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IN BRIEF

■ The sculptor of the controversial 9ft **statue** of Nelson Mandela, which is yet to be erected, died from liver cancer last weekend.

Ian Walters, 76, began working on the statue of **Mandela** in 2001, but City of Westminster officials rejected planning permission to place the completed work on the north terrace of Trafalgar Square as was proposed.

Ken Livingstone, who has previously appealed against the council's decision, is still in negotiations with them regarding a new home for the bronze statue. It is now expected to be erected somewhere in Parliament Square.

■ A west London **hockey** club is keen to recruit some new Antipodean and South African players for their next season, beginning in early September. PHC Chiswick, who have six men's and five women's teams, are holding **trials** on September 2 for players of all levels. For more, see www.phcchiswick.com.

■ A short film that won Best Short Film at the Victorian Festival of Motion Images will be screened at the Portobello Film Festival next week.

N For Nelly is a comedy written and directed by three Australians. The **film** will be shown at 7pm on Thursday (August 17) at Westbourne Studios, 242 Acklam Rd, W10. Entrance is free and all London-based Australians are welcome at the **screening**. For more, see www.portobellofilmfestival.com.

■ Shakespeare's Globe theatre in London is currently hosting an exhibition of Shakespearean costumes designed by young Kiwi **designers**.

The four finalists in a New Zealand wide competition to find the most creative Shakespearean **outfits** will be on display until mid-August. For details, see www.shakespeares-globe.org.

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Graves of New Zealand soldiers in the Caterpillar Valley cemetery in Longueval, France

NZ role in war honoured

 New Zealanders are being invited to attend a special ceremony in France to commemorate the 90th anniversary of New Zealand's first attack in the Battle of the Somme.

New Zealand defence staff in London are holding a guided

the event had been designed to give those attending a bit of an insight into World War I.

"Many New Zealanders over here could well have had great-grandfathers who fought in this battle," said Southwell. "The battlefield walk will give them an insight into why our soldiers

Zealand wasn't involved until September 15.

During their 23-day attack, New Zealand divisions suffered about 7000 casualties, with 1560 fatalities — almost as many as the entire Gallipoli campaign.

"Gallipoli happened first which is what made it more shocking than Somme," said Southwell. "After Gallipoli, there were no false expectations of what this battle was going to be like, the soldiers knew it was going to be hell."

■ Those interested in attending can email nzdsldon@btconnect.com for detailed information on getting to and from the Longueval site.

"There were no false expectations ... it was going to be hell"


battlefield walk, followed by a memorial service at the New Zealand monument in Longueval on September 15.

Brigadier Paul Southwell said

were there, what the conditions would have been like, and what happened there."

Although the battle of the Somme began on July 1, New

Numbers up for online Aussie census

 Just three days after going live, an online census of Australian expats has attracted more than 3000 respondents, making it the most successful survey of its kind so far.

The One Million More campaign, being run by the Southern Cross Group (SCG) and Advance, is aimed at getting accurate data about the estimated one million Australians living abroad.

SCG co-founder Anne MacGregor said the initial uptake of the census was promising and as *TNT* went to print, the numbers were still climbing.

"We are well and truly past 3000 responses now which means already this is the biggest survey of Australians overseas that has ever been done so that is really positive," she said.

MacGregor said they hoped to replicate the

success of a similar survey for New Zealanders earlier this year. The Kiwi Expat Association's Every One Counts census was completed by more than 18,000 Kiwis living abroad. The data collected was considered invaluable by those researching the needs of the diaspora.

"Hopefully we can surpass that. We need to get everyone at home who knows people overseas to forward it on, as well as encouraging everyone who is filling it in to forward the link to their friends and family," said MacGregor.

The survey can be completed anonymously and respondents are not required to give any personal information or contact details.

■ To complete the survey, follow the link from www.tntmagazine.com/news.