

Memorial Park Video Answers

Tuesday 19 November

1. The History of Mount Cook/Pukeahu

Come inside the Memorial Park Information Centre in Mount Cook/Pukeahu and learn about the history of the area.

1. What makes this area good for defense?
 - It is on high ground close to the city and harbour?
2. How did Māori use this area?
 - They had a pā site here and gardens
3. What are some of the artefacts that have been found here?
 - Gun pit, parts of canons and other treasures

Next step learning: Find out how the suburb of Mount Cook has changed over the last 100 years.

2. A Vision for Memorial Park

Meet the Minister for Culture and Heritage, Chris Finlayson and find out about what the vision for Memorial Park is and how it came about.

1. What was supposed to be built by the National War Memorial back in the 1930s?
 - A boulevard leading down to the harbour
2. Who is buried in front of the Carillon?
 - The body of an unknown New Zealand soldier who fought in France
3. Why did Buckle Street (part of State Highway 1) need to be moved?
 - Because it ran right past the Memorial which means there is no space for people to gather and reflect

Next step learning: What do you think of the design drawings for Memorial Park, if you could, what might you change?

3. Memorial Park Construction

Join Shelley and Project Engineer Cole Meiring outside the National War Memorial to find out more about how the underpass and park will be constructed

1. How many stages are there in the construction process and what is the first stage?
 - Four, the first stage is site preparation
2. What is an underpass?
 - It is not bored out of rock but it is a trench that is buried in place
3. What is an alliance?
 - A group of organisations or companies that all work together rather than in competition to complete a project

Next step learning: Draw a timeline to show the main stages of construction for the Buckle Street underpass and Memorial Park.

4. Exploring the National War Memorial

Get your safety gear on and get ready to explore the National War Memorial.

1. Who does the unknown warrior represent?
 - New Zealanders that have died in war, particularly the 9,000 soldiers that have no known grave
2. What is the Hall of Memories?
 - A place for special commemoration services and remembrance
3. What are the bells in the Carillon for?
 - To remember those who died at war, bought by families to remember their loved ones lost in war

Next step learning: This Carillon is the third largest in the world, in what other countries are there Carillons?

5. Being a Good Neighbour

Have a look over the construction site and find out what has been done to reduce the impacts of this project on local people.

1. What are some of the impacts that the Memorial Park Alliance has to think about?
 - Air pollution, noise, dust, traffic diversion
2. How is Mount Cook School protected?
 - By a noise wall to reduce the noise level and by monitoring dust levels (air pollution)
3. What has happened to the underground services in this area?
 - Most of them have been shifted

Next step learning: Why would it be important for the Memorial Park Alliance to keep the public informed about what is going on at the construction site?