# Anzac Centenary Community Coordinating Committee

## Minutes

Monday, 11 September 2017 at 6.00pm in the Committee Room at Moonee Valley City Centre, 9 Kellaway Ave, Moonee Ponds

### Attendees

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<td>Cr Samantha Byrne</td>
<td>Chair - Rosehill Ward</td>
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<td>Bill Laker</td>
<td>President, Keilor East RSL</td>
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<td>Bob Chalmers</td>
<td>President, Essendon Historical Society</td>
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<td>Elaine Brogan</td>
<td>Friends of Sandy</td>
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<td>Everett (Ev) Reynolds</td>
<td>58/32 Infantry Battalion Association Ltd</td>
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<td>John Hills</td>
<td>Essendon Historical Society</td>
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<td>Barry Gough</td>
<td>Former Mayor City of Essendon</td>
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### Council Officers

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<td>Jim Karabinis</td>
<td>Manager Leisure</td>
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<td>Patricia Keenan</td>
<td>Acting Senior Coordinator Arts and Culture</td>
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<td>Dino De Melis</td>
<td>Manager Operations</td>
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<td>Russell Beer</td>
<td>Coordinator Horticulture &amp; Public Space Services</td>
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### Apologies

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<td>Cr Andrea Surace (Mayor)</td>
<td>Rosehill Ward, MVCC</td>
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<td>Judy Maddigan</td>
<td>Local Historian</td>
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<td>Cr Jim Cusack</td>
<td>Myrnong Ward</td>
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Order of Business

Welcome
Cr Byrne opened meeting at 6.02pm.
The committee went around the table and performed introductions.

Apologies
Noted as above.

1. Confirmation of Previous Minutes
   The Committee accepted the previous minutes held on 6 June 2017 (#15) with amendments raised by Cr Byrne via email.
   Under item 4.3 update the spelling of Heinze reserve.
   Moved by Elaine Brogan seconded by Bill Laker.

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest
   Nil.

3. Items (Key actions arising from events and activities planned)
   3.1 End of Centenary Year activity
       Elaine Brogan
       Elaine advised that the End of Centenary activity had not progressed further since the last meeting, due to uncertainty about the correct timing to hold the event. Elaine mentioned that at the last meeting, Cr Cusack suggested getting a working partying together now to plan for these centenary events.
       Cr Byrne circulated a paper provided to her by Judy Maddigan in relation to how Essendon City celebrated the end of the war, and expressed Judy’s idea of including some of the music played at the 1919 event into the centenary event.
       Action: Elaine will make contact with Cr Cusack personally to discuss the End of Centenary Year activity further.
       Action: Cassandra Fenton to circulate Essendon City paper with the minutes

   3.2 Friends of Sandy memorial update
       Elaine Brogan
Elaine advised that the Friends of Sandy monument will be placed close to Sandy’s burial site, west of the Maribyrnong Community Centre. The date of the commemoration is still being locked in, and is dependent on the diary of Minister of Defence Marise Payne, who has indicated her desire to attend. Friends of Sandy hope it will either be the 31 October or 11 November.

**Action:** Elaine will advise Council of the commemoration date when it is confirmed so that it can be shared with all Councillors and Officers who may wish to attend and support the hard work of Friends of Sandy.

### 3.3 Rejuvenation of Avenue of Honour on Neil Heinz Reserve

**Bill Laker**

Bill advised that he had received prices for the five plaques, and in line with MVCC recommendations, they will be made by Glass Metal Industries. The East Keilor RSL will raise the purchase order request for these items.

Russell provided the committee with a map of where the plaques would be placed. Cr Byrne raised concerns about access for people with disabilities and mobility issues.

Bill, Russell and Judy will get together to review the site and ensure placement is correct, and will also investigate the access for those with mobility issues.

Officers have forwarded copies of the plaques to Judy Maddigan for confirmation on historical data and to check spelling. It was decided that these would also be shared with the committee who can provide any feedback on spelling and historical data to Judy, who will then collate and share with Council.

**Action:** Bill, Russell and Judy to review the site

**Action:** Cassandra to circulate plaque design copy with minutes for committee review. Committee to review and provide any feedback to Judy.

### 3.4 VC Commemorative plaque for Issy Smith

**Russell Beer**

The commemorative plaque is in the process of being placed in Victory Park, and should be on site within 2-4 weeks.

Russell circulated paper with plaque design and map of placement.

Council officers wanted to ensure that the committee was aware that Ange Kenos from Essendon RSL had raised concerns about the placement of the plaque. It was his preference that the plaque be placed in Queens Park in Moonee Ponds. The committee noted Ange’s position, however as this plaque is out of scope for the Queens Park Master Plan, the committee agreed that Victory Park was the most suitable location for this plaque.
Action: Cassandra to circulate copy of plaque design and placement paper with committee

Action: Russell and Council Officers to liaise with Ange Kenos and the Essendon RSL regarding commemoration and unveiling of Issy Smith plaque.

3.5 ANZAC Wall update
Jim Karabinis

Jim produced an email from Craig Metcalf and Russell Beer that states an inspection of the ANZAC wall has taken place, and confirms that the wall is intact and stable and there is no degradation occurring. The photo provided to Council depicts natural elements of the bluestone.

Elaine advised that there was graffiti on the Wesleyan Chapel Wall.

3.6 58/32 Infantry Battalion Association Ltd – Seat update
Jim Karabinis

Jim provided an update on his investigation into the Battalion’s request to install a Remembrance seat and commemorative corner dedicated to the 58th in Queens Park.

Jim advised that he had reviewed and discussed the Queens Park Master plan with Council Officer Venta Slizys, Coordinator City Design. Considering the number of memorials already placed in Queens Park, and in the interest in keeping the park a multi-purpose community space, Queens Park is not a suitable location for the Remembrance seat.

Ev advised that Queens Park was of particular interest to the Battalion as it is where much training took place. However, he will begin investigations into other possible locations for the seat that would be suitable to the Battalion. Council is open to considering alternative locations.

Action: Ev to discuss with the 58/32 Infantry Battalion Association other possible locations for the Remembrance seat and liaise with Jim Karabinis regarding suitability.

3.7 Calendar of Work
Jim Karabinis

Jim advised that he was aware many of the major projects undertaken by the committee were coming into the final stages, and he was hopeful that the committee could start planning a new calendar of works to continue to build on the fantastic work already completed.

Ev advised the committee that Council has decided to move the Colours from the Council Chambers as it is being upgraded. Council will be
supplying two glass cabinets to display the Colours just outside chambers. Patricia advised that conservators have been consulted to ensure that the Colours are moved and displayed appropriately.

Ev expressed his interested in having a plaque mounted close by the cabinets explaining the meaning and history of the Colours. He would also request that when the Book of Remembrance is returned, that is also be displayed in this cabinet with the Colours.

Patricia advised that she would discuss with Vince the possibility of placing a plaque near the Colours and Book of Remembrance display.

Ev also advised that there was $2000 remaining from a Federal Government grant that he would like to use to create a brochure related to the Colours that could also be displayed and provided to the community.

**Action:** All Committee members to think about potential upcoming projects for discussion at the next meeting

**Action:** Patricia to discuss the possibility of plaque placement and Book of Remembrance display with Vince Gurciullo and advise Ev on the outcome.

3.8 Park at the bottom end of South Street, Ascot Vale

**Barry Gough**

Russell advised that although this park does not have a name plaque, it is already named the Albert Wallis Reserve.

The committee discussed possibilities for honouring Bill Scurry close to the park or within the municipality. Cr Byrne suggested their might be a possibility in the new Ascot Vale Development, and there was also discussion about discussing with home owners in the area displaying a plaque on the house closest to the Scurry house location.

**Action:** Barry to liaise with Council to discuss other possibilities for honouring Bill Scurry.

4. General Business

4.1 Villers-Bretonneux

**Ev Reynolds**

Ev advised that 2 members of the 58/32 Infantry Battalion Association will be attending the Villers-Bretonneux ceremony on the 25 April 2018.

The Battalion will be presenting their own plaque during the ceremony, however Ev has advised that the Battalion is also happy to represent Council if they so wish.

**Action:** Cr Byrne to take the Battalions offer to present something on behalf of Council at Villers-Bretonneux on notice and discuss the possibility with Cr Cusack.
Action: Ev to provide update and confirm dates of the annual Villers-Bretonneux luncheon at next meeting.

5. Close of Meeting / Next Meeting
   Cr Byrne closed the meeting at 7.20pm.

6. Future Meeting date
   Monday 20 November 2017, 6 – 8pm.