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Memorial Development Project to hold consultations around Australia

Following the launch of the Australian War Memorial's Development Project plans by Prime Minister Scott Morrison on 18 November, the Memorial will hold a series of community consultation sessions in each Australian state and territory in December.

Communities around the country will have the opportunity to hear from members of the Memorial Development Project leadership team, including Executive Project Director Wayne Hitches, in consultations that include a presentation and a drop-in session at which the public can speak directly with Memorial staff.

The sessions will include an overview of the project plans, which will see an increase in exhibition and function space of 5,000 square metres. The plans include a new southern entrance, refurbishment of the main building, a new Anzac Hall connected to the main building via a glazed link, an extension to the Bean Building, and public realm works.

The first of two weeks of national community consultations began in Orange in the New South Wales central west on Monday 2 December before moving onto Newcastle, Albury, and Wagga Wagga. Sessions will take place in Hobart and Launceston before the first week finishes in Darwin on Thursday 5 December.

The second week of consulations will take place in cities and regional centres across Victoria, South Australia, Queensland, and Western Australia, with additional sessions in New South Wales.

Digital resources designed to assist the community to understand and engage with the project, known as <u>Our Continuing Story</u>, can be sourced online.

Data and feedback from all sessions will be collated and published online, and submitted to the Department of Environment and Energy as part of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation process.

These national community consultations come after a public consultation session held at the BAE Systems Theatre on Thursday, 28 November. The Memorial previously conducted an eight-week stakeholder consultation process from 2 August to 26 September 2018, with a series of public workshops and forums held across Canberra, Sydney, Brisbane, Darwin, and Townsville.

The Memorial's quarterly e-newsletter <u>Our Next Chapter</u>, featuring project updates and public consultation information, is available for subscription. First published in November, the next issue will be released in February 2020.

Feedback can be provided to the Memorial Development Project via development@awm.gov.au.

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Our Continuing Story national community consultations

Week 1 schedule:

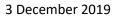
Date	City	Location	Time
Monday 2 December	Orange, NSW	Orange Ex Services' Club, 231-243 Anson St	Presentation: 2–3 pm Community drop-in session: 4–7 pm
Monday 2 December	Newcastle, NSW	Wallsend Diggers, 5 Tyrell Street, Wallsend	Presentation: 2–3 pm Community drop-in session: 4–7 pm
Wednesday 4 December	Albury, NSW	Albury SS&A Club, 570–582 Olive St	Presentation: 2–3 pm Community drop-in session: 4–7 pm
Wednesday, 4 December	Launceston, TAS	Launceston Library, 71 Civic Square	Presentation: 1–2 pm Community drop-in session: 2:30–5:30 pm
Thursday 5 December	Hobart, TAS	Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Dunn Place	Presentation: 11:00 am– 12:30 pm Community drop-in session: 12.30–3.30 pm
Thursday 5 December	Wagga Wagga, NSW	Wagga RSL, CNR Kincaid and Dobbs St	Presentation: 2–3 pm Community drop-in session: 4–7 pm
Thursday 5 December	Darwin, NT	Cazalys Palmerston Club 10 Temple Terrace, Palmerston City	Presentation 2–3 pm Community drop-in session: 4–7 pm

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Week 2 schedule:

Date	City	Location	Time
Monday 9 December	Parramatta, NSW	Parramatta RSL, 2 Macquarie St	Presentation: 2–3 pm Community drop-in session: 4–7 pm
Monday 9 December	Melbourne, VIC	Longbeach RSL, 4 Thames Promenade, Chelsea	Presentation: 2.30– 3.30 pm Community drop-in session: 4–7 pm
Monday 9 December	Townsville, QLD	Townsville RSL, 139 Charters Towers Rd, Hyde Park	Presentation: 2–3 pm Community drop-in session: 4–7 pm
Tuesday 10 December	Sydney, NSW	Australian National Maritime Museum, Darling Harbour	Community drop-in session: 10 am–12.30 pm
Tuesday 10 December	Hurlstone Park, NSW	Canterbury Hurlstone RSL, 20-26 Canterbury Road	Presentation: 2.30– 3.30 pm Community drop-in session: 4–7 pm
Tuesday 10 December	Melbourne, VIC	The Shrine of Remembrance, Birdwood Ave	Community drop-in session: 10 am–12.30 pm
Tuesday 10 December	Melbourne, VIC	Caulfield RSL, 4 St Georges Rd, Elsternwick	Presentation 2–3 pm Community drop-in session: 4–7 pm
Tuesday 10 December	Brisbane, QLD	Coorparoo RSL, 45 Holdsworth St, Coorparoo	Presentation 2–3 pm Community drop-in session: 4–7 pm
Tuesday 10 December	Perth, WA	Perth Town Hall, 601 Hay St	Community drop-in session: 11 am–2 pm
Tuesday 10 December	Perth, WA	Perth City Library, 573 Hay St	Presentation 3–4 pm





Wednesday 11 December	Geelong, VIC	Geelong RSL, 50 Barwon Heads Rd, Belmont	Presentation 1–2 pm Community drop-in session: 10 am–12.30 pm
Wednesday 11 December	Fremantle, WA	WA Maritime Museum, Victoria Quay, Peter Hughes Dr	Presentation 1–2 pm Community drop-in session: 10 am–12.30 pm
Wednesday 11 December	Fremantle, WA	WA Shipwrecks Museum, Cliff St	Community drop-in session: 3–5 pm
Thursday 12 December	Mackay, QLD	Dudley Denny City Library, 134 Victoria St	Presentation 2–3 pm Community drop-in session: 3.30–6.30 pm
Thursday 12 December	Adelaide, SA	Naval, Military and Air Force Club of South Australia, 111 Hutt St	Presentation 2–3 pm Community drop-in session: 4–7 pm