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**PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FOR PACIFIC ISLAND AFFAIRS**  
**FEDERAL MEMBER FOR DENISON**

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Green Corps workers help Tasmanians remember soldiers**

A group of young Tasmanians has revitalised the historical Soldiers Memorial Avenue in Hobart.

Federal Denison MP Duncan Kerr said many of the young First World War soldiers commemorated in the memorial were the same age when they died in battle as the Green Corps participants who were graduating today.

The project has reinstated commemorative trees and beautified the natural surrounds of the Soldiers Memorial Avenue.

Participants have been removing exotic vegetation and redundant infrastructure; constructing paths and steps, planting memorial trees, fencing and installing signage.

The team was also involved in two dedication ceremonies of tree plaques.

“The Soldiers Memorial Avenue is part of our heritage,” Mr Kerr said.

“This project has reinstated trees and improved facilities so Tasmanians will continue to have a memorial to the young men and women who died serving their country.”

The reinstatement of lost commemorative trees on the Soldiers Memorial Avenue Project was coordinated by Central Victorian Group Training (CVGT), working with the Friends of Soldiers Memorial Avenue and the City of Hobart.

Green Corps is an Australian Government-funded program which provides environmental training for young people aged 17-20 years.

Participants work on environmental and heritage restoration projects while undergoing accredited training in areas such as conservation, environmental management and occupational health and safety.

For more information on Green Corps, visit [www.greencorps.gov.au](http://www.greencorps.gov.au)

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**Details of the Launch event:**

Date and time: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 10–11am

Location: Queens Domain. Corner Cleary's Gate Road and Upper Domain Road.