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## LEGACY

A newsletter from Waihi Heritage  
Vision updating progress on the NZ  
Engineers Tunnelling Company  
project at Gilmour Reserve, Waihi

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## Memorial Dedication

*The Tunnellers' Memorial  
dedication date has been confirmed.*

### Friday 22 January 2016

The Governor General His Excellency Sir Jerry Mateparae has kindly agreed to dedicate the Tunnellers' Memorial in Waihi on Friday 22 January next year. We have brought the date forward from that originally planned in March to fit in with the Governor General's schedule. We have a busy weekend of commemoration events planned. What follows is a brief outline, with more activities planned. Details will be posted on our Facebook page.

### Commemoration Events

Activities start on Friday at 11.00am with a street parade through Waihi to Gilmour Reserve. You can be part of this or be a spectator. At 1.00pm the Governor General will arrive at Gilmour Reserve. There will be speeches and wreath layings before Sir Jerry Mateparae officially dedicates the Memorial. This will be followed by a 'mix and mingle' that we are calling 'Picnic in the Park'.

On Friday evening we are inviting everybody to a dinner (at their own cost) at the Waihi RSA. It's a chance to meet other Tunnelling Company descendants and supporters in a relaxed and informal setting.

Saturday is your opportunity to listen to a range of speakers as the Waihi RSA becomes 'Tunnellers' HQ'. We have been fortunate that a number of recognised experts and knowledgeable presenters have agreed to speak on that day, and we have a full programme. On Saturday evening Ross Thomas, Executive Producer of *Beneath Hill 60* will be with us from Australia. He will talk about the film's production before we view his work. The film's New Zealand distributors have kindly waived their fee for this viewing. There will be a charge for attendees to cover the expenses of this day.

Sunday morning will feature a BBQ brunch at the Waihi Motor Camp before we depart.

### How can you help?

We will need help in many areas as we lead up to the dedication on 22 January. You can keep up with all of this by following the regular updates on our Tunnelling Company Facebook page.



Above: Staff at Waihi Metal Studio working on the memorial sculpture. Here they are texturing a section of one of the uprights that will hold the globe.

### Planning on staying in Waihi?

If you are planning on staying in Waihi during the Memorial Dedication weekend we suggest you book your accommodation soon. There are three local motels in town and also cabins and camper van sites close by at the Waihi Motor Camp which is 'Tunnellers' Accommodation HQ' for the weekend. Phone Gloria on 07 863 7654, or email [Gloria@waihimotorcamp](mailto:Gloria@waihimotorcamp). It's summer, so Waihi Beach may be full, but Katikati and Paeroa are only 20 minutes away. Contact Nikki at the Waihi iSite for more details on 07 863 6735 or email her at [nikkis@goldiscoverycentre.co.nz](mailto:nikkis@goldiscoverycentre.co.nz)



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