



HANZAC NEWS

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I am pleased to report that a final committee has been chosen.

Members have been selected from two nations, Australia and Greece with additional nominations from New Zealand to be identified.

Numerous visitors from across three continents have visited the Hellenic ANZAC Gardens Memorial (HANZAC). This is a pleasant sign that the memorial will gain further publicity of time.

COMMITTEE GUARDIANS

BARRIE DANIEL	ILIAS KATSOS USA	MAURICE BARWICK TREASURER
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In addition to the above, a HANZAC Bank account has been created, non-profit public fund raising and administrative structure created. A review of social media platform online fund raising was identified as unsuitable due to erroneous financial charges. In view of this fund raising will be conducted using other means as demonstrated below:

- A. Approaches to the Australian and New Zealand governments for grants will be carried out in due course.
- B. Ex service organizations and communities are also to be advised of the HANZAC Memorial.
- C. Corporations and individual sponsors.

The Committee/Guardians as shown below will be updated accordingly:

DIRECT TRANSFER DETAILS:

BANK: WESTPAC
Account Name: HANZAC
BSB Number: 033053
Account Number: 755870

For additional information, please contact the Committee via the Director Peter Adamis via messenger, email: abalinx@gmail.com or mobile: 0481342791.

SECURITY CAMERAS

The images are taken from the security cameras hard drive. The hard drive keeps a record of events for up to six months. The investment into installing security cameras has paid off. Additional cameras will be installed in 2020 making a total of 16 cameras. We hope to install three revolving cameras that can be remotely controlled. In addition to the cameras the cottage and the Hellenic ANZAC Gardens Memorial, three solar lights have also been installed in strategic areas with an eight hour span of illumination. Three brand new revolving security cameras and the associated recorder have been donated by Christine Ethell, a member of the committee.

The cottage and Memorial is monitored by the Police, maintenance staff, and trusted locals and from Australia. The memorial has a significant place in the hearts and minds of the locals as it contains all the family surnames. In addition, funds being donated all go towards developing it further. Ex service personnel have been instrumental in making the memorial a reality and all those involved know they are leaving behind a legacy.

The two gates leading into the memorial are self-locking and the public can enter free of charge. The water reservoir, the hothouse, gardens olive groves and grape vines are being maintained by my cousin Chris Glekas a retired Police man. Garden and land maintenance is carried out four times a year. The Hellenic ANZAC Gardens Memorial (HANZAC) maintenance is carried out two days a week.

MAINTENANCE

The pond surrounding the Rock containing the ode is replenished with water. The runoff goes to water the Plane (platano) tree nearby. The pond also contains gold fish which attract the carnivorous fowl of the air. There is nothing of value to steal from the cottage or the Memorial. Most if not all is of sentimental value and of no interest to anyone but the owners.

Come 2020 we hope to return with a few mates to work on the memorial and rest, relax and have a few light ales for medicinal purposes. With a traditional Aussie BBQ of course under the shade of the olive trees. For those that don't know, the Hellenic ANZAC Gardens Memorial is my tribute to three nations and my method of thanking all those I have known throughout life. There are over 300 names on the marble stele.

The HANZAC Memorial is the second memorial that I am associated with. The Australian Hellenic War memorial in Melbourne near the Shrine is the other. Unfortunately the memorial in Melbourne was vandalized by unknown individuals. More to come regarding the HANZAC structure, administration and Committee in due course. Anyone wishing to become a part of the HANZAC Memorial are welcome. Please send me a private message via messenger or email at abalinx@gmail.com



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