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Chief Of Navy.

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The Mayor Councillor Janet Cribbes and
Port Phillip Councillors.

Dear Councillors,

Attached is an application from *The Naval Heritage Foundation of Australia Inc.*

for a permit to erect a bronze statue of a WW2 on the foreshore at Port Melbourne.

Don Boyle, my Vice President and myself will be pleased to attend the Council meeting
when this subject is considered, and answer any questions that may be raised.

Sincerely,

Mackenzie J. Gregory.

President.

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The Naval Heritage Foundation of Australia Inc.

Submission to City of Port Phillip.

The NHFA and the Purpose of statue.

The Naval Heritage Foundation of Australia Inc. is a non profit organization with Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Russ Crane, AM, CSM, RAN, as our Patron.

- 1.0 To preserve our Naval Heritage, the NHF requests that the City of Port Phillip Council approves a permit for the erection of a bronze statue titled **ANSWERING THE CALL.**

To be located on the Port Melbourne foreshore, *Answering the Call* would serve as a permanent symbol, honouring all who served and also recognize the Naval Heritage of the City of Port Melbourne... We believe there is no such Heritage Statue in the Commonwealth that honours all the Naval Men and women who have served the nation.

- 2.0 Port Melbourne has an historic maritime defence dating from 1859 to 1992 with in excess of 15,000 navy personnel "passing this way."

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The early Colonial Navy of 1859 drilled on the Port Melbourne Town Pier at the foot of Bay Street, with gunpowder being buried on this site, this Pier . was subsequently demolished in 1950.

The historical significance of this site influenced the Naval Heritage Foundation to request this location for the statue.

- 3.0 With the passage of time, evidence of past maritime defence in Port Melbourne has disappeared including the Victorian Colonial Navy from 1859 to 1901, Commonwealth Navy Forces from Federation to 1911, and RAN since 1992.

- 4.0 Statue Concept

Location

The proposed statue to be located at the intersection of Bay and Beach Streets, adjacent to the site of the original Town Pier, where the Colonial Navy trained.

- 5.0 Project Costs Investment.

Estimate of project costs include:

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Foundation base for statue	40,000,
Statue	90,000
Engraved bronze plaque	20,000
GST	15,000
Contingency	35,000
Total estimate:	200,000,

6.0 Project Finance.

Funding to be secured from both private and corporate interests.

To this end, a prominent Port Melbourne business man has promised \$20,000.

7.0 Maintenance & Operating Costs.

To be sourced by the Foundation from Veteran Affairs at both State and Federal levels.

Appendices

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Appendix 10. Photograph of Answering The Call Sailor, to be used as the model by the commissioned sculptor.

Appendix 1.

Ref. City of Port Melbourne Drawing

Located on the south eastern side of the intersection of Bay and Beach Streets, and set on the grassed area.

The Statue will be set at the left hand side of a square base with a plaque adjacent.

The face of the sailor will be on a bearing of 210° directed to the entry of Port Phillip Bay at the Rip.

Appendix 2.

2.1 Concept selected by the Navy Family

Design features an RAN sailor of the 1942 era, in round rig. (he represents all ranks and rates, both male and female)

The sailor's face is that of a man about 29 years old representing all who served, he has been put to the test both in war and peace.

2.2 Statue Dimensions.

The sailor will be 1.25 normal size about 2.286 metres (7 foot six inches) cast in bronze, and will contain symbolic metal pieces from former RAN ships.

The statue will be set on a half metre high base approximately a metre square, finished in either bluestone or granite.

2.3 Plaque

A suitable plaque describing the Statue, its significance, and carrying a map of the world depicting where RAN ships served, plus a time line of the Victorian Colonial and the Royal Australian Navies, will be placed adjacent to the statue.

Appendix. 3.

Permit Applicant.

Application to Port Phillip Council for approval to erect this statue is submitted by:

THE NAVAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION OF AUSTRALIA INC.

Appendix 4.

Investment.

Projected Capital investment and timing.

After consultation with two major sculptors in Melbourne, it appears the project costs are in the order of \$200,000.

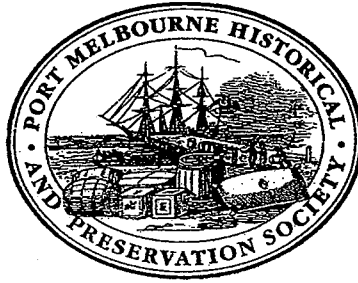
One sculptor suggests a six month time scale to complete, the other up to a year.

Appendix 5.

Community Support.

**PM Historical and Preservation Society,
St Kilda Historical Society,
The Federal Member for Melbourne Ports,
The Member for Albert Park,
The Upper House of State Parliament MP,
A Liberal Senator for Victoria,
have all given the Foundation
letters of support. (copies attached)**

**The Foreshore Committee has been consulted,
and had no adverse comments.**



PORT MELBOURNE HISTORICAL AND PRESERVATION SOCIETY INC

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27 June 2008

MacKenzie Gregory, President
Naval Heritage Foundation of Australia Inc
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Dear Mackenzie Gregory,

I write as Secretary of the Port Melbourne Historical and Preservation Society, to express the Society's support for the establishment of the 'Answering the Call' sculpture on the foreshore at Port Melbourne.

We agree that it is essential to have some historical reminder that for eighty years this was a Navy town, and yet such a marker is non-existent to date.

We add that it is imperative that the memorial be one of excellent quality and design, and we understand that you have this in hand.

We wish you the best in this endeavour.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Pat Grainger



St Kilda Historical Society

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Mackenzie J. Gregory

President.

The Naval Heritage Foundation of Australia Inc.

301/598 St Kilda Road, Melbourne.

Victoria. 3004

I write in regard to The Naval Heritage Foundation of Australia's proposal seeking support from the City of Port Phillip for the erection of a bronze statue of a WW2 Sailor on the foreshore at the bottom of Bay Street Port Melbourne as a heritage marker.

The Society is supportive of heritage proposals such as this one which commemorate our important naval heritage and which honour the thousands of Naval men and women who served their country in war and peace from the Colonial Navy days from the mid 1850's onward.

Yours sincerely

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St Kilda Historical Society

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28 June 2008

**MICHAEL DANBY MHR**

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR MELBOURNE PORTS

Chair: Joint Standing Committee on Migration
Chair: Sub Committee Foreign Affairs (JSCFDAT)16th June 2008**To Whom It May Concern.**

I recently met with Mackenzie Gregory, President of the recently incorporated *The Naval Heritage Foundation of Australia Inc.* Their statement of purposes reads:

1. To commission artists to create a statue to commemorate and symbolise all naval servicemen and servicewomen, initially in Victoria, and then in other States and Territories.
2. To reclaim, restore and maintain buildings of naval heritage significance.
3. To erect, maintain and manage existing and future naval heritage projects.
4. To develop a web site to commemorate all naval servicemen and servicewomen.
5. To raise funds, principally from the corporate sector in any manner which the Committee deems fit to finance the aforementioned activities.

I was briefed on the Foundation's plan under item 1 above, to erect a bronze Statue of a WW2 Sailor on the foreshore at Port Melbourne at the end of Bay Street, the statue will represent all Naval men and women of all ranks and rates who served their country from the Colonial Navy days in the mid 1850's to the present. I also learned about their Navy Log concept whereby anyone who served in the Navy, or their relatives, may have such service recorded on the Navy Log website, and there is no such site in Australia.

The *Answering The Call* bronze Statue in my Federal electorate of Melbourne Ports is both exciting and timely, as there is no Heritage Marker in the Port Melbourne precinct to honour and remember the thousands of naval personnel who have passed this way.

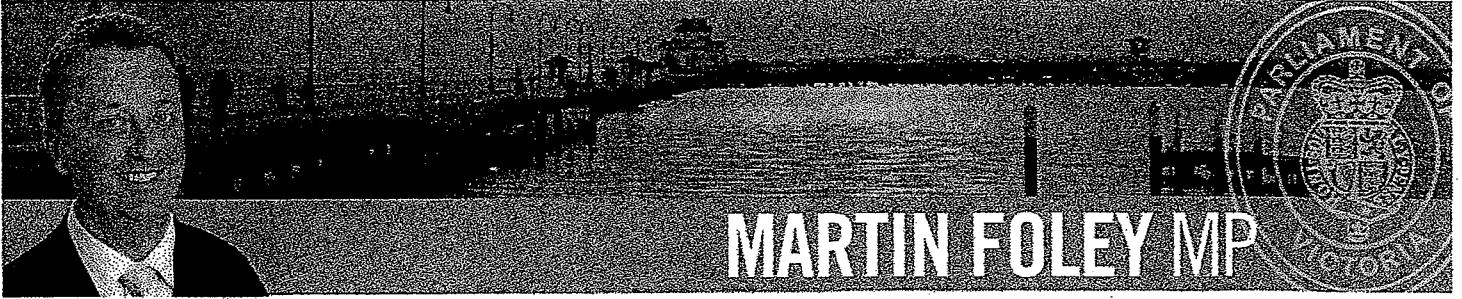
Every Anzac Day a service attended by about a 1500 people is held close to the proposed site of this bronze Statue, which will become an appropriate site for future services.

I am enthusiastic about their projects, and I am pleased to give them my support, and will assist in any practical way I can to help bring these plans to fruition.

Yours Sincerely,

Michael Danby MHR.
Federal Member for Melbourne Ports

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MARTIN FOLEY MP

State Member for Albert Park

To Whom It May Concern.

I met on July 2nd 2008 with Mackenzie Gregory, President of the recently incorporated *The Naval Heritage Foundation of Australia Inc.*

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He briefed me on the Foundation's plan under Item 1 above, to erect a bronze Statue of a WW2 Sailor on the foreshore at the seaward end of Bay Street, Port Melbourne, to represent all naval men and women, of all ranks and rates who served their country in war and peace from the Colonial Navy in the mid 1850s to the present.

I also learned about their Navy Log concept whereby anyone who served in the Navy, or their relatives, may record such service on the Navy Log website. There is currently no such site in Australia.

This proposed *Answering The Call* bronze Statue in my State Electorate of Albert Park is a timely initiative. There is no such Heritage Marker in the Port Melbourne precinct to both honour and remember the thousands of naval personnel who have passed this way.

I thoroughly endorse these projects, and am pleased to support them in all practical ways I can to assist the Foundation realise their objectives.

Sincerely Yours,

Martin Foley
State Member for Albert Park



ANDREA COOTE MP

Member for Southern Metropolitan Region

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I was briefed on the Foundation's plan, under Item 1 above, to erect a bronze statue of a WW2 Sailor on the foreshore, at the seaward end of Bay Street Port Melbourne, to represent all naval men and women, of all ranks and rates, who served their country in war and peace from the Colonial Navy in the mid 1850's to the present.

I also learned about their Navy Log initiative whereby anyone who served in our Navy, or their relatives, may record such service on this new Web Site - no such site exists in Australia.

I understand that on each ANZAC Day, up to 1,500 people gather at a site very close to the proposed Sailor Statue to remember those who served Australia in war.

When erected, the *Answering the Call* Sailor will become the appropriate site for future such remembrances.

I am pleased to endorse these projects and congratulate the Foundation for its initiative, and offer my support in any way I may help them reach their objectives.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrea Coote".

ANDREA COOTE MP

Member for Southern Metropolitan Region

4/7/2008



SENATOR JUDITH TROETH

Senator for Victoria



8 August 2008

To Whom It May Concern

I recently met with Mr Mackenzie Gregory, President of the Naval Heritage Foundation of Australia Inc.

The Foundation wishes to commission artists to create a statue to commemorate and symbolise all naval servicemen and women, initially in Victoria.

The statue is to be erected on the foreshore at the seaward end of Bay Street, Port Melbourne. It will take the form of a World War 2 sailor and will represent all naval men and women of all ranks from the mid 1850's to the present day.

It is also planned to develop a website so that naval service history may be recorded.

Funds will be raised principally from the corporate sector to finance the Foundation's activities.

I am pleased to endorse the projects and wish the foundation well. I was very impressed with Mr Gregory's enthusiasm and strategic thinking in order to achieve the objectives of the Foundation.

Yours sincerely

Judith Troeth
Senator for Victoria

Appendix 6.

Deductible Gift Recipient Status, GST and ABN.

Federal MP, Michael Danby has on behalf of the Foundation written to The Honourable Chris Bowen, Assistant Treasurer, requesting that the Foundation is named for Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status.

GST, and ABN Registration.

The Foundation has registered with the Australian Tax Office for GST so we may claim back all GST payments, and an ABN has been issued.

Appendix 7.

Maintenance.

Department of Veteran's Affairs (Victoria) have indicated that funds are available annually for maintenance of projects such as the statue *Answering The Call*.

Historical.

Significance of Port Melbourne Naval History.

In 1835, John Batman sailed up the Yarra River beginning European occupation of the village that became Melbourne. The settlement was connected to Melbourne by rail and in 1854 the construction of Railway Pier made the port even more attractive to the shipping trade.

By 1855, the busy town had reserves set aside for a customs house, watch-house (the site later occupied by the courthouse) market, churches and a post office. This led to the immediate construction of a quarantine station in St Kilda. Military activities within Hobsons Bay initially began with the construction of batteries at the key defensive locations of Point Gellibrand and Sandridge in 1854-1855.

Activity in the area includes the importation of 4000 convicts in 1840.

By the 1860s there were heavy batteries installed between Sandridge and St Kilda and five batteries, with heavy calibre guns, installed at Williamstown. However, by the 1870s, these were mostly redundant.

Naval Reserve training in Australia commenced in 1859 with the formation of the Sandridge and Williamstown companies of the Victorian Naval Brigade with the primary purpose to augment Melbourne defences against privateers, the French and the Russians, who it was feared would raid Hobson's Bay shipping and the Colony's gold exports.

The Sandridge Corps of the Naval Brigade was an active and important component of colonial defence and from the 1860's carried out regular parades at their Orderly Room in Dow Street. After 1870, Victoria established a Colonial Navy to defend Port Phillip Bay and in 1878, a military re-organization saw the concentration of the Colony's defences shifted from Hobson's Bay to the Port Phillip Heads.

As part of this re-organization, the Sandridge Artillery Corps was disbanded. It appears that many of its members then joined the Sandridge Naval Brigade as its membership leapt sharply towards the end of 1878. The growth of the permanent Colonial Navy after this time, however, reduced the reliance upon volunteer units. In August 1890, the Dow Street drill hall was sold to the Salvation Army and drill was carried out at the customs sheds on Town Pier at the end of Bay Street from 1901.

A Drill Hall and Naval Cadet Depot were set up in 1876 at Port Melbourne, and in the 1880s a Naval Torpedo depot was established, along with a temporary battery. The torpedo depot trained cadets for the Victorian Navy from 1870 onwards. The former prison hulks *Deborah* and *Sacramento* were used as torpedo storage

vessels at the torpedo depot in Williamstown, before being buried in reclamation land at Greenwich Bay somewhere around 1890.

Upon Federation, Melbourne became the centre of Commonwealth administration and its defence functions. The Colonial Naval Forces became the Commonwealth Naval Forces. The build-up in the naval strength of Germany became apparent by the Royal Australian Navy was formed on July 10, 1911.

The Port Melbourne Naval Drill Hall was built on the site adjacent to the former Post Office in 1912, making it probably the first new building completed for the new Royal Australian Navy.

During World War I the Port Melbourne Naval Reserve Depot trained a large proportion of the total 127 officers and 4,155 sailors of the R.A.N.R. who served Australia in New Guinea and Mediterranean areas. Five Officers and 110 sailors of the PMNRD*, RANR, were the first Australians in action in WW 1.

*** Port Melbourne Naval Reserve Depot.**

Between the wars, the Port Melbourne Drill Hall remained the training centre for the Naval Reserve and the Royal Australian Navy Volunteer Reserve, which was formed in 1921.

In between World War I and World War II the Port Melbourne Naval Reserve Depot trained recruits between 1918 to 1920. In 1920 compulsory service was deferred. Again from 1922, on the re-introduction of compulsory training, it was again carried out at the Depot up until 1929, when compulsory training was again deferred. From 1929 to 1939 training at the Depot was carried on in the main by a voluntary Naval Reserve Force.

At the outbreak of World War II the R.A.N.R. consisted of 4,400 officers and sailors which had expanded to 30,000 by the cessation of hostilities.

By 1940, the original Post Office and Drill Hall at the corner of Rouse & Bay Streets, Port Melbourne, could not cope with war time demands, and a new Royal Australian Navy Reserve Drill Hall was built in 1942 on the old reclaimed lagoon. This newly built base, named HMAS *Lonsdale*, also acquired administrative buildings and continued to grow, making it the focus of Naval Reserve activity in Victoria at that time.

Because of the large numbers involved and the development of H.M.A.S. *Cerberus* as a Training Depot earlier in the century, "*Lonsdale's*" role during the World War II period changed mainly to that of a transit centre for receipt and despatch of men with some minor training role.

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In 1953 a new three storey brick accommodation block (including in later years a Junior Sailors' Club) was erected on the north side of Rouse Street where the W. R.A.N. quarters had been located during the war.

Due to RAN rationalisation, in 1992, HMAS *Lonsdale* was decommissioned, and the long Naval association with the City of Port Melbourne sadly came to an end.

The *Answering the Call* statue is designed to honour all the Naval personnel who passed this way, and remember their long association with the City of Port Melbourne.

Appendix 10.

Answering The Call.

Photograph to be model for the commissioned sculptor.

