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## THEME 2 | *precinct priorities*

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### THE PROPOSED PROJECT

The Australian War Memorial is an important place for all Australians, where they can remember the service and sacrifice of those who have served in war and on operations. This is perhaps best expressed in the words of the Memorial's founder, Charles Bean: *"Here is their spirit, in the heart of the land they loved; and here we guard the record which they themselves made."* Since opening in 1941, the Memorial has recognised, honoured and told the stories of our defence force personnel and their experiences in war, peacekeeping and humanitarian operations.

The Memorial's ability to respectfully commemorate and display these stories is now at capacity; visitor numbers remain strong and modern conflicts are under-represented. There is no further gallery space to tell the stories of what is happening now and for the future. A significant redevelopment is required to improve the experience, education and understanding of our visitors by increasing gallery space and improving amenities.

The Memorial is developing a detailed proposal to submit to the Federal Government for funding for this project, and is also developing a Precinct Masterplan to create a vision that will guide the Memorial for the next 50 years.

### HAVE YOUR SAY

The Memorial is currently seeking feedback on a range of project themes in order to help shape the Government submission and the Precinct Masterplan. There are five key themes the Memorial is seeking feedback on.



## WHAT ARE THE PRIORITY AREAS FOR THE AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL PRECINCT? HOW COULD WE MAKE THE EXTERNAL EXPERIENCES AT THE AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL BETTER?

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***The Australian War Memorial extends beyond the buildings. Planning for the future means considering the whole precinct; which includes visitor parking, transport options, heritage significance, cafes, external displays, ceremonial areas, our connection with Anzac Parade, the vista across Lake Burley Griffin and our nearby neighbours and community.***

### THE MEMORIAL PRECINCT

Over time the Memorial Precinct has added many buildings to create the configuration seen today.

Throughout the precinct, items can be found that reflect the Memorial's purpose to commemorate the sacrifice of those Australians who have died in war.

*The Australian War Memorial Precinct Masterplan will create a vision for the next 50 years*



Visitors to the Memorial often spend time walking around the grounds looking at the sculptures and statues, or the large vehicles and weapons on display. These are often stand-alone items, commemorating a single event, person, military unit or conflict.

*Would you like to have exhibition experiences outside of the Memorial? Would you like to see more connectivity between different parts of the precinct? Would you like to see more technology integrated in the outdoor spaces?*

*Beyond the precinct itself is Anzac Parade leading down to Rond Terrace. What opportunities might there be to connect more with these locations?*

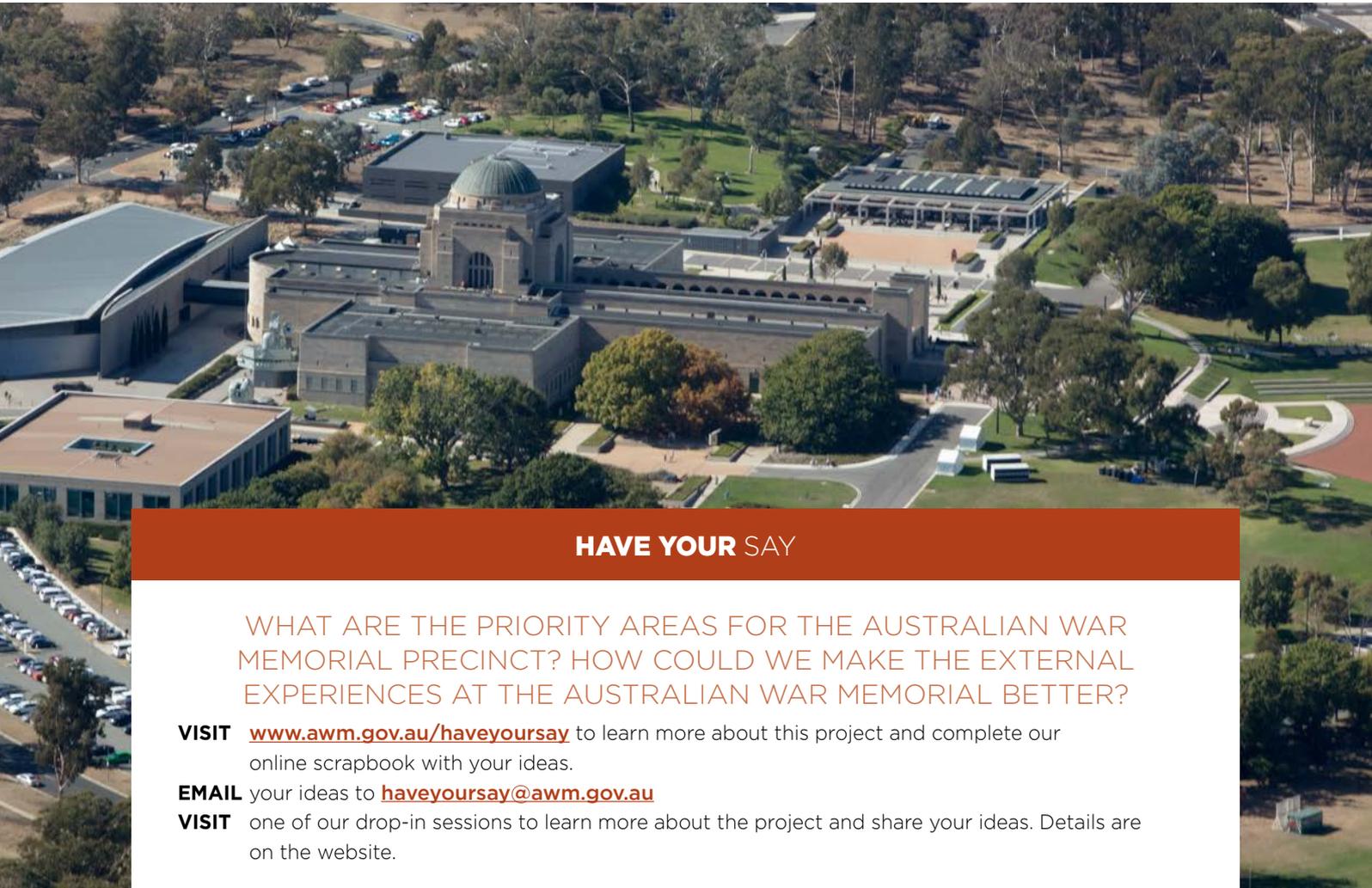
## HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PRECINCT

The main Memorial building is iconic in the Canberra landscape and has a prominent position at the end of Anzac Parade, looking across to Parliament House. This building and the view down Anzac Parade are heritage listed. Future planning would ensure these locations of heritage were maintained and no items of heritage significance were impacted upon.

## GETTING TO THE MEMORIAL

The Memorial currently has two main carparks, disabled parking locations, is serviced by public transport and has bicycle racks available. Looking forward we need to consider if these transport amenities are adequate and what could be changed or added. *Are there transport options which aren't reflected currently?*

*An aerial view of the Australian War Memorial precinct*



## HAVE YOUR SAY

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