



## 15. NOTICES OF MOTION

I, Councillor Bernadene Voss, give notice that I intend to move the Motion outlined below at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 5 September 2018:

That Council:-

- 1 Supports the World War I Centenary Community Commemorative Committee proposal to provide a place for contemplation, engagement, understanding and learning about World War including its impact, ramifications and legacy from a community perspective, in the railway reserve along Station Street, Port Melbourne, between Ingles and Bridge streets.
- 2 Notes that the project has been developed by the committee, which comprises members of the St Kilda Historical Society, Port Melbourne Historical and Preservation Society, Middle Park History Group, local veterans and military historians, and representatives from St Kilda RSL Sub-Branch and Friends of Elwood RSL.
- 3 Notes that the project will be delivered in time for Remembrance Day, 11 November 2018 and will be managed by City of Port Phillip staff.
- 4 Notes that the Committee successfully applied for an Armistice Centenary Grant of \$29,768, issued by the Department of Veteran Affairs, and was unsuccessful in seeking grant funding from the Department of Premier and Cabinet.
- 5 Approves \$20,232 of unbudgeted expenditure as Council's contribution to the initiative, bringing the total cost of the project to \$50,000.

### Supporting Information

The World War I Centenary Community Commemorative Committee was formed in 2014 as a subcommittee of the Cultural Heritage Reference Committee to assist Council by providing informed community input, advice and feedback to Council's centenary commemorative events and programs.

The Committee identified that there is no one place in the municipality that represents the stories and experiences shared by all our residents affected by the Great War.

Our monuments memorialise those who served, but don't tell the broader cultural heritage and local history stories of our home front, the impact on those left behind, the women who supported their families, and the conflicts within our community around matters such as conscription. Historically we look to memorialise our lost sons, but this is an opportunity to look here at the broader family impact and the community effect.

The Committee developed this proposal for the creation of a place whose purpose is to acknowledge those who served in World War I, recognise the social, cultural, political and industrial environment of the time, and provide an understanding of the impact of the Great War on the local community.

This proposal is a sensitive, low impact placemaking project which invites the community to see beyond the drama of the war overseas to consider what it meant to be here, to wave off family at the piers at the end of the railway line and to welcome them back, to live alongside people who were suddenly considered the enemy, to contribute to the war effort and to challenge our very participation in this conflict.

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This garden will be a place for reflection, for consideration and for contemplation; it will look at this global conflict through a personal and local prism, and will also provide a place for thinking about what is happening in our world now.

It will provide the community with a place to consider the individual experiences and collective stories which have shaped our understanding of the Great War, and provide opportunities for further reflection, engagement and interpretation for this war and subsequent conflicts and peacemaking operations.

This place will comprise new tree plantings (with species which are relevant to the stories being told), interpretive plaques, an information panel and new seating around a central area.

The garden will also have an online component which will include information about the Great War and its impact in Port Phillip and the only complete list within the municipality of those residents who lost their lives during the war.

Local community members and groups, as well as schools, can gather at the site for educational, commemorative and performative events.

This proposal has come from our community – it is an idea to unite our municipality and, in this last year of commemorating the Great War, to provide a place that represents not the glorification of war but the stories of the people, our community whose lives were irreparably changed.

Draft concept designs on following page.

