

# HMAS Sydney II Memorial Committee Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

<b>Meeting Name</b>	HMAS Sydney II Memorial Committee Meeting	<b>Meeting No.</b>	D-13-26842		
<b>Meeting Date</b>	Thursday 11 April 2013				
<b>Meeting Time</b>	2.30pm-4.00pm				
<b>Meeting Location</b>	Cathedral Avenue, South Wing Conference Room				
<b>Attendees</b>	Mayor Ian Carpenter (Chair)	IC	<b>By Invitation</b>	Alec Coles – CEO WA Museum	AC
	Cr Bob Hall	BH		Graham Alexander – CGG	GA
	Cr Ron Ashplant	RA		Trudi Cornish – CGG	TC
	Bob Trotter – Naval Association of Geraldton	BT	Susan Smith – CGG	SS	
	Ted Graham – Former Finding Sydney Foundation	TG	<b>Apologies</b>	Ian Blayney	
	David l’Anson – Geraldton Volunteer			Jody Bevan	
	Tour Guides Association	DI		Ross -Davies	
	Howard Gray – Batavia Coast Maritime Heritage Association	HG	<b>Distribution</b>	Kevin Green	
	Leigh O’Brien – WA Museum	LO		As Above	
	Andrea Selvey – CGG	AS		Glenys McDonald	
Kimberley Clarke (Minutes Taker)	KC	T Emmott			
			Charles Smith and Joan Walsh-Smith		

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received from KG, IB, JB and RD. The Chair welcomed Alec Coles from WA Museum.

### 2. WA Museum, Geraldton Site Master Plan (Presentation by Alec Coles – CEO, WA Museum)

Two main stories that need to be developed in the Museum are HMAS Sydney II/Kormoran and the Square Kilometre Array. Proposal around the development is a virtual visit to the wreck site; it was suggested to include the human stories as they should be equally honoured. Site context is crucial for Batavia Marina.

DI asked AC if there is room for the proposal being suggested by the Smith Sculptors on the site of the Memorial and the proposal for the Museum Masterplan.

AC suggested there is room for both. The Memorial Site is about commemoration and memorialisation. The other is about creating an interactive experience.

It is worth noting that the HMAS Sydney II story isn’t well known in the Eastern States.

BT noted that there are two different types of audiences, when the DVD was released not all relatives wanted it. Others watched it once and said they will not watch it again. AC

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suggested that the plans for the Memorial will be lower intensity in terms of maintenance to the proposed development at the Museum.

DR advised that there is currently already activity going on in Shark Bay and Carnarvon. AC advised that the Museum would work with all sites. Geraldton Museum Site Master Plan costed at approximately \$20m.

AS queried if AC would like the presentation attached to the minutes, AC agreed however wanted the document treated with respect and confidentiality, noting it is conceptual only.

### **3. Minutes and Actions of Previous Meeting**

#### **3.1 Business Arising**

DI noted top of page 2 of previous minutes, the flying of the ensign flag not a request from the GVTGA. GVTGA only requested information about the protocols to be able to answer queries from the public.

BT advised that he has a PDF copy of the email document from the Navy for the approval that was given and would provide to AS and the committee.

**ACTION: BT to send PDF to AS and Committee.**

### **4. Sub Committees (Standing Item)**

#### **4.1 Marketing**

SS advised that funds are being sought as part of the budget process to develop a Marketing Strategy.

#### **4.2 Conservation Policy**

BT noted that the policy is now reaching a point that it can be progressed to Council. Discussion regarding who is/should be responsible and accountable for the Memorial. DI noted that policy needs to have list of maintenance as a priority.

AS responded that it was matter for Council to determine the level of service for the precinct and to assign resources appropriately. It was noted that there is a system in place and is working. AS left 3.30pm.

BT advised that in the last meeting maintenance of the Memorial was briefly discussed. Policy itself should say there is a maintenance plan so it can become an operational matter for Council. BT noted that there could be various legal and cultural constraints that would need to be addressed e.g. cultural, spiritual, the placing of plaques which haven't been researched at all. It was questioned whether there was someone who could research or comment on it or does the committee leave the matter silent?

IC responded that policies already exist for the Memorial and Council would need to adopt the policy before funds could be allocated.

BT thanked Smith Sculptors, Glenys McDonald and the Rotary Club on discussions, hoping at next meeting policy will be ready to go to Council.

**ACTION: BT to send email to AS re policies in place for Memorial.**

**ACTION: BT to send policy to committee for comment, all comments to be with BT by 1 May 2013.**

## **5. General Business**

DI noted that Barry Haase presented Australian flags to City after noticing the poor state of the flags at the Memorial. DI informed Mr Haase that it was an ongoing problem due to wind, weather etc. Mr Haase ordered three woven flags which would last a lot longer. DI queried if in future, the hems of the flags could be strengthened by double stitching.

**ACTION: IC to acknowledge MR Haase's contribution to the City.**

## **6. Next Meeting**

Tuesday, 9 July 2013 in the South Wing Conference Room