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GALLIPOLI STONE GIFTED FOR MOORE-JONES STATUE

After months in the planning, an historic seven tonne chunk of stone gifted by the Turkish Government and the City of Çanakkale for our Sapper Horace Moore-Jones statue project has arrived in Hamilton.

This symbolic Public Art work will commemorate next year's Gallipoli Campaign Centenary and the origins of Anzac Day, and illustrates today's spirit of collaboration between our two communities - Turkey and New Zealand. Captain Matt Gauldie's 'Line of fire' will portray the bronze ANZAC artist-soldier sketching, kneeling upon the stony Gallipoli battlefield. The large statue is on track for installation early next year in Victoria Street's median strip overlooking the heritage site where Moore-Jones heroically gave his life for others in the 1922 Hamilton Hotel fire.

In Turkey, the WWI event is known as the Battle of Çanakkale. Çanakkale is the Province straddling the Dardanelles Strait, and the name of the City at the narrowest point. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Çanakkale>

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/waikato-times/news/10632087/Statue-of-Gallipoli-artist-headed-to-Anzac-Corner>



Ambassador Damla Yeşim Say & artist Capt Matt Gauldie with a model of Matt's Moore-Jones artwork 'Line of Fire'.

Thank you, Ambassador

We are indebted to Turkish Ambassador Damla Yeşim Say and her Embassy staff in Wellington - for their support for this project, and enthusiasm to foster closer relationships.

"History joins us together.

"For New Zealanders, Gallipoli in 1915 was disastrous yet out of this battlefield arose a sense of nationhood – expressed each year on Anzac Day.

For the Turks, Gallipoli was also the eve of a new era, leading to the birth of the Republic in 1923, and celebrated with the National Day each October."



**Atatürk's ANZAC Words
Resonate Today**

At the moving ceremony of welcome to the gifted stone, TOTI chair Bill McArthur recalled the words of 'Father of Turkey' and founding President Mustafa Kemal Atatürk - who commanded the Turkish troops at Chunuk Bair in Gallipoli.

Written by Atatürk in 1934, these words are read every year by the Turkish Ambassador on Anzac Day at the National War Memorial, Wellington.

They resonate today:

"Those heroes who shed their blood and lost their lives, you are now lying in the soil of a friendly country. Therefore rest in peace. There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehmets to us where they lie side by side in this country of ours. You, the mothers who sent their sons from far away countries wipe away your tears, your sons are now lying in our bosoms and are in peace. After having lost their lives on this land they become our sons as well."

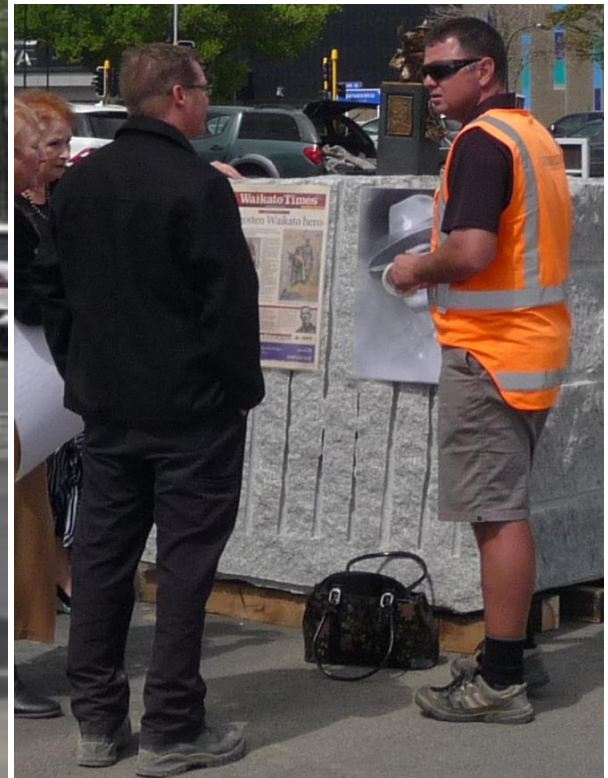


Top: Ngati Mahanga kaumatua Tuahu (right) & Pakira Watene commence the stone welcoming (Fairfax).
Above: TOTI chair Bill McArthur (right) shares Ataturk's ANZAC words, with MP Tim Macindoe (left) & One Victoria Street Trust/Meteor Theatre chair William Farrimond. (Fairfax)
Below: Ngati Mahanga & Runanga representatives with MP Tim Macindoe (centre) & the TOTI Team.





Above: Historic load & Findatruckload's Andrew Bishop with Margaret
Below left: Porter Group's Robin Porter with the Gallipoli stone
Below right: Watts & Hughes' Maurice Middleton (right) and Porter Hire's Kevin Groom



Fast Delivery...

Porter Group's Te Rapa HQ staff arrived at work recently to find an unexpected object in their yard...

It's a long story but in brief, the fast service by Andrew Bishop's Fast 50 company Findatruckload was superfast...

The historic load – our long-awaited seven tonne chunk of Gallipoli stone shipped here from Turkey – arrived three days ahead of expectations and in the wee hours to find Watts & Hughes Te Rapa yard still shut up for the night.

Fast thinking applied and after some explanatory phone calls, support and space was quickly confirmed through Porter Hire's Kevin Groom.

Ambassador Damla Yeşim Say and artist Matt Gaudie went ahead with their Wellington meeting – minus the stone.

In Hamilton – despite the short notice - Ngati Mahanga and Runanga kaumatua responded with an ancient tradition, and both city MPs joined in. **Thank you all.**



Hamilton MPs Tim Macindoe (left) and David Bennett with TOTI Team members (from left) Penny Pollard, Margaret Evans, and Mavora Hamilton. NB TOTI chair Bill McArthur took the photograph.

Great to see our artist Captain Matt Gauldie featured among a small group of 'famous NZers' in Sunday magazine 26 October <http://www.stuff.co.nz/life-style/62691161/famous-kiwis-tell-us-how-they-see-themselves.html>

And described as "one of NZ's most prominent artists", showcased earlier this year at the NZ Art Show <http://artshow.co.nz/Matt+Gauldie+to+Feature+at+NZ+Art+Show>

http://www.mattgauldie.com/p/aboutbio_4.html <https://www.facebook.com/MattGauldieArtist>

<http://www.mch.govt.nz/nz-identity-heritage/national-monuments-war-graves/atatürk-memorial>

<http://www.anzac.govt.nz/gallipoliguide/index.html>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gallipoli_Campaign

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