1. SIGNALS CORP MUSEUM
Keeping the lines of communication open

This museum is dedicated to preserving the history of the Royal Australian Signals Corp. Exhibits relate to WWII, WWIII and the Vietnam War. The museum holds a large collection of operator and maintenance manuals. Simpson Barracks, Molloy Rd, Macleod. Open Tue 10-3, Wed 10-3.

2. HEIDELBERG REPAT
Care and commemoration

Opening as a military hospital in 1941, this facility became a repatriation hospital in 1947. Memorabilia, plaques, a Gallipoli Garden Memorial and a chapel acknowledge this special history. A rose garden commemorates nurses who lost their lives in WWII. Banksia St, Heidelberg.

3. ANZAC MEMORIAL, NORTHCOTE
A fitting tribute

Set inside the 13 hectare All Nations Park, the Anzac Memorial honours those who fought in the two World Wars. The Memorial features a Veterans Walk and a bronze sculpture of HMAS Berrima, which served in Australia’s first naval conflict in WWII. All Nations Park, Dennis St, Northcote.

4. PRESTON TOWN HALL MEMORIAL
A centre for the community

An elaborate Edwardian memorial to local servicemen in WWI stands proudly next to Preston Town Hall. The Hall, a handsome building, was headquarters of RAF No 7 Fighter Sector from 1939-45. 350 High St, Preston.

5. QUEENS PARK
Serving King and Country in South Africa

The park contains a memorial honouring Essendon men who served in the Boer War. There is also an impressive granite monument, commemorating servicemen who lost their lives in WWI. Queens Park, Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds.

Follow the Melbourne Suburban Trail and you will get a strong sense of the Melbourne of the past, particularly the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Impressive memorials at each RSL honour servicemen from the local community – built using funds raised by public subscription. Melbourne at that time had a strong local identity and community spirit.

As you would expect, the sites are varied. Naval history is explored both at Williamstown and at the site of the HMVS Cerberus. The Australian National Aviation Museum offers an opportunity to examine some of Australia’s wartime aircraft; here you will learn about notable Australians ranging from Victoria Cross winners, to Sir John Monash and Vice Admiral William Creswell. An evocative tribute to comradeship in the Vietnam War is also part of your journey. WWII conflicts in Papua New Guinea, against the Japanese, were brutal and very close to home. The Running Rabbits Museum and the Kokoda Memorial Trail provide a place to reflect. But be warned: the Memorial Trail, with its famous ‘1,000 steps’, is steep and not for the faint-hearted.

100 places for 100 years - Victorian War Heritage Trails commemorates the Anzac Centenary. An App and a series of complementary brochures guide visitors to important war memorials across Victoria by way of eight tour routes from North-West Victoria to Central Melbourne to Gippsland.

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FOOTSCRAY
WILLIAMSTOWN FORESHORE

Open weekends & public holidays.

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