

MEMBER REPORT
for
Featherston Community Board Meeting
13 March

Member Name	Claire Bleakley
Group Name	Featherston Poppy Places
Meeting Date	13 March 2018
Key issues from meeting	Help with funding the final lead up to 20 April Poppy unveiling.
Specific item/s for Community Board consideration	<p>In the last few weeks we have identified some unforeseen costs and would like to ask if the FCB would put aside a further \$500 for any incidental costs. All cost would be paid on receipt and not go over \$500.</p> <p>A brochure, printed by Lamb Peters quote below 500 x \$145 +GST</p> <p>The MENZ shed have offered to frame the A4 plaques to make them weather proof and maintain them. \$150.</p> <p>The RSA is offering their rooms for after the event to have morning tea.</p> <p>We would like also to give a poppy bag to the helpers and children who are part of this programme.</p> <p>20 bags x \$32 (6 for \$10)</p> <p>Costs of a final video of some of our veteran remembrance stories. \$150.</p> <p>The plaques and signs have been ordered and Yvonne has been given a Press Release about the day. (see below)</p> <p>We are going to submit it to the Phoenix and Book town.</p> <p>We are sorting out an official letter to all people we would like there, any names that you would like please advise us.</p>
General	<p>On 5/03/2018, at 4:29 PM, Lamb Peters Print <lambpeters.print@xtra.co.nz> wrote:</p> <p>Hi Claire,</p> <p>Thank you for the enquiry, pricing follows to print Poppy Trail cards – 2 sides from supplied PDF file.</p> <p>200 = \$106.00 + gst</p> <p>500 = \$145.00 + gst</p> <p>1000 = \$198.00 + gst</p> <p>Cheers</p> <p>AJ</p>
Press Release	

The logo for 'POPPY PLACES' is a blue arrow pointing to the right, with the words 'POPPY PLACES' in white capital letters inside. There is a small red poppy flower icon at the tip of the arrow.

As WW1 Centennial commemorations continue to be remembered across New Zealand, the town of Featherston is looking at ways to ensure that its vast military history is recognised long after these events are over. The Featherston Community Board, Featherston Memorial RSA, SWDC and the Poppy Trust have come together to remember and commemorate the military history and heritage of those who fought and died during WWI and WWII. This is called the Places of Remembrance Project.

While New Zealanders have learned of Gallipoli and many of the battles that shaped the Great War, few know the stories behind the places in the towns in which they live. Featherston has initially identified twelve places commemorating not only the events but also the people, many of whom were ordinary New Zealanders who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

Joanne Bateman, Secretary of the Featherston Memorial RSA says: 'Our town is a key area in the Military History of New Zealand and our past is intrinsically linked with the events that have shaped who we are today. From the First World War training Camp and the terrible Flu epidemic of 2018, to the Japanese POW camp of the Second World War and the twinning of our town with Messines in Belgium. This project will help everyone to better understand and appreciate what has shaped our area'.

The Poppy Places Trust in association with the Royal New Zealand Returned and Services Association's aim is to promote the education and awareness of New Zealanders about our military history and heritage through the association with place names.

Featherston and St. Teresa's School students are writing the stories behind the names, which will be on show during May's Booktown event in the ANZAC Hall. These stories will be also be available at each of the Poppy Places signs accessible through a "Quick Response" code or on the Internet on the South Wairarapa Council website and shared on the Poppy Places website.

The new signs will display the official Poppy flower of the RSA enabling visitors to track the history of the area along a poppy trail. These signs have been funded by the Featherston Community Board and SWDC.

Claire Bleakley Featherston Community Board member and Featherston Poppy Places coordinator said, "We now join the 140 other towns nationwide that have 'Places of Remembrance'. This exciting project has created a walk of commemoration for those who gave their lives so we can celebrate our peace and freedom."

An unveiling event is planned for 20th April with everyone invited to join in the day.

For updates and further information on the day please go to: -

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<http://poppyplaces.nz>