



WW100 Centenary of the Embarkation from Dunedin

MEMORIAL RUN EVENT — 28 SEPTEMBER 2014

(including cycling and walking)

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On 4th August 1914 Great Britain declared war on Germany. Three days later on 7th August, Britain accepted New Zealand's offer of an Expeditionary Force. Recruitment throughout Otago and Southland began almost immediately. Eleven hundred men were accepted for the Otago Infantry Regiment and another six hundred for the Otago Mounted Rifles. They trained at Tahuna Park and Forbury Park for six weeks. On the evening of 22 September 1914 the troops went by train from the Dunedin Railway Station to Port Chalmers where they boarded the troop ship. The Otago Mounted Rifles rode their horses to Port Chalmers.

To commemorate the centenary of embarkation from Dunedin a series of community events are being held on Sunday, 28 September 2014. (Note: Saturday 20th Sept is election day)

The first event of the day is the Memorial Cycle, Run or Walk from Tahuna Park to the Oval.

The Cycle, Run or Walk will take place as follows:

- ❖ Schools, sports clubs, any community organisation, the University and Polytechnics from throughout Otago and Southland are all welcome to participate in this Memorial Event.
- ❖ Participating groups are encouraged to wear their school colours, their sporting strips or uniforms and run as a group.
- ❖ The Cycle, Run or Walk will commence at 9.30 a.m. from Tahuna Park.
- ❖ This event is NOT a race, the emphasis is on group participation. Groups will stay together as a group for the entire event just as the troops would have done when travelling to different locations.
- ❖ Participants may choose to ride their bike instead of running or walking and they will be the first group to depart from Tahuna Park. This is to commemorate the New Zealand Cyclist Corps which were established in 1916.

The Memorial Run Event will be followed by a **WW100 Memorial Parade** from the Oval commencing at 11.00 a.m. The parade will move down Princes Street, through the Octagon, down lower Stuart Street to the Railway Station where there will be a number of events including an Edwardian Market and period entertainment through to Toitu Otago Settlers Museum. Participants in the Memorial Run Event are welcome to continue in the Memorial Parade if they wish.

**PLEASE DIARY SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2014 NOW AND CONSIDER YOUR
PARTICIPATION IN THIS IMPORTANT HISTORICAL COMMEMORATION**