History of the Kolkoda Thack Memorial Walloway - how it came about

- An initiative by Concord Hospital under the Australia Remembers 1945-1995 program
- The memorial walkway would connect Concord hospital to the nearest railway station at Rhodes with a number of objectives:-
 - to provide a memorial solely dedicted to WWII with a focus on New Guinea campaign
 - to provide an educational focus for the younger generation
 - to improve access to the hospital
- Steering committee set up in 1995 following launch of plans
- First lot of funding from DEET scheme \$1.3M.
- Hospital took carriage of its construction and management

Construction of The Kokoda Track Memorial: A visual journey

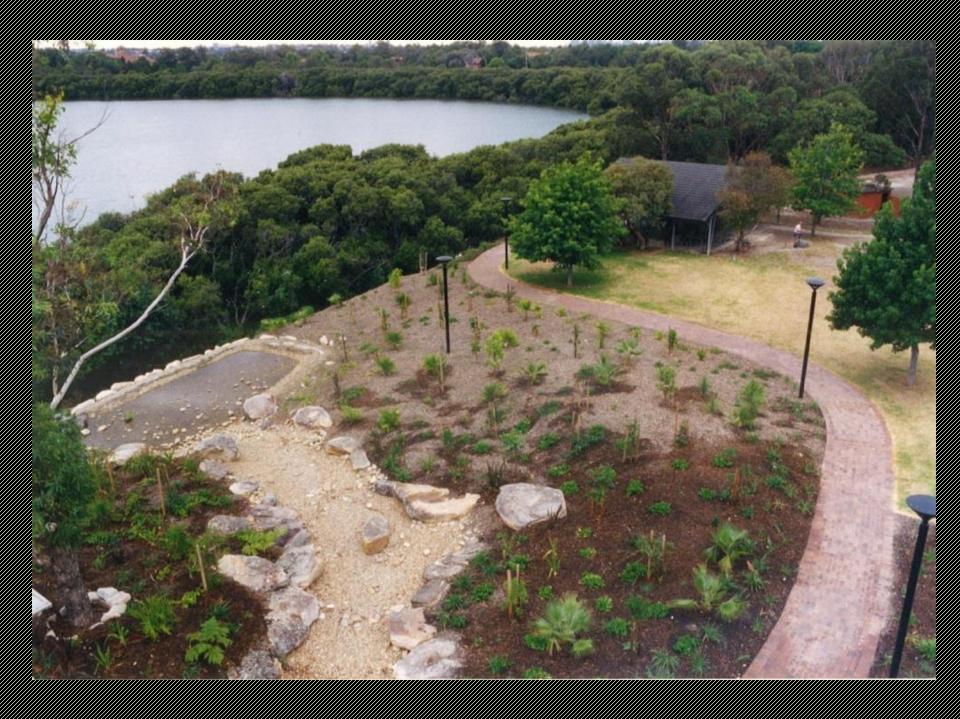


The site before the memorial was constructed



DEET program – providing skills to the unemployed under the funding













Unveiling of Memorial Centrepiece 1997





Board of Kokoda Track Memorial

- Steering committee wound up following the official opening of Memorial in 1997
- The Board of the Kokoda Track Memorial was formed in March 1998
- Membership (Key stakeholders)

Concord Hospital

Concord Council now City of Canada Bay

Veteran Representation

Rotary Club of Concord

Highlight in year 2000 Veterans from each theatre of war carrying torch through memorial







School Excursion



Ralph Honner Education Centre



STATISTICS

- TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITORS
 158,000 ANNUALLY
- TOTAL NUMBER OF SCHOOL STUDENTS
 3.500 4000 ANNUALLY
- ATTENDEES TO COMMEMORATIONS
 500-600

SPECIAL DAWN SERVICE - 3000

New Project: Virtual and Augmented Reality to capture veterans' stories



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