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The Office of Australian War Graves (OAWG) will be undertaking construction works at the Sandakan Memorial Park over the period of February - June 2012.

The planned works include the construction of an Amenities Building located at the front of the Park and a new timber walkway (including lighting), which will replace the concrete pathway that commences near the boiler and ends at the Pavilion. The path will connect with the RSL Commemorative area and pass immediately above the boiler and pass the artefacts in that area. Ground level lighting will also be installed at the obelisk.

Information about the work has been included in letters and emails to many interested associations and individuals. Consultation with Sabah Forestry and the Sandakan Municipal Council have resulted in full support and approval for the works.

The alternative pathway will be available during construction of the timber walkway and a restricted access path to the toilet facilities will be provided. Completion of the walkway will be finalised and opened to the public prior to Anzac Day 2012. Work on the Amenities Building will commence shortly after Anzac Day, ensuring that the site will be fully accessible during the commemorative period.

These constructions works with associated building materials and machinery will not prevent visitors accessing the major elements of the Memorial Park or impact the Dawn Service.

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