

## **Melinda Pavey**Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight

## **David Elliott**Minister for Veterans Affairs

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## ANZAC OBELISK UNVEILED IN MOORE PARK

Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight Melinda Pavey and Minister for Veterans Affairs David Elliott have unveiled the refurbished ANZAC Obelisk war memorial, marking the centenary of its installation in Moore Park.

The Obelisk is one of the earliest war memorials in NSW and was established as part of the reconfiguration of ANZAC Parade on 15 March 1917, less than one year after the inauguration of ANZAC Day.

"The ANZAC Obelisk stands here today dedicated to the role of the ANZACs during the Great War and those who served on the home front and it has become a local landmark for road users every day," Mrs Pavey said.

Originally located at the head of Anzac Parade at the intersection with Moore Park Road, the ANZAC Obelisk was re-located during construction of the Eastern Distributor and again in 2014 for the Albert 'Tibby' Cotter Walkway.

The memorial now has a permanent home at the northern end of Anzac Parade, improving pedestrian access and located within the State Heritage Listed Moore Park precinct.

Minister for Veterans Affairs David Elliott said the memorial was very important to veterans and their families and he was pleased to see it return to its former grandeur.

"For a century, the memorial has served as a permanent reminder of the sacrifices made by soldiers and it has become a treasured local landmark," Mr Elliott said.

The project involved building a new footing for the memorial, installing paving, bollards and lighting as well as lanterns built as replicas of the original gas powered lanterns. A CCTV camera will improve security in the park and at the memorial.