



Poignant memorial pays tribute to Afghanistan veterans

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The 42 for 42 Memorial Garden is a place of remembrance. It pays tribute to the 41 Australian men who lost their lives in Afghanistan, with the 42nd representing all defence personnel we have lost and continue to lose to suicide, and those who have returned with injuries and mental illness.

On Saturday 16 October, president of Boeing Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific, Brendan Nelson addressed attendees at the opening of this poignant memorial in Brisbane.

“The plaques for the fallen, artworks and quiet places for reflection throughout the garden provide a special place for the people of Brisbane and their visitors to heal and remember the sacrifices our Afghanistan veterans made and continue to make,” said Nelson.

Thousands of Australians were deployed to Afghanistan in our most recent, and longest military commitment, lasting almost 20 years.

“Only those who have been there can understand the demons that haunt many of our service men and women when they return home. For the rest of us, dedicated spaces such as the 42 for 42 Memorial Garden remind us of our duty to care for those who suffer as a result of their service and to keep the spirit of those who have fallen alive,” said Nelson.

“Whenever we pass the ‘42’ memorial, we should pause and recommit ourselves to being a people worthy of such sacrifices.”

Boeing supported the development of the 42 for 42 Memorial Garden with an \$80,000 donation and the event was attended by Boeing Defence Australia vice president and managing director, Scott Carpendale, along with a number of Boeing veterans and employees.

The memorial is located behind the Anglican Church at Milton, near Suncorp Stadium.