

ANZAC WALK – Adelaide, South Australia

As part of Australia's 100th anniversary celebrations of the brave Anzacs being commemorated around the country, the new Anzac Centenary Memorial Garden Walk on Kintore Avenue in Adelaide's CBD (Central Business District) has now opened, providing a fitting tribute to the ultimate sacrifice made by Australians during past wars and conflicts.



A 70 metre interpretative wall made from 58 polished Adelaide black granite, features in the newly completed 280 metre Anzac Centenary Memorial Walk in Adelaide, South Australia.



The granite wall depicts Australian society through a century of conflict, and honours more than 102,000 Australian servicemen and women who died serving their country. 1020 markers have been etched into the granite wall with each marker representing the loss of 100 sailors, soldiers, airmen and women.

This \$10 million project was first proposed by the Veterans Advisory Council and was funded through the Commonwealth's Anzac Centenary Public Fund, a State Government commitment and the Adelaide City Council. This project is a great example of all parties working together to honour those Australians who dies as well as strengthening all design pillars encompassing Remembrance, Service and Loyalty.

The Memorial Walk was one of the biggest projects to be funded under the Commonwealth Government's Anzac Public Fund and construction work was awarded to BMD Constructions, following a competitive tender process.



Commercial Ceramics and Stone (local Adelaide granite supply and installation company) supplied and installed the local black granite panels on the main Anzac Wall, along the boundary below the open blade fencing, as well as creating stunning planter boxes and garden bed surrounds using the same black granite material. Low concrete garden surrounds were created, providing a solid surface for fixing the granite in these areas. **Plastimul** (multi-purpose bituminous waterproofing emulsion) was applied to the internal concrete surfaces to ensure their complete protection from any aggressive agents present in the soil. **Eco Prim Grip** (multi-purpose bonding promoter primer) was subsequently rolled onto all other concrete faces to guarantee a solid bond for the adhesive.

Mapei's **Keraflex Maxi S1** (high performance, deformable cementitious adhesive especially formulated for the installation of large format tiles) was the perfect adhesive selection for the bonding of the large format black granite panels. **Ultracolor Plus** (high-performance, quick setting, anti-efflorescent grout for joints from 2 – 20mm) was chosen due to the grout's blend of special self-hydrating hydraulic binders that guarantees perfect colour uniformity and anti-efflorescent characteristics. By choosing to use **Ultracolor Plus**, Commercial Ceramics were guaranteed ease of use as well as the highest quality finish to complement the local black granite material. All joints were perfectly sealed using **Mapesil AC** (solvent-free acetic-crosslinking, mildew-resistant silicone sealant).



The **Anzac Walk** project was commissioned on the 23rd April 2016 in time for the **Anzac Day Celebrations**. People can now walk from the State's principal site of remembrance, the South Australian National War Memorial on North Terrace, to Torrens Parade Ground and the Pathway of Honour.

