



Assessment of Proposals for New Memorials

Requests for commemorative naming of a place or object must fit within the *Memorials and Monuments Policy* ratified by Council in 2008 and must meet specific selection criteria listed below.

Section 1: Memorial			
Memorial name (or working title)	<i>Answering The Call</i>		
Nominee (name of person, organisation or event proposed for memorialisation)	All Naval men and women who served the Australian nation		
Site proposed (if any)	Beach St, cnr Bay St, Port Melbourne adjacent to site of the original Town Pier		
Type of memorial proposed	Bronze statue, bluestone footings and plaque		
Section 2: Submission			
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Section 3: Approval			
Date received	2/10/08		
Date considered by MMWG	28/10/08		
Recommendation to go to Manager, Culture and Recreation	<p><i>Answering The Call</i> complies well with all of the selection criteria receiving a rating of 23 out of a possible 25 (see overleaf) and so is recommended for approval with the inclusion of interpretation which connects the memorial and the chosen site with the activities on the Town Pier and in the Drill Hall.</p> <p>The inclusion of the plaque and granite plinth from the Cresswell memorial is highly recommended.</p> <p>Approval is subject to assessment of compatibility with the plans for the redevelopment of the Port Melbourne foreshore.</p>		
Signed by Chairperson MMWG			

Selection Criteria	Comments	Assessment Scale 5 - 1 5 - fully meets 1 - doesn't meet
<p>1. Contribution to history</p> <p>The Nominee (person, organisation or association being nominated for commemorative naming) must have made a highly significant contribution to the shared community history of the CoPP that is also significant at a state or national level.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This memorial proposes to commemorate all Navy personnel from across Australia and as such would become a national memorial; our understanding is that there is no other national memorial for all Australians anywhere in Australia. • The memorial also proposes to mark the naval heritage of the CoPP which dates from 1859 until 1992. • See Appendix 9 in the submission from the NHFA for further detailed information regarding the history of the Australian Navy and its precursors, such as the Colonial Navy, with the CoPP. 	5
<p>2. Level of Achievement</p> <p>The Nominee must have achieved at a high level and made their contribution over and above what might be reasonably expected through paid employment, or their voluntary contribution to the community and should stand out from others who may have also made a valuable contribution.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than 15,000 naval personnel served in several wars overseas and in Australian waters, many losing their lives. 	5
<p>3. Relevance to site</p> <p>The Nominee must bear a highly significant relationship with the site proposed for the memorial.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The early Colonial Navy drilled on the original Port Melbourne Town Pier. • All who joined the RAN during WWII joined at Port Melbourne in the Drill Hall on the corner of Beach St and Bay St.. This building still exists (and is currently used by Circus Oz) and is located directly opposite the proposed site. 	5
<p>4. Impact on landscape character</p> <p>A memorial proposed for an open space setting must make a positive contribution to the aesthetic values of this space.</p> <p>(The memorial will be consistent with any master plans affecting the site and ensure minimal detrimental impacts to the site. Impacts of the memorial include physical works required to install the memorial or access to the site in the long term.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The memorial is proposed to be located between existing date palms on the foreshore strip bounded by the walking/bicycle paths. (Appendix 1) • There are already a number of memorials located on this strip between Bay St and Station Pier, the closest being the WW1 Fountain. • Their submission notes that they have consulted with the Foreshore Committee and received no adverse comments (Appendix 5) 	4

<p>5. Safety and maintenance</p> <p>The design and materials selected for the memorial must ensure public safety and minimise long-term maintenance costs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The memorial is to be cast from bronze with bluestone footings. These materials are robust and not susceptible to corrosion or erosion from the salt and wind associated with a marine environment and so they are considered to be well-suited to this waterfront location.(Appendix 2) • The design, at this stage, does not appear to incorporate any sharp edges, low protuberances or other features which could constitute a safety hazard. 	<p>4</p>
<p>6. Costs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NHFA have estimated the project costs at \$200,000 (Appendix 4) • They have noted that the project will be funded from private and corporate interests. (6.0) • They have contacted the Assistant Treasurer, requesting that the Foundation be given Deductible Gift Status. 	
<p>7. Community Support</p>	<p>Letters of support were attached (Appendix 5):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SKHS • PMHPS • Michael Danby, Federal Member for Ports • Andrea Coote, Member for Southern Metropolitan Region • Senator Judith Troeth, Senator for Victoria • Martin Foley, State Member for Albert Park 	
<p>8. Further comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NHFA are encouraged to include interpretive information regarding the local naval history on a plaque attached to the memorial. • This memorial and the history it represents would be further enhanced by incorporating elements of what remains of the Cresswell memorial, currently located outside the RMYS; Cresswell is regarded as the ‘father’ of the RAN. • Further details on the design and choice of materials needs to be obtained and assessed. • Lighting requirements to be queried. 	