

MEDIA STATEMENT



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Memorial to pioneering family is on the move

A memorial celebrating the contribution of Bunbury's first European settlers and their descendants is to be moved to a more appropriate location in the CBD following extensive consultation with family members.

The Scott Family Memorial is currently located in Anzac Park near the Bunbury War Memorial but will now be relocated to Centenary Gardens following a decision by Bunbury City Council on Tuesday night.

The memorial, which was erected in 1961, recognises first settlers John and Helen Scott, their sons Robert, William and John Jnr, and step-son Daniel McGregor, who arrived in Bunbury in January 1838.

John and Helen settled and lived at Eelup Farm for 42 years and many of their descendants still live in Bunbury.

Discussions to relocate the memorial began last September following a request from the Bunbury RSL. Relocation is also consistent with a Conservation Management Plan for Anzac Park.

Bunbury Mayor Gary Brennan said relocating the memorial to Centenary Gardens was appropriate as it was accessible to the public and other significant memorials were already located there.

"Significant consultation with nine descendants of John and Helen Scott was carried out to ensure the relocation of the memorial was carried out with the appropriate respect for the family and their contribution to Bunbury," Mr Brennan said.

"The family will also be consulted throughout the relocation process and they have also requested the memorial be restored, which the City is pleased to fund.

"Centenary Gardens is the perfect place for this monument as it already contains recognition for other significant figures in Bunbury's history, including former Mayor Ern Manea and his wife Snookie, former WA Premier Sir John Forrest, and explorer and surveyor Henry William St Pierre Bunbury."

The memorial will be relocated once approval from the State Heritage Office has been received.

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