

HMAS Sydney II Memorial Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date	Monday 12 February 2018	Meeting Time	4.00pm
Venue	Committee Meeting Room City of Greater Geraldton Civic Centre	TRIM Ref:	D-18-012279
Attendees	Cr Michael Reymond (Chairperson) Cr Natasha Colliver Cr Lewis Freer Don Rolston, Warden Spike Jones, Naval Association Trevor Ralph, Voluntary Guides Stephen Butler, RSL Trevor Beaver, Geraldton Rotary Ross McKim, City, Chief Executive Officer Chris Lee, City, Director Infrastructure Services David Emery, City, Manager Sport & Leisure Maya Engstrom, City, Minutes	By Invitation	Mayor Van Styn, Ian Heberle, RSL, Proxy David I'anson Voluntary Guides, Proxy
		Apologies	Cr Graeme Bylund
		Distribution	All

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all Committee members.
Cr Graeme Bylund noted as an apology.

David I'anson, Ian Heberle and Mayor Van Styn were present as observers.

T Ralph requested permission to record the meeting, approval was provided by the Chair following discussion regarding Standing Orders application.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Committee Recommendation:

RECOMMEND that the minutes of the HMAS Sydney II Memorial Advisory Committee held on 14 December 2017 as a true and accurate record of proceedings subject to the following:
Item 5 be amended to read that the Motion was moved by TB and not DI (David I'anson)

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

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3. REVIEW AND UPDATE ACTION REGISTER

HMAS-046 to be marked as complete

HMAS-037 Ongoing. S Butler advised the address of the Corvettes has been obtained and a letter will be sent following this meeting.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Incoming Correspondence

4.1.1 T Ralph tabled a letter of appreciation from the Voluntary Guides that thanked the City for the installation of three seats at the HMAS Sydney II Memorial. R McKim confirmed a copy of the letter was sent to all Councillors.

4.1.2 Incoming Correspondence Log was reviewed and confirmed. This included discussion on the change to the recommended proxy of the Naval Association.

4.2 Outgoing Correspondence

The Outgoing Correspondence Log was reviewed and confirmed.

4.3 New Correspondence

4.3.1 Mayor Van Styn relayed to the Committee the phone conversation held between the Mayor, CEO and Hon Peter Tinley, Minister for Veteran's Affairs, prior to the meeting.

Of note, if all parties can agree on a concept, the Minister is willing to support an application to Lotteries West or other bodies to assist with funding, as a referee for the proposal, including a written letter of support.

5. MEMORIAL COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT, MARKETING & PLANNING (TOR, Item D)

5.1 Public Facilities Status

Discussion regarding Mayor Van Styn's conversation with Hon Peter Tinley and the Minister's support of facilitating a design solution agreeable to all. The Chair proposed a meeting be held between the Committee, Minister and Smith Sculptors; however, a design brief must first be developed.

Committee Recommendation:

1. C Lee, on behalf of the CEO, contact Smith Sculptors to discuss development of a suitable design brief for the development of appropriate public facility options;
2. C Lee, following discussion with the Smith Sculptors, will report the outcome to the Chair, who will contact the Committee;
3. City officers commence making arrangements for a meeting of the Committee with Hon Peter Tinley.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

Cr Colliver proposed the subsequent recommendation:

Committee Recommendation:

That the HMAS Sydney II Memorial Advisory Committee acknowledge and thank the Honourable Peter Tinley's for his offer in assisting with the facilitation of the public facilities design. Advise that the Committee accept this offer, and will be in contact in the future to arrange a meeting.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

At 5.03pm R McKim left the meeting.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Appointment of External Representatives to the Committee

Appointments noted and confirmed as follows:

Rotary Club of Geraldton,
Trevor Beaver, representative
Kaylia Broad, proxy
Geraldton RSL
Stephen Butler, representative
Ian Herberle, proxy
Voluntary Tour Guides
Trevor Ralph, representative
David l'anson, proxy
Naval Association
Peter Jones, representative
Ian Holthouse, proxy

6.2 Appointment of the HMAS Sydney II Memorial Warden and Sub Warden

Warden was determined at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 23 January 2018.
Don Rolston, Warden, and Stephen Butler, Sub Warden

6.3 Review of Procedure – Appointment of Warden and Sub Warden

The Chair advised that for reasons of good governance, future nominations must be advertised to the public. The nomination process must also allow adequate time for the Committee to consider nominations and make recommendation to Council, to ensure the Warden is in place for the ceremony on 19 November each year.

Noted that the decision has previously been made at the October Ordinary Meeting of Council each year.

Cr Colliver proposed the following:

Committee Recommendation:

1. In 2018, the nomination process will commence in July by publicly advertising the position of Warden.
2. The recommendation for Warden will be made to Council at the September Ordinary Meeting.
3. That the appointment for Warden from 19 November 2018 be for a period of two (2) years.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

6.4 Frequency of Future Meetings

The Chair confirmed that the Committee was required to meet a minimum of four (4) times per year, with further meetings held as required.

At 5.17pm Mayor Van Styn left the meeting.

6.5 Updated Contact Details

M Engstrom will contact all Committee members to verify their correct contact details.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1 D Rolston acknowledged the good relationship that exists between the Warden, D Emery, the City Precinct team and the City. City officers are very prompt in processing maintenance requests that arise at the HMAS Sydney II Memorial site. D Rolston also wanted it to be noted how fantastic the gardens were looking at the site.
- 7.2 The Chair thanked the Tour Guides for the tremendous work they have been doing, in particular with all the cruise ships visitors to Geraldton. Cr Colliver supported these comments.
- 7.3 Cr Freer acknowledged D Rolston's extraordinary knowledge of the Memorial and questioned how this could be captured. Comment recorded for future discussion.
- 7.4 T Beaver raised earlier in the meeting that the minutes from the HMAS Sydney II Memorial Advisory Committee meetings are too brief. R McKim advised that the City standard is to record actions and decisions, not conversations.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be on Monday, 7 May 2018 at 4pm.

9. CLOSE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.41pm.



Motion City of Greater Geraldton HMAS Sydney II Memorial

Advisory Meeting 14th December 2017
Reference Item IS 157 26th September 2017

This committee does not approve of the resolution passed at the Council Meeting on Tuesday 26th September with regard to the Public Facilities at the HMAS Sydney II Memorial ITEM IS 157.

We formally move that the motion to approve the construction of the EPS Plan No 2 (dated 6th June 2017) be RESCINDED so that further dialogue with the original designers of the HMAS Sydney II Memorial can be commissioned to obtain a more satisfactory outcome.

The EPS Plan No 2 is vehemently opposed by all parties directly involved with the Memorial (namely – The Rotary Club of Geraldton, The RS & L, The Navel Association and the Geraldton Voluntary Tour Guides Assoc Inc.) for the following reasons:

- (a) Poor design, not a quality Public amenity and in the wrong location. Colourbond structure completely unacceptable.
- (b) Does not meet the requirements of the Conservation Framework.
- (c) Decision based on poor and incomplete information to Councillors. Preamble lacked validity and reliability in Committee's opinion.
- (d) City of Greater Geraldton has not attained the prior approval of the Minister of Veteran Affairs.
- (e) The Committee challenges the validity and accuracy of the council construction cost estimates as proposed to council in view of the variation in designs and their functional value.
- (f) EPS Design 1 and EPS Design 2 (dated 6th June 2017) were not presented to the HMAS Sydney II Advisory Committee for approval, prior to being presented to council and the resolution clearly treats the committee's recommendation with contempt.
- (g) The building is NOT another element. It is a facility to provide support services to the already existing five elements that are now there and shall for ever remain. It is NOT and never was incumbent that the ratepayers should fund its construction, nor were Smith's now or ever going to charge a design fee.
- (h) Geraldton is the home of the HMAS *Sydney* II Memorial, a nationally recognised, heritage listed Memorial of enormous historical and cultural significance to the descendants and families of the many men lost, to the Geraldton community that saw fit to construct it, the nation's service men and women, and to the broader Australian community. For that reason, the EPS plans are offensive to the entire concept of the Memorial infrastructure and we encourage council to reconsider their decision in favour of the option the committee proposed as a measure of respect to the National Significance the HMAS *Sydney* II Memorial holds.

Moved:

Seconded:

Vote: For:

Against: