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## **Pioneer Park War Memorial Precast Plinth Installation**

Work is well under way in Pioneer Park in preparation for the installation of the Pioneer Park War Memorial. The moving and important piece of artwork, a bronze sculptural interpretation of a human hand, was designed by Robert Hannaford AM. This sculpture will be the centrepiece of all commemorative activities for our town and region and will provide a reflective space for residents and visitors alike.

The removal of the previous RSL monument was completed in June and some restorative work has been undertaken prior to it being relocated to the RSL Clubrooms in Evanston.

The new sculpture will be placed on a custom built rectangular concrete plinth with the installation of the plinth scheduled for the morning of Wednesday 12 September. Access to the site will be limited during this time due to the nature of the works and exclusion zones will be implemented. Please be aware there will be appropriate traffic management and road closure arrangements in place which may impact on commuters.

Future works include laying of circular paving around the plinth enabling accessible viewing of the sculpture, redesign of existing lighting and development of signage for the Memorial. The works will be completed prior to the War Memorial's official dedication on Remembrance Day.

The new and all-inclusive War Memorial will be unveiled on Remembrance Day to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War, also referred to as the Armistice Centenary.

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