



CANUNGRA VIETNAM MEMORIAL RELOCATION PROJECT

The Kokoda Youth Foundation is collaborating with local community and the Land Warfare Centre to relocate the Canungra Vietnam War Memorial, which was established in 2000, to a more accessible location. Presently this important part of national history can only be seen through escorted visits within the Land Warfare Centre, leading to its poor condition with limited public access hindering maintenance efforts.

The relocation project involves removing, cleaning, and relocating current memorial signs, plaques, and artifacts, to a new landscaped site at the entry to the Land Warfare Centre. The relocation project will also include the addition of a life-size bronze statue of an Australian soldier and information boards which share the story of both the Land Warfare Centre and the Vietnam war.

As per the original memorial site, the memorial will be "In Remembrance To All" and represent all branches of Australia's military forces.

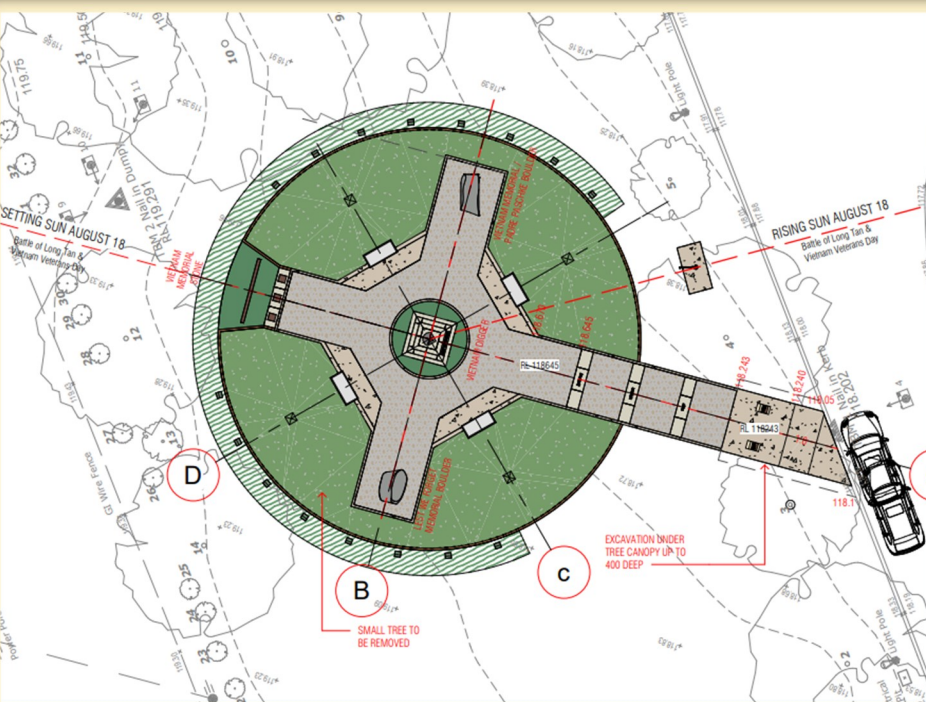
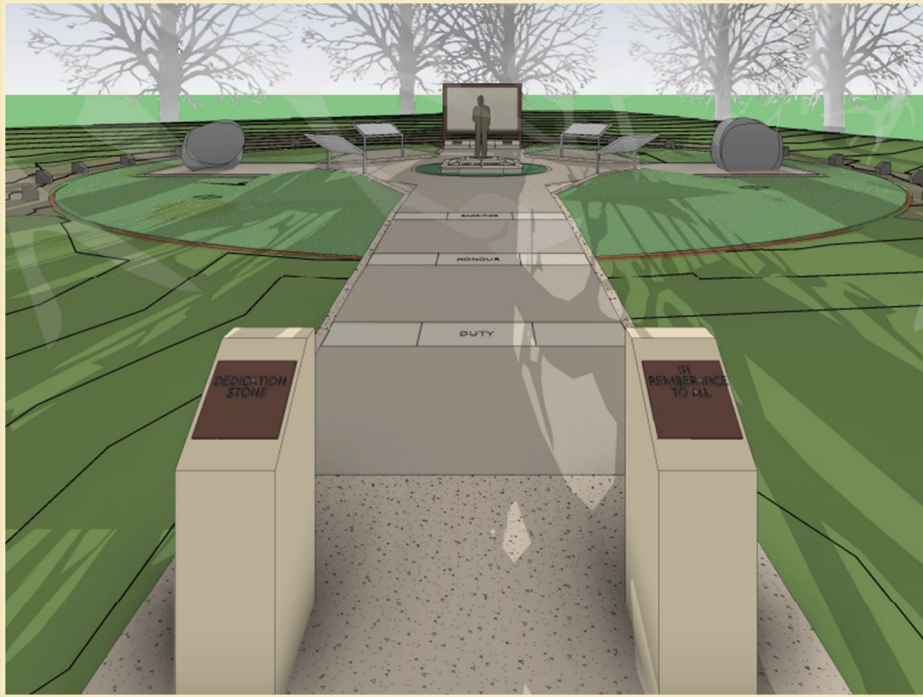
Our mission is to honour the existing memorial pieces and create a new memorial site that will be a significant and accessible place of education and remembrance for the Vietnam War.



Some of the existing
memorial items

The Kokoda Youth Foundation has formed a sub-committee consisting of community representatives with Vietnam veterans from the Runaway Bay RSL (including a veteran who was involved in the original memorial site's construction), a representative from the Land Warfare Centre, as well as an architect and a landscape gardener.

Choice Homes have donated their design and documentation services, and their architect has designed an exceptional memorial concept that honours our Vietnam Veterans.



Aerial view of the memorial depicts the Long Tan Cross

The Commonwealth Government is supporting the project with a grant of \$104,000 under the Saluting Their Service program. This will assist in funding the production of a life-size bronze statue and some of the relocation and landscaping costs involved in the project.

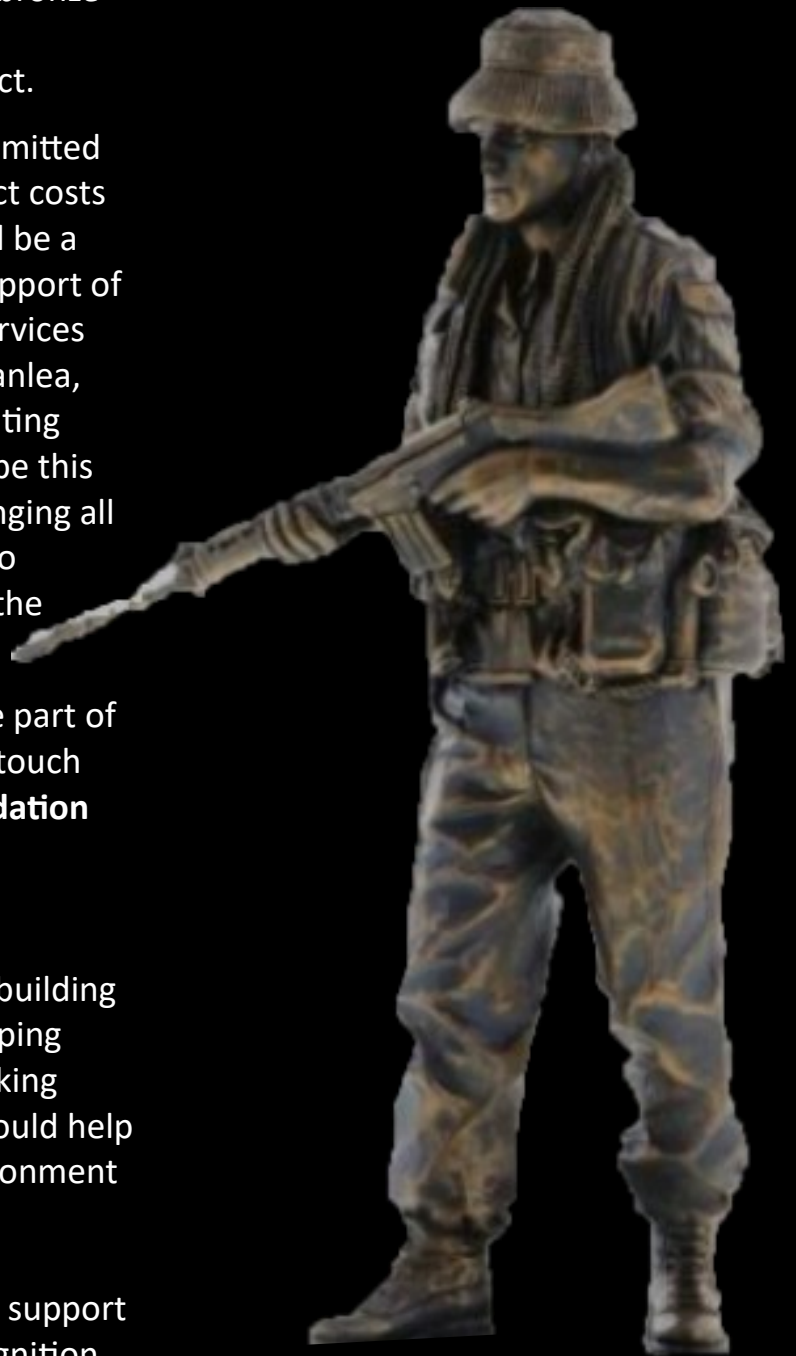
The Kokoda Youth Foundation has committed to funding the shortfall between project costs and the grant contribution which could be as high as \$75,000. However, with the support of valuable donations of materials and services from Choice Homes, Cobble Patch Loganlea, Coast 2 Coast Earthmoving, STA Consulting Engineers and Axis Surveys there is hope this truly will be a collaborative project bringing all members of the community together to support and honour those involved in the Vietnam War.

If you or your business would like to be part of this momentous project, please get in touch with **Joh** from the **Kokoda Youth Foundation** on **0412 268 380** or joh@kokodayouthfoundation.com

Your generous donation could include building materials, sandstone, plaques, landscaping supplies, plants, labour service on working bees or a financial contribution that would help us create a serene and respectful environment for reflection and remembrance.

We plan to acknowledge your valuable support through various means, including recognition on our website, social media platforms, and at the memorial site itself with a community brick.

Please be assured that contributing to the Canungra Vietnam Memorial Relocation Project will not only demonstrate your commitment to honouring our veterans but will also become an integral part of our community's history and heritage.



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