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GENOCIDE MEMORIAL MONUMENT IN FAIRFIELD CITY

The Assyrian Universal Alliance (AUA) – Australia Chapter is pleased to announce the commencement of the third phase of its plan to erect the genocide memorial at Fairfield, Australia, honouring the memory of the victims of the Assyrian genocide committed by the Ottoman government during WWI (1914-1918). The construction of the Assyrian monument started on 23 May 2010, and the unveiling will be on the Assyrian Martyrs Day, 7 August 2010.

The foundation work of the monument was completed on Saturday, 12 June, and the 1.2 meter-high base was completed on Tuesday, 15 June 2010. The Assyrian Universal Alliance started preparing for the construction of the Assyrian genocide monument as soon as the official agreement was made between the AUA and the city of Fairfield. We expect the project to be completed by the end of July and be ready for the official opening ceremony on the 7th of August.

A special two-day program is organised by the AUA to unveil the monument and commemorate the Assyrian genocide and martyrs day. The unveiling will commence at 11:00am at Bonnyrigg Park followed by a seminar on the Assyrian genocide where a documentary film will be screened at the Assyrian Social Centre that illustrates the horror of genocide. The film will show the vicious extermination carried out by the Ottoman Turks against Assyrians, Armenians and the Pontic Greeks during which nearly 750,000 Assyrians were systematically butchered.

The Assyrian Universal Alliance is extending an open invitation to all Assyrians around the globe to attend this important memorial ceremony, sharing this historic moment with us. We will also be pleased and honoured to see participation by non-Assyrians as a measure of support for the Assyrian nation's demand for justice, and the condemnation of genocide in general.

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