

HMAS Sydney II Memorial Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name	HMAS Sydney II Memorial Advisory Committee	Meeting No.	3/2019
Meeting Date	Thursday, 16 May 2019		
Meeting Time	4.00pm		
Venue	City of Greater Geraldton Civic Centre, Committee Meeting Room		
Committee Members in Attendance:	Cr Michael Reymond Chairperson	Spike Jones Naval	
	Cr Natasha Colliver Councillor	Stephen Butler RSL	
	Don Rolston Warden	Trevor Ralph Voluntary Guides	
	Trevor Beaver Rotary	Ebony Enright Support Staff, City	
Attended By Invitation	David Emery Manager City Precinct Team	Apologies:	Cr Lewis Freer Cr Graeme Bylund Chris Lee, Director Infrastructure

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Chairperson Cr Reymond declared the meeting open at 4.00pm.
Apologies were noted as above.

Cr Reymond presented an updated Agenda (updated to the Agenda previously circulated) and requested the Committee's support for the meeting to proceed according to the new Agenda.

**MOVED D Rolston SECONDED T Beaver
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY CONSENSUS**

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the HMAS Sydney II Memorial Advisory Committee meeting held on 12 November 2018, as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

**MOVED T Ralph SECONDED Cr Colliver
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY CONSENSUS**

3. REVIEW AND UPDATE ACTION REGISTER

Action Register Items that remain 'Ongoing'

HMAS-037 – Steve Butler was requested to chase up the status of HMAS-037 and provide the Chair with a progress updated so the matter can be finalised as soon as possible.

HMAS-049 – To be discussed during Agenda Item 5.1.

Action Register Items that are now 'Complete'

HMAS-059 – Small sign at the Memorial, referring visitors to the Museum has been installed. (Requested that a reciprocal arrangement be made with the Museum).

HMAS-060 – Those who contributed to the November 2018 Memorial Service have been formally thanked.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1. Incoming Correspondence

Correspondence from the Smith Sculptors regarding Trip Advisor Awards and statistics.

4.2. Outgoing Correspondence

Nil outgoing correspondence

Note: The Chair requested only correspondence since the last meeting be included on future agendas.

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

5.1. Public Facilities – Outcome from April Ordinary Meeting of Council

Refer attachment to Agenda – Minute Extract IS194 – 23 April 2019

OUTCOME: Committee have received and noted resolution by the City of Greater Geraldton Council on 23 April 2019.

5.2. The Selection of the Proponent for Option 3A

The following discussion and recommendation is to action Council Resolution IS194 – HMAS Sydney II Memorial Public Facilities, resolved on 23 April 2019, and recorded as follows:

PART C

4. ***PROVIDE in principle support for the Smith Sculptors Concept Design 3A” for the Visitor Guide Facility and Wall of Attributes.***
5. ***SUPPORT the HMAS Sydney II Memorial Committee to SEEK external grant funding contributions towards the construction of the preferred option 3A;***

The Committee discussed possible alternate proponents but all agreed that based on the historic involvement with the existing Memorial construction, that the Geraldton Rotary Club were the preferred proponent. The Committee was advised by the representatives of the Rotary Club that the Geraldton Rotary Club were supportive of being nominated as the proponent.

Committee Recommendation

This Committee endorses that the Rotary Club of Geraldton becomes the proponent of Option 3A.

**MOVED Cr Colliver SECONDED S Butler
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY CONSENSUS**

5.3. 2019 Memorial Service

Warden Don Rolston distributed email correspondence between himself and the City planning for 2019 Service. *Attachment to minutes.*

Don Rolston has approach multiple people inviting their participation in the service, including David Salisbury. Awaiting responses and confirmations. Planning for two-speakers at the Services, as occurred at the 2018 service.

Committee agreed that Commander David Salisbury, OBE, RN, would be an appropriate keynote speaker for the 2019 Memorial Service.

Committee suggested Adrian Burns be invited to attend the 2019 Memorial Service. Don Rolston will investigate this option.

ACTION: Warden Don Rolston to contact Desmond Woods to confirm the City’s support for David Salisbury as keynote speaker for the 2019 Memorial Service.

5.4. 2021 Memorial Service – Update on planning for 80th Anniversary Service

Warden Don Rolston distributed email correspondence between himself, the City and Adrian Burns (Lead Liaison, HMAS Sydney II 80th Anniversary 2021) regarding plans for the 2021 Memorial Service. *Attachment to minutes.*

The Committee noted discussion has commenced, initiating the possibility of a Navy Ship being in Geraldton (possibly HMAS Sydney V), at the time of the 2021 Memorial Services.

ACTION: The Chair requested that preliminary budget estimates be prepared for the 2021 Memorial Service, to ensure allowance is provided for possible extra costs associated with the 80th Anniversary Service.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1. Trevor Ralph advised the Geraldton Voluntary Tour Guides have applied to St John Ambulance to fund installation of a defibrillator at the Memorial.

6.2. The Chair requested that updates to the 2019 and 2021 Memorial Service be included as permanent agenda items.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Proposed meeting 11 July 2019.

8. CLOSE

Meeting closed by Chairperson at 5.13pm.

HMAS Sydney II Memorial Advisory Committee - Action Register

Log #	Meeting Date	Agenda Item #	Action	Resp. Person	Status <small>(Ongoing / Complete / Next Agenda)</small>
HMAS-037	14-Mar-17	6. General Business	<p>Committee would like to honour the group 'Corvettes' request to develop and install a plaque at the HMAS Sydney II Memorial Site, this plaque would be placed next to existing plaque. SB to liaise with group.</p> <p>07/05/2018 - SB advised contact had been made with the Corvettes and he is awaiting their response.</p> <p>16/05/2019 - Steve Butler was requested to chase up the status of this item and provide the Chair with a progress update so the matter can be finalised as soon as possible.</p>	S.Butler	Ongoing
HMAS-049	12-Feb-18	5.1 Public Facilities Update	<p>City officers commence making arrangements for a meeting of the Committee with Hon Peter Tinley.</p> <p>07/05/2018 - Meeting cannot occur until designs are received from the Smith Sculptors</p>	Chris Lee	Ongoing
HMAS-061	16-May-19	3. Review and Update Action Register	<p>City officers to approach the museum regarding a reciprocal arrangement for signage referring visitors to the Memorial.</p>	David Emery	Ongoing
HMAS-061	16-May-19	5.3 2019 Memorial Services	<p>Warden Don Rolston to contact Desmond Woods to confirm the City's support for David Salisbury as keynote speaker for the 2019 Memorial Service.</p>	Don Rolston	Ongoing
HMAS-061	16-May-19	5.4 2021 Memorial Services	<p>Preliminary budget estimates be prepared for the 2021 Memorial Service, to ensure allowance can be provided in Council budget for any additional associated with the 80th Anniversary Service.</p>	Don Rolston	Ongoing

mgmt@everefuneralhome.com.au

From: Jenny Rolston <jtrolston@bigpond.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 15 May 2019 3:04 PM
To: Jenny Rolston
Subject: Fwd: HMAS Sydney II 80th Anniversary 2021 Port Kennedy/Geraldton WA All Ranks all Rates

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: adrian burns <hmassydney280@gmail.com>
Date: May 15, 2019 at 12:55:44 PM GMT+8
To: "B. Trotter OAM" <btrotter@bigpond.net.au>, Vic Boreham <boreham_2@optusnet.com.au>, Joanne Panter <JoanneP@cgg.wa.gov.au>, "Don Rolston (jtrolston@bigpond.com)" <jtrolston@bigpond.com>, "David and Mary I'Anson" <ianson@bigpond.net.au>, "D. DWYER OAM" <speed_dwyer@yahoo.com.au>, April Herbert Geraldton RSL <Orangesherbert2@iprimus.com.au>, "M. GROGAN OAM" <grevillethedevel@gmail.com>, Terry Makings <nationalpresident@navalassoc.org.au>, Peter Schilling <peter62534@iinet.net.au>, Brian Yeo <hmassydneyassociation@bigpond.com>, jhdennison@bigpond.com, Peter Dales <pdales@bigpond.com>, Peta Kingdon <PetaK@cgg.wa.gov.au>, Melissa Raffan <melissar@cgg.wa.gov.au>, Dennis Lyons <secretary@hmassydney-escorts-vlsva-act.org>
Subject: HMAS Sydney II 80th Anniversary 2021 Port Kennedy/Geraldton WA All Ranks all Rates

To all,

I've now sent of an email to all of the navy hierarchy in Canberra with the following recipients.

VADM Mick Noonan, RADM/VADM Stu Mayer, RADM Jonathan Mead, CDRE Luke Charles-Jones Cc CMDR Ed Seymour CO HMAS Sydney V and including various connected people. I advised of the proposed plan for 2021 for both Port Kennedy and Geraldton 2021, the successful meeting that was held in Geraldton with all key civilian players, including requesting their consideration for the approval of the port visit of HMAS Sydney V to coincide with the Anniversary of 2021. Advising subsequent meetings with Bob Trotter and Vic Boreham and proposed future meeting with the WA President and RADM MARK BOSNER AO, CSC RAN RT'D Ex HMAS Sydney III and CO HMAS Sydney IV 1992/93. Hopefully all going to plan the above meeting with the WA president and RADM Mark Bosner will occur on my next break home in late June. I certainly haven't been shy is documenting and listing all supporters and contacts etc in the email to give more punch to the email. So now waiting on responses and see how we go. I wish to take this opportunity to personally thanks everyone for the kind support, assistance, wealth of knowledge and contacts to help bring the special project to life and fruition. Take care to all and kind regards,

Yours Aye

Adrian Burns (Radar)
Lead Contact and Liaison
HMAS Sydney II 80th Anniversary 2021

From: **adrian burns** hmassydney280@gmail.com
Subject: **Re: Suggestions from Adrian Burns for Proposed 80th Sydney II Anniversary Occasion**
Date: 30 April 2019 at 8:58 pm
To: Don Rolston (jtrolston@bigpond.com) jtrolston@bigpond.com
Cc: Joanne Panter JoanneP@cgg.wa.gov.au, David and Mary l'Anson ianson@bigpond.net.au

Don,

Thanks very much for your support, as mentioned earlier I'm planning to visit Geraldton next week and drive up on Monday the 6th to hopefully have a meeting with all key players on Tuesday the 7th to discuss all matters put forward the ideas that I've been running with and see where it leads us. I've got the full support of the Finding Sydney II Foundation CDRE Bob Trotter Ret'd, both Melbourne and Sydney based HMAS Sydney Associations. I've yet to touch base with the WA Branch of NAA but will send an email tomorrow to advise. This isn't a reunion as such but more of a mass gathering of all ex HMAS Sydney crews regardless of which Sydney one served on, era, year or deployments and given the timing it will be a one off only chance to have crews from 3 HMAS Sydney's (given Sydney V commissions in May 2020) together to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the loss of Sydney II on the 19th November 2021. I very much look forward to our meeting.

Kind Regards,
Adrian Burns (Radar)
Lead Contact and Liaison
HMAS Sydney II 80th Anniversary 2021
Mob: 0406 359 477
Port Kennedy WA

On Tue, 30 Apr. 2019, 6:50 pm Jenny Rolston, <jtrolston@bigpond.com> wrote:

Hi Jo

Thank you for the information regarding the proposal from Adrian Burns for a proposed reunion to be held on the occasion of the 80th Anniversary of the sinking of HMAS Sydney II.

Personally, through my involvement with the Sydney story for nearly two decades, and in my present role of Warden on HMAS Sydney II Memorial I fully support such an occasion.


If the event is to interact with the 80th Commemorative Ceremony then the Warden of the day must be involved, the following describes the role, formally of the Warden.

"The Warden will attend to all matters of Customs, Traditions and Protocols for the overall conduct of commemorative ceremonies in conjunction with CGG staff. The Warden will also assist in determining the approval for any other requests from Ex-Service Organisations wishing to honour the men of HMAS Sydney II" (Source: Conservation Framework).

As this is essentially an all Naval matter, the local Chapter of the Naval Association of Australia, and the State President should be key players. I am happy to be involved and provide support as required.

In good faith,
Kind regards

Don Rolston
Warden, HMAS Sydney II Memorial

From: **Joanne Panter** JoanneP@cgg.wa.gov.au 
Subject: **Re: HMAS Sydney commemorative address - suggested speaker - Nov 2019 [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]**
Date: 30 April 2019 at 8:20 pm
To: Jenny Rolston jtrolston@bigpond.com
Cc: Woods, Desmond LCDR desmond.woods@defence.gov.au, Lainie Bancelhon lainieb@cgg.wa.gov.au

Hello Don
Thanks for the emails and background info.

Lainie (cc'd) will be leading the Sydney Service this year and only yesterday I started training her on the service, so the timing is great.

Lainie will be able to set up some calendar meetings in the next week to start the planning.

I do have a telephone meeting tomorrow with the Navy to discuss the possibility of a ship being in Geraldton for the service and will update on what the next steps are.

Looking forward to catching up with you all

Cheers

Joanne Panter
Coordinator Events and Venues
0429 319 495

From: Jenny Rolston <jtrolston@bigpond.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2019 6:34 pm
To: Joanne Panter
Cc: Woods, Desmond LCDR
Subject: Fwd: HMAS Sydney commemorative address - suggested speaker - Nov 2019 [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

Hi Jo
Hope this email finds you well, I know you and your team have had a very busy period. I am sending onto you the following information which is self explanatory. I feel it would be beneficial for a pre-liminary meeting between yourself, Gina (if she is to continue) and myself to:

- Review the last service (2018), I have some suggestions to expedite matters.
- Discuss possible key-note speakers and give notice as early as possible and confirm.
- Discuss and approach persons to fill the role of MC, again with as much notice as possible to confirm matters.
- Other relevant matters to assist with our preparations.

This will give us an opportunity to be better tuned in when we formally confirm matters.
Best regards
Don Rolston

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Woods, Desmond LCDR" <desmond.woods@defence.gov.au>
Subject: RE: HMAS Sydney commemorative address - suggested speaker - Nov 2019 [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]
Date: 29 April 2019 at 9:36:22 am AWST
To: Don Rolston <jtrolston@bigpond.com>
Cc: "joan@smithsculptors.com" <joan@smithsculptors.com>

UNOFFICIAL

Mr Don Rolston
The Warden
HMAS Sydney Memorial
Geraldton

Dear Don

I am writing to apologise for not going through you as Warden in making my suggestion as to who I think would make a very good speaker at this year's service in November. Because Cr Reymond was the person who contacted me I assumed that it was he who made that decision, so I wrote to him. My mistake. No slight was intended to you or your position as Warden.

In fact, I have heard nothing back from Cr Reymond since I wrote to him two weeks ago. So we can start again. My suggestion to you as Warden for the November speaker is the current UK Deputy Defence adviser, Commander David Salisbury, OBE, RN. He would be a most suitable choice. He can be contacted on: david.salisbury@fco.gov.uk

The service and loss of life of RN officers and sailors in HMAS Sydney, and other RAN ships, has not been greatly acknowledged though Joan and Charlie have reminded me that there is a plaque at the site to the members of the RN on loan service who died in Sydney.

Of course it is your decision as to who the next speaker is to be and you may have someone else in mind. I know that given sufficient notice Commander Salisbury would be keen to come and would bring his wife Sharon too. David has written to me as follows:

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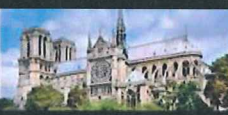
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6. Old Town Square, Prague



7. Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris



8. Eiffel Tower, Paris



9. Tower of London, London



10. Acropolis, Athens

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2. Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco



3. Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D.C.



4. Grand Central Terminal, New York City



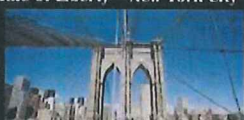
5. USS Arizona Memorial - Honolulu



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2. Tower Bridge, London



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8. The Cavern Club, Liverpool



9. Buckingham Palace, London



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2. Australian War Memorial, Canberra



3. Sydney Harbour Bridge, Sydney



4. Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG), Melbourne



5. Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne



6. Queen Victoria Building (QVB), Sydney



7. Port Arthur Historic Site, Port Arthur



8. Fremantle Prison, Fremantle



9. HMAS Sydney II Memorial, Geraldton



10. Kings Park War Memorial, Perth