

MEDIA RELEASE

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Light Horse 100th Anniversary recognised

On Saturday 3 November, the Botany Historical Trust and Bayside Council will unveil a plaque at the Light Horse Memorial in Eastlakes to mark the 100th anniversary of the victory of the charge of the 4th Light Horse Brigade at Beersheba.

The Light Horse Battalion assembled, trained and left for World War I from Rosebery Racecourse, which was located in Eastlakes at the site now known as Light Horse Reserve.

BHT President Anne Slattery said the unveiling would be celebrated with a small service and wreath laying ceremony starting at 1.00pm and members of the community were invited join council representatives and members of the BHT to pay their respects, should they wish.

Bayside Mayor Bill Saravinovski said, "Council is proud to partner with the Botany Historical Society to commemorate the charge of the Light Horse Brigade at the Battle of Beersheba that took place on the 31 October 1917. It was one of those defining moments in history – a great victory – which we must never forget."

Following the unveiling and wreath laying service, there will be a history talk on the book *Postings from the Front: City of Botany Bay and World War 1* in the Alf Kay Eastlakes Community Hall adjacent to the park in Florence Avenue, from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

BHT President Anne Slattery co-wrote the book together with the Bayside Local History staff Jenny MacRitchie and Paula Grunseit. All three will discuss their journey and findings while writing the book.

Funding for the plaque was obtained by the BHT through the Federal Government's Centenary Grant Program.

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