federation united the six colonies into the nation of Australia while the Boer War was being fought in South Africa.

The area in front of the wall and statues provides space for commemoration ceremonies.

As befits a modern memorial, visitors are able to walk among the statues to obtain something of the sensation of being there, sharing the hardships of operating in a hostile environment.

This magnificent design suits its purpose and the site, and complements the other memorials along Anzac Parade. It is a fitting memorial to the predecessors of today's servicemen and women of the Australian Defence Force.

The Queen Victoria Scarf was crocheted by the Queen and her Ladies in Waiting as a most distinguished award for bravery under fire. Of the six made, one was awarded to an Australian for rescuing a fellow soldier in the heat of battle. It is equivalent to a Victoria Cross. (Note the tiny red Royal Cipher)



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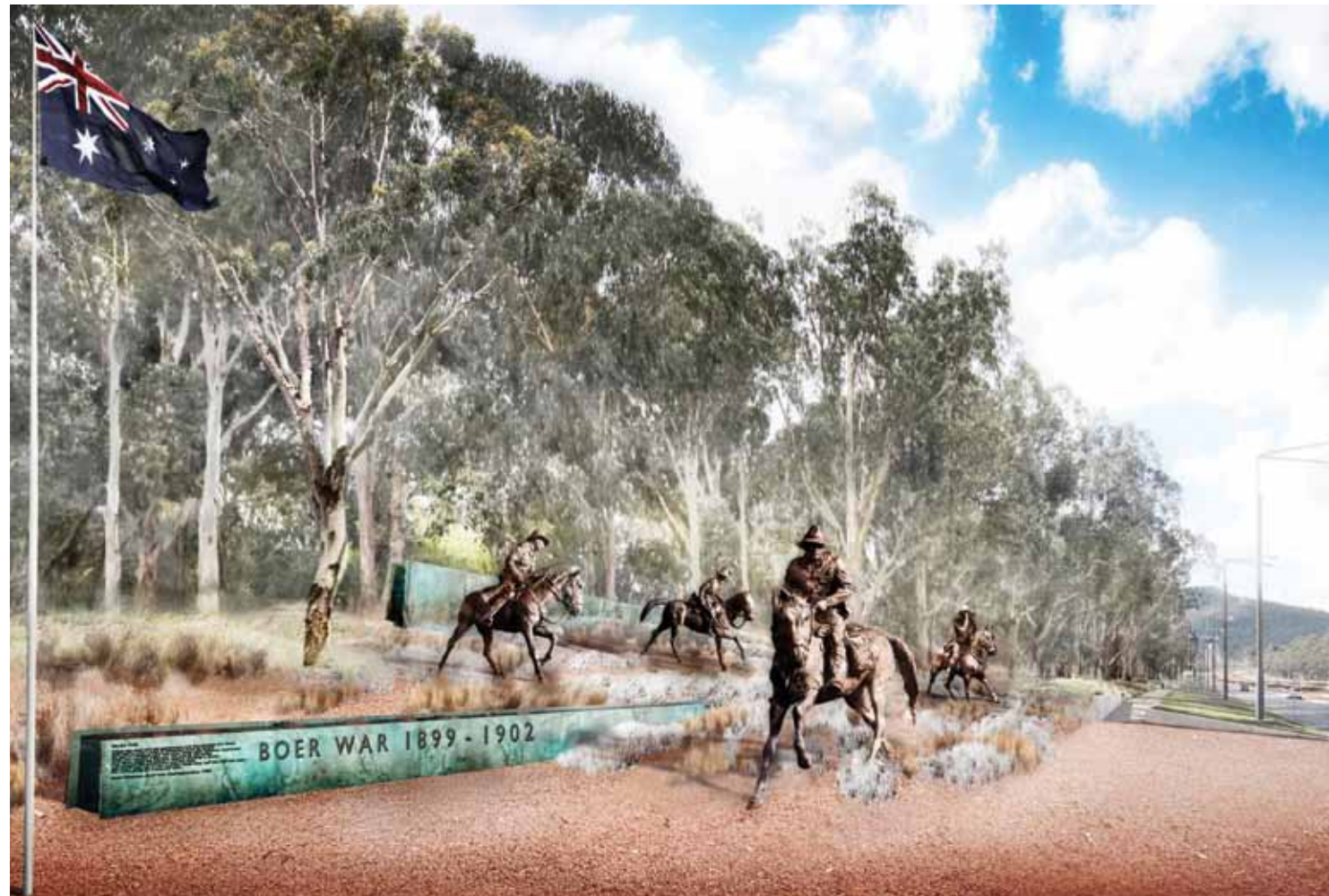
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# NATIONAL BOER WAR MEMORIAL

## ANZAC PARADE CANBERRA



## BACKGROUND

In 1899, Britain called upon the colonies of the British Empire to send troops to support its army in South Africa to fight the Boers who had declared war.

Australia's contribution went in five waves – the first mostly from militias, the second from bushmen, the third as Imperial Bushmen, then the draft contingents, and finally the Commonwealth Horse contingents. **The Boer War was thus the first war in which the Commonwealth of Australia fought as a nation.**

A total of some 16,000 men, more than 75 nurses and 43,000 horses were sent in formed units and some 7,000 additional Australians served with irregular units or the British army. Overall, some 23,000 Australians served in the Boer War.

Nearly 1,000 Australians paid the ultimate sacrifice in South Africa. Boer War casualties are particularly significant because apart from World Wars I and II, the nation lost more soldiers than the total lost in all other conflicts, including Korea, the Malayan Emergency, Indonesian Confrontation, Vietnam, East Timor, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Australians and New Zealanders frequently fought alongside each other during the Boer War and can be considered the first ANZACS.

## SIX VICTORIA CROSSES AWARDED



**During the Boer War, six Australians and one New Zealander were awarded the Victoria Cross, the first time any Australians were awarded this highest honour for exceptional valour. 161 received other decorations, including one Queen's Scarf, one of just the eight created.**

## NATIONAL BOER WAR MEMORIAL

A memorial to honour and commemorate the 23,000 Australian soldiers and nurses who served in South Africa between 1899 and 1902 is to be built on a dedicated site on Anzac Parade in our national capital, Canberra.

This memorial will fill a missing link in the chain of memorials that recognize the sacrifices of the many Australians who have served in conflicts since Australia became a nation state in 1901. **It is the only major war that is not already commemorated on Anzac Parade.**

We seek your support to ensure the National Boer War Memorial becomes a fitting tribute, a proud contribution to our nation's memorials and is completed before the Anzac Centenary on 25 April 2015.

## THE APPEAL

With the average age of the remaining sons and daughters of Boer War participants now 88 years, we feel it is important to dedicate this memorial before they have all passed on.

An estimated \$3.5 million is needed to complete the memorial in its landscape setting. For this Project to succeed it must have widespread support from both individual Australians, and Commerce. Donations are recorded in the Public Register of donations.

*Your Tax Deductible donation can be made:*

- By mail to:  
National Boer War Memorial Association  
Building 96, Victoria Barracks  
Paddington NSW 2021
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BSB: 803-205 Account No: 20358376  
(Please include your Surname and Initial)
- **ONLINE:** [www.bwm.org.au/donate](http://www.bwm.org.au/donate)

## BOER WAR DAY

Boer War Day is commemorated throughout Australia as our day of remembrance on or about 31st May each year. Each State and Territory has a branch of the National Boer War Memorial Association to conduct ceremonies and provide information to the community.

If you are the descendant of a Boer War veteran, or a supporter, please register the details directly onto our website database at: [www.bwm.org.au](http://www.bwm.org.au)

The National Boer War Memorial Association consists of volunteers, descendants and supporting friends, all of whom invite you to be part of this historic national project.

