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Anzac Centenary at Bicentennial Park

City of Darwin and the Northern Territory Government have today unveiled two new memorials to the Anzac Centenary ahead of this weekend’s national commemorations.

With the support of the Northern Territory Government, Council created an Anzac Centenary Memorial Garden near the Knuckey Street entrance of Bicentennial Park on the Esplanade.

Council unanimously supported the name change of the pathway leading up to the Darwin Cenotaph in both directions, now officially named Anzac Centenary Walk.

City of Darwin Lord Mayor Katrina Fong Lim said the Northern Territory Australian Army Cadets designed the new memorial garden area.

“The small garden design includes a unique sundial, signifying timelessness and a strong link to the Anzac theme of Lest We Forget,” the Lord Mayor said.

“Council recognises the significance of the Anzac Centenary to the Darwin community and I am honoured to have this special garden in our iconic city centre park,” the Lord Mayor added.

Parliamentary Secretary Lia Finocchiaro said the new Walk and Memorial Garden are part of the Territory’s four year program of events and commemorations for the Anzac Centenary.

“This Saturday marks an important milestone in Australia’s history and this new Walk and Memorial Garden are a fitting way to acknowledge the sacrifices made by our Defence forces over the past century,” Mrs Finocchiaro said.

The Northern Territory Government established an Anzac Centenary NT Advisory Committee to provide advice on the development of commemorative Northern Territory events over the Anzac Centenary anniversary period. Vice President of the National Servicemen’s Association Australia – Northern Territory Ivan Walsh was a member of the committee and a significant driver for this project.

The unveiling of the memorial garden leads into Saturday’s Dawn Service, when community members will gather to reflect on the Centenary of Anzac at the Darwin Cenotaph. Anzac Centenary Walk is part of the official route used for the Anzac Day parade in Darwin.

The Lord Mayor of Darwin Katrina Fong Lim, representatives from the Northern Territory Government, Vice President of the National Servicemen’s Association, Ivan Walsh and Australian Defence Force Cadets attended the unveiling ceremony.

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