

HMAS Sydney II Memorial Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name	HMAS Sydney II Memorial Advisory Committee	Meeting No.	1/2021
Meeting Date	Tuesday, 30 March 2021	Meeting Time:	4.00pm
Venue	City of Greater Geraldton Civic Centre, Committee Meeting Room		
Committee	Cr Natasha Colliver (Chair) Councillor Cr Sally Elphick Councillor Cr Bob Hall Don Rolston Warden Robert Mosel Rotary (Proxy) Ross Davies RSL (Proxy) Trevor Ralph Geraldton Voluntary Tour Guides Geoff Wheat Geraldton Voluntary Tour Guides (Proxy) Spike Jones Naval Association Chris Lee Director Infrastructure Services Mary Beer City of Greater Geraldton Support Staff		
Apologies:	Cr Simon Keemink Councillor Ian Holthouse Naval Association (Proxy) Trevor Beaver Rotary April Herbert RSL		
By Invitation	David Emery Manager City Precinct Team Fiona Norling Manager Community and Cultural Development Project Chris Edwards Manager, Ablution Block Construction		

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Meeting opened at 4:03. Cr Colliver welcomed all present and noted apologies as above. Minute secretary confirmed a quorum was present.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the HMAS Sydney II Memorial Advisory Committee meeting held on 6 October 2020 be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

**MOVED D Rolston SECONDED B Hall
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY CONSENSUS**

3. REVIEW AND UPDATE OF ACTION REGISTER

HMAS 037 – Plaque for Corvettes to be installed at the HMAS Sydney II Memorial.

- The Warden provided verbal update on proposed plaque to honor the Corvettes.
- The Warden advised the Plaque for Corvettes to be placed at the Memorial was supported previously by Andrea Selvey – past Director with the City of Greater Geraldton.
- Cr Colliver requested copies of minutes of meeting for when this previous decision was made. Director Lee advised that a thorough search of the CGG electronic records had been undertaken and supporting minutes or other supporting formal documentation could not be found.
- Director Lee suggested due to lack of evidence, is it appropriate to have the plaque at the Memorial?
- Mr Davies (RSL) questioned whether there is any relevance the Corvettes have with the HMAS Sydney II Memorial. The memorial honours the 645 men who lost their lives that day and there should not be plaques dedicated to an individual class of vessel or division of the armed forces.

- Director Lee suggested the matter be 'Put to Vote'. Chair Cr Colliver - Supported
- Roll call vote:

R Davies	Not in favor
D Rolston	In favor
B Hall	Not in favor
T Ralph	In favor
S Jones	In favor
R Mosel	In favor
S Keemink	In favor
S Elphick	In favor
Chair	In favor

THE VOTE CARRIED: with 7 in favor and 2 against.

MOTION: Committee supports the installation of the Corvette plaque at the HMAS Sydney II Memorial.

4. 2021 MEMORIAL SERVICE 75TH ANNIVERSARY

- Chair Cr Colliver advised the CGG Application to Saluting our Service of \$71,000 for the 80th Anniversary was successful.
- Service to be held at the Memorial noting the significance of the 80th will mean the number of attendees will be greatly increased and will need to be accommodated.
- Discussion on having the Memorial Service live streamed online and suggested locations as a means of providing access to the service to as many people as possible.
- Chair Cr Colliver confirmed to the committee that the MPS is booked for proposed events organised by Adrian Burns.
- Adrian Burns is working with Joanne Panter on a formalised process through the City.
- Cr Colliver reiterated that while supportive in principal of the events planned for the weekend of the 80th Anniversary by Adrian Burns, the role of the HMAS Sydney II Committee is to look after the memorial as a memorial of national significance and to deliver the annual memorial service. That is the focus of this committee.
- Committee supports that the service for The Unknown Sailor be conducted on 19 November 2021 at 10am.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Proxy letter

- Noted by the Committee

5.2 Council Policy – Commemorative Plaques for review

- Committee support the policy review and changes presented.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

- The Warden - Trees blocking city views at Memorial to be pruned. D Emery advised there are City supply contractors to prune those trees.
- The Warden suggested lighting up the Steele at the Memorial at night.
Chair Cr Colliver - Not supported.
- The Warden suggested a drinking fountain be installed at the memorial.
Chair Cr Colliver – Supported
- Director Lee advised the construction of the toilet block is near completion.
- The Warden thanked D Emery for the support provided regarding the pool of remembrance. The pump is now up and running.
- The Warden thanked Director Lee and Chris Edwards for their support for the inclusion of the Wall of Attributes in the scope of works for the toilet construction.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting: 1 June 2021

8. CLOSE

Meeting closed at: **4:52**

HMAS Sydney II Memorial Advisory Committee - Action Register

Log #	Meeting Date	Agenda Item #	Action	Resp. Party	Status
HMAS-037	14-Mar-17	6. General Business	<p>6/4/2021 Corvettes Plaque to be placed at HMAS Sydney II Memorial Site was put to vote. Carried 6/8.</p> <p>6/10/2020 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>16/05/2019 - RSL was requested to follow up the status of this item and provide an update to the Chair at the next meeting.</p> <p>09/09/2019 - S. Butler is no longer President of the RSL. RSL representative to investigate and locate initial correspondence received from the Corvettes. Warden, Don Rolston advised copy of advice received from Corvettes will be required to progress this Action.</p>	RSL	Carried
HMAS-062	10-Feb-20	7.3 2021 Memorial Services	2021 Memorial Service to be discussed at Council Concept Forum. Added to November Concept Forum Agenda.	Chair	Complete

