

# New memorial funds granted

THE NEW war memorial in Melbourne to honour Australians and Greeks who fought during World War II, will receive an additional \$19,000 from the Howard Government to assure completion.

Federal Member for Menzies, Kevin Andrews said the additional funding brought the Federal Government's commitment to the Australian Hellenic Memorial up to \$30,000.

"This memorial will commemorate the Australians and Greeks who stood together in 1941 to defend Greece in the face of a massive German invasion," he said. "It also acknowledges the profound effect of that alliance upon Australia, with thousands of Greeks choosing to make their home here in the years since World War II."

Mr Andrews said that the project had significant support from Melbourne's ex-service Greek communities.

The memorial is being constructed in The Domain on Birdwood Avenue, near the Shrine of Remembrance. It will feature a series of columns reflecting the design of a ruined ancient Greek temple, and incorporates an island, a crypt and a water clock to symbolise different elements of Greece, and particularly of Crete, where Australian, Allied and Greek forces inflicted heavy losses on the invaders.

The Australian Hellenic Memorial is planned to be dedicated on Sunday 2 September 2001.