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HONOURING VETERANS IN HOLBROOK REGION

Soldiers from across the Holbrook area who answered the call to fight in the Great War will be honoured as part of a moving artwork in the Anzac Memorial in Sydney's Hyde Park.

Minister for Veterans Affairs David Elliott today took a soil sample from the Holbrook War Memorial in the Ten Mile Creek Gardens.

Soil samples from more than 1,600 sites across NSW where young soldiers enlisted to fight are being collected as part of the Anzac Memorial Centenary Soil Collection project. All soil samples will be placed in the renovated Hall of Service with the name of the town next to them.

Mr Elliott said collecting soil from a broad range of sites across the state is a reminder of the great sacrifices made by men and women across all of our communities in the Great War.

"A century on, we honour these Australians by taking a sample of soil and placing it in the Hall of Service at the refurbished Anzac Memorial so that it can be appreciated and commemorated by generations to come," he said.

Mr Elliott said Holbrook, which was named in honour of Victoria Cross winner Lt. Norman Douglas Holbrook, had made a significant contribution during the Great War.

"Regional NSW was the backbone of the state's war effort and this important contribution will be recognised in the collection of soil from the Holbrook War Memorial."

The Anzac Memorial Centenary Project Soil Collection is part of the NSW Government's upgrade of the Anzac Memorial in Hyde Park during the Centenary of Anzac. The refurbished Anzac Memorial will be complete in late 2018.

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