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Genesis of Anzac legend revealed in new book by Qld author

A new book that takes a dramatic new view of the birth of the ANZAC legend has been launched in Queensland on the eve of ANZAC Day.

Senator for Queensland Mark Furner launched *Blood Brothers – The ANZAC Genesis* by Dayboro author Jeff Hopkins-Weise at the North Lakes Pathways Centre on Thursday in front of a big crowd including Hopkins-Weise's family and friends.

"It is a real pleasure to be involved with the launch of *Blood Brothers – The ANZAC Genesis*, a history of the New Zealand wars of the 1840s and 1860s," Senator Furner said.

"This ground-breaking work shows how the military, social and economic brotherhood of the ANZAC spirit began not on the sandy beaches of Gallipoli but 50 years earlier in the damp forests and fields of New Zealand.

"I congratulate Jeff on producing a book that allows us to see the Anzac Legend in a new light."

Mr Hopkins-Weise said *Blood Brothers – The ANZAC Genesis* explored the largely forgotten or ignored support which New Zealand derived from the Australian colonies.

"It is in these wars that the true genesis of an Australian–New Zealand military tradition can be found," he said.

"The involvement of the Australian colonies in the wars that plagued New Zealand during the 1840s and 1860s shows just how strong were the ties uniting Australia and New Zealand in the nineteenth century."

Blood Brothers – The ANZAC Genesis is published in New Zealand by Penguin, and in Australia by Wakefield Press.

You can purchase the book at Dymocks North Lakes for the bargain price of \$35.

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