



**Scot MacDonald MLC**  
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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **BRONZE KANGAROOS TAKE PRIDE OF PLACE ON LAMBTON PARK MEMORIAL GATES**

Two bronze kangaroos have been restored to their former glory atop the Lambton Park Memorial Gates in Newcastle.

Parliamentary Secretary for the Hunter, Scot MacDonald MLC said the restoration project received \$19,000 as part of the NSW Government's Community Development Fund.

"This funding has restored a very important monument that honours those who fought and died at war," Mr MacDonald said.

"Two bronze kangaroos sat on the original war memorial that was constructed and dedicated back in 1918, but they were later removed and melted down for the war effort."

The restoration project involved the design and sculpting of an initial model of the kangaroos, then moulding and installation of the two replacement monuments by Eddie Wentorf of Wentorf Bronze Art Foundry.

Mr MacDonald said he's pleased to see the kangaroos take pride of place at Lambton Park ahead of ANZAC Day.

"I encourage the local community and visitors to the region to take time to view the restored gates and reflect upon the remarkable efforts of those who have served our country during times of war."

The community is invited to attend a special dedication ceremony during the ANZAC Day service at Lambton Park being held by the Lambton-New Lambton RSL Sub Branch on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017 from 9am.

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