

*memorial grounds*  
*memorial park interim concept*



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PLAN | SCALE 1:1000 @ A3  
*Interim park*

The existing surfaces are retained west of the Carillon with new asphalt bunds proposed to frame the edges of new temporary tree nurseries. New lawn and gravel paved memorial space aligns centrally to the Carillon axis.



SECTION AA | SCALE 1:200 @ A3  
*Interim park*

The bunds framing temporary tree nurseries located over historic building sites. Trees can be shifted to allow archaeological work to be carried out and reused in future permanent park.



SECTION BB | SCALE 1:200 @ A3  
*Interim park*

## Design Description

The intention of the interim park design is to start the implementation of the New Zealand Memorial Park in a manner that commences repair to the existing site, while introducing and celebrating some of the ideas and components of the future park. At the same time it will enable the space to be used as the beginning of an enlarged memorial space.

The proposal is to build some areas and elements that can be retained in the long term, and implement others that are clearly transitional in nature- but that are nonetheless contributing to the narratives and functions of the parks interim use.

The central portion of the park is proposed to be established in its final ground form outcome, setting in place the major central ceremonial space of the park, comprising two lawns flanking a central limechip paved plaza opposite the existing National War Memorial space.

The western part of the interim park is proposed to be developed by locating clusters of trees in planters set out in the existing areas of gravel that denote the footprints of previous buildings. These areas would be further defined by minor ground works- effectively reinforcing the existing terraces on this side of the park. In this area it is proposed to undertake no excavation for the interim park, but instead build up bunding to contain areas where temporary tree nurseries can be laid out. These trees will be used in the final park construction with the benefit in having them hardened off to site conditions.

The existing asphalt will remain largely as it is forming an undulating hard surface between the tree clusters- that will become the canvas for surface paint work- marking the layers of built history of the site.

This will allow archaeological investigations to be carried out over the term that the interim park is in place thus preparing the site for final construction. The area of archaeological importance is confined to the western end from the proposed interim west lawn edge to Taranaki Street.

The proposed interim design can then reveal the archaeological investigation process to the public as the work is carried out. This is achieved through the initial mapping of the historic built elements in paint across the existing asphalt and grouping the tree groves on the gravel surfaces of previous buildings. The tree groves can be moved about to frame areas under investigation over the period of the interim design.

The interim design is intended to be in place for a period of one to three years. The central area can be used for ceremonial purposes throughout that time.

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*Interim park Graphic*

Painted linework is proposed across existing asphalt surfaces interpreting the site history.



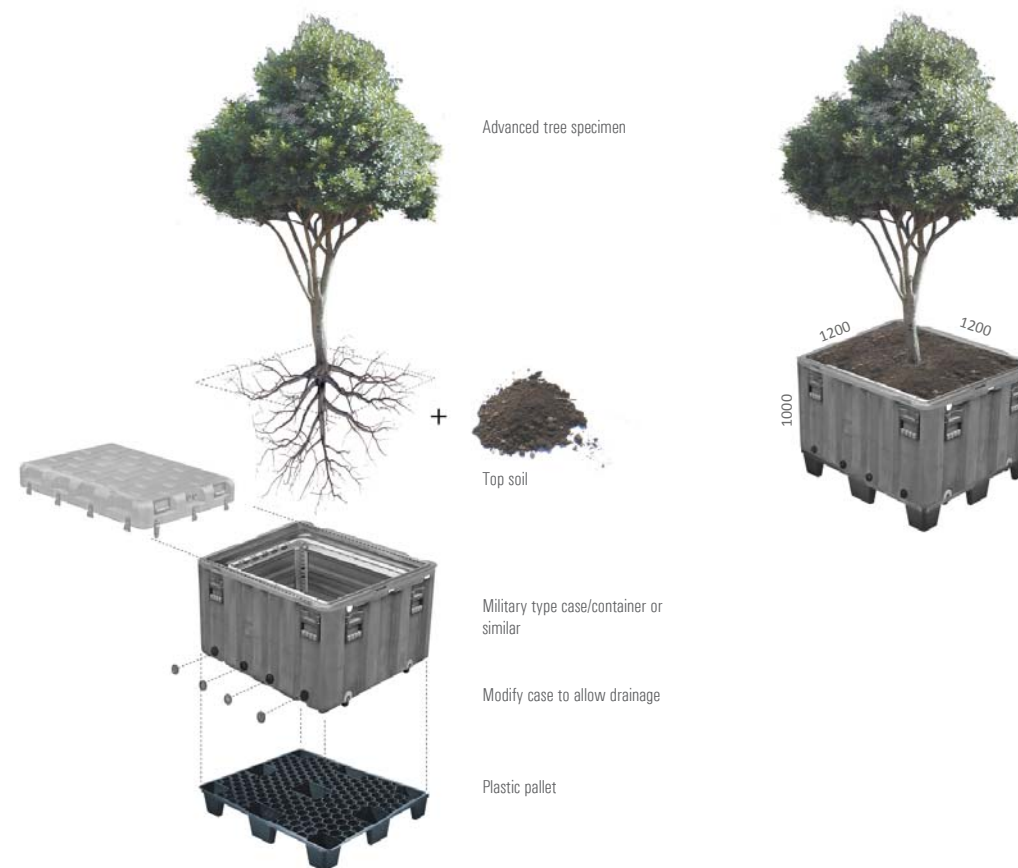
Perspective from north-west site corner at Taranaki St  
 > Looking southeast toward the Carillon



military type cases/containers



tree nursery / ward map (1891)



# *interim park concept plan*