
City of Greater Geraldton

1.9 COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES

SUSTAINABILITY THEME

Community

OBJECTIVES

The City of Greater Geraldton (The City) from time to time receives requests for placement of commemorative plaques in public locations in the Greater Geraldton Region.

This policy deals with the format, installation, maintenance and approval of commemorative plaques:

- Specifically, in the grounds of HMAS *Sydney* II Memorial Site on Mount Scott (as delineated in Appendix 1 Memorial Boundaries, HMAS *Sydney* II Memorial, Conservation Framework); and
- On all other encompassing structures in the Greater Geraldton region.

Plaques will commemorate:

- Military service for those Australian and Allied nation units pertaining to HMAS *Sydney* II.
- The significant contribution of members of the public to the cultural, social, industrial, political or economic development of the Greater Geraldton Region.

POLICY STATEMENT

This policy provides guidance on the eligibility and style of commemorative plaques as well as the process and responsibilities of The City and the Applicant.

POLICY DETAILS

1. HMAS *Sydney* II Memorial Site

1.1. Guidelines

The following guidelines relate to eligibility for the installation of commemorative plaques in the area shown as the Narrative Space on the grounds of the HMAS *Sydney* II Memorial site on Mount Scott.

- All Australian and Allied nations recognised Ex-Service organisations or unit associations whose service is related to the HMAS *Sydney* II are eligible to request the installation of a plaque.
- An Australian unit is considered to be a Royal Australian Navy ship, Ship's company or element thereof, RAAF squadron, or detachment thereof. Allied Nation units should follow similar guidelines. Consideration may also be given to commemorating organised groups of units pertaining to HMAS *Sydney* II that served together at the one time.
- Proposals for placement will only be considered if they are put forward by the recognised governing body of a recognised Ex-Service organisation or Unit Association. Proposals from individuals or non-veteran groups purporting to represent a unit (such as re-enactment groups or similar) will not be considered.

- Wording on plaques must be approved by HMAS Sydney II Advisory Committee. Text should be written following research from a wide range of authoritative sources and be accompanied by written verification by a suitably qualified historian.
- Text must be provided to The City for proofing and checking prior to manufacture of the plaque.
- All production and installation costs will be borne by the association proposing the plaque.
- The City will provide a written quote for installation at the time of a request.

1.2. Plaque Design

Plaques must conform to The City's plaque design specifications in material, size and style as follows:

- Engraved stainless steel.
- Dimensions 450mm x 350mm.
- Any sponsorship recognition will be through use of approved wording or logo which will take up no more than 10% of the overall plaque design.
- Sponsorship recognition will be positioned in a way that does not detract from the commemorative focus of the plaque.

Plaques will be placed randomly within gardens, walkways and walls at locations, as approved by The City, adjacent to the formal Commemorative Space as delineated on the map contained in Appendix 1. The City will determine the location of the plaque in accordance with its management plan for Mount Scott, while also taking into account any existing plaques, current and future landscaping plans and other features.

In the event of the future construction of the Wall of Attributes design concept, the Wall of Attributes will supersede the area adjacent to the formal Commemorative Space with regard to location for the installation of commemorative plaques.

2. Encompassing Structures (Memorial Seating and Other Structures)

2.1. Guidelines

Groups, families or individuals may nominate a deceased person or a group who has made a highly significant contribution to the cultural, political, economic, industrial or social development of the City of Greater Geraldton or the Greater Geraldton region during their lifetime.

Unless otherwise agreed, the applicant must meet all costs associated with design, manufacture and installation of the plaque. The City will provide a written quote for design, manufacture and installation at the time of a request.

Plaques will be placed on seating within gardens and parks or fixed objects/structures in the Greater Geraldton region. Applicants are invited to nominate a preferred site (general location) for the placement of the plaque. However, this will depend on available seating as well as taking into account any existing plaques, current and future landscaping plans and other features.

The City will consider the option of the applicant purchasing a seat for a specific location. This will be undertaken and approved on an individual basis.

Plaques do have a finite life and, while every reasonable effort will be made to extend the life of the plaque, The City cannot guarantee that a plaque will remain at the designated site indefinitely. The plaque shall be located and maintained at the designated site for a period of not less than 10 years from the time of installation, with

the exception of the site being redeveloped or the use of the site changing significantly in character. Prior to any change to the location every reasonable attempt will be made to contact the Applicant to discuss the relocation. Should the plaque be lost or vandalised, repair and replacement costs remain the responsibility of the donor of the plaque. Payment in full will be required prior to the commencement of work.

2.2. Plaque Design

2.2.1. Memorial Seating

- A rectangular metal plaque – maximum size 100mm x 200mm.
- 3mm brass or 1.6mm stainless steel.
- One plaque is permitted per seat.
- No imagery to be used.
- Typeface should be clearly legible and text should be centered.
- Maximum text of 70 words, depending on size of plaque.
- Proposed text will be brief and language accessible to the public.
- Installation to be on the backrest of seat or bench.

2.2.2. Walls, Fences or Rocks

- A rectangular metal plaque – maximum size 300mm x 200mm.
- 3mm brass or 1.6mm stainless steel.
- One plaque is permitted per object.
- No imagery to be used.
- Maximum text of 100 words depending on size of plaque.
- Proposed text will be brief and language accessible to the public.
- Installation to be on the face of the wall, fence or rock.

3. Application

Applications should be addressed to:

The Chief Executive Officer

City of Greater Geraldton

PO Box 101

GERALDTON WA 6531

Applicants will be advised in writing of the progress of their application within one month of receipt of their application.

No application will be considered outside this process.

KEY TERM DEFINITIONS

City means the City of Greater Geraldton.

Narrative Space is an area reserved for narrative elements regarding HMAS *Sydney* II, her life, loss and discovery, which serve educational purposes. As the “buffer” between the Commemorative Space and Grounds, its use is permitted for quiet and respectful activities only.

Commemorative Space is the area committed to the core function of the Memorial and is only to be used for private contemplation and reflection, approved ceremonies and tour visits accompanied by authorised Guides.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Infrastructure Services will provide advice and guidance on development and production elements and manage installation.

The Geraldton Regional Library Heritage Services Team will ensure historically accurate and edited text and maintain a register of plaques.

The Director Development and Community Services is responsible for ensuring this policy is implemented, maintained and reviewed on a biennial basis.

WORKPLACE INFORMATION/REFERENCES

HMAS *Sydney* II Memorial Geraldton Conservation Framework (D-13-82679)

HMAS *Sydney* II Memorial Public Facility – Wall of Attributes (D-18-067190)

Military Memorials of National Significance Act 2008

POLICY ADMINISTRATION

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Development and Community Services		Manager Libraries, Heritage & Gallery	Biennial	2021
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APPENDIX 1 – Memorial Boundaries, HMAS Sydney II Memorial, Conservation Framework



This drawing is a conceptual illustration of the proposed conservation framework for the HMAS Sydney II Memorial. It is not a site plan or a legal document. The actual boundaries and details of the memorial will be determined by the relevant authorities.

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