

Dr Tom Hewitt – Planning and Building Australian War Memorials overseas. Isurava on the Kokoda Track and Sandakan in North Borneo.

The speaker was the principal designer on seven overseas Australian War Memorial projects.

In this talk he examines two very different memorials and interpretive trails which his company produced: Sandakan in North Borneo where only six of 1800 Australians sent from Changi prison to build an airfield survived the Death Marches in 1945, and Isurava in PNG where outnumbered Australian forces on the Kokoda Track halted the Japanese advance to Port Moresby, an event considered a turning point in the war against Japan.

The Isurava Memorial received an award from the US Society of Environmental Design.