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2019 NATIONAL FUND-RAISING APPEAL

FOR THE INSTALLATION IN BRONZE

ON THE NATIONAL MERCHANT NAVY WAR MEMORIAL, KINGS PARK CANBERRA OF THE NAMES & RESPECTIVE SHIPS OF THE

862 AUSTRALIAN MERCHANT MARINERS THAT SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES FOR THEIR COUNTRY IN WWI (184) & WWII (678)

A PROJECT OF RECOGNITION & RESPECT

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Following a successful Submission to the **National Capital Authority (NCA)** in March, our Project team of multi award winning **Architectural Firm Daryl Jackson Alastair Swayn** and leading **Canberra Construction firm, MANTEENA**, are now well advanced, on the various requirements that are scheduled to see completion of the works in late September, ahead of the 30th Annual Commemoration to be held on **Sunday 20th October 2019**.

1. NATIONAL APPEAL BROCHURE

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2. DESIGN AND THEME OF NEW WORKS

*ARCHITECT MR. JAMES ANDREWS, DARYL JACKSON ALASTAIR SWAYN PTY LTD (DJAS), CANBERRA.
THE EXISTING MEMORIAL WAS ALSO DESIGNED BY DJAS & THE ARCHITECT WAS,
THE LATE ALASTAIR SWAYN AO*

- A.** The design of the new works complements the existing memorial in both form and representation
- B.** The original Memorial is designed to provide an appropriate monument and place to remember those members of the Australian Merchant Navy who gave their lives at sea. The Memorial includes a number of maritime themes, which relate specifically to the Merchant Navy and to War.
- C.** These themes are brought together as a plan in the shape of part of a globe on North-South spindle or axis symbolising navigation, in the use of bow-shaped concrete panels representing merchant ships, and in the paving of the dais representing the patterns and colours of wartime ship camouflage.
- D.** The proposed design retains the simple forms by extending the bow of the ship as a bow wave with the new pillars upon it holding the names of the fallen. The new platform is topped with dark paving representing the sea and in contrast to the "dazzle" tile patterning of the original platform.
- E.** The new panels are similar in shape and color to the original panels and will provide the mounting surface for the new dark bronze patina of the plaques containing the names of the fallen. The bronze plaques are designed to be a similar color to those at the War Memorial.

3. DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW & REMEDIAL WORKS

- A.** The scope of works involves an extension to the existing ceremonial podium and the installation of four new precast panels upon it. Upon each panel will be mounted a large brass plaque listing the names of the fallen and their ships.
- B.** Supplementary works include the provision of a **new sloped pathway providing compliant access to the ceremonial platform**. A pair of **removable handrails is also proposed to assist persons during the annual memorial service**.
- C.** In addition to the primary scope, **general maintenance related items** are also proposed to be undertaken during construction of the proposed additions.

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4. SUMMARY OF TOTAL WORKS

- A. Podium extension, new precast panels and plaques;
- B. Application of anti-graffiti coating to new panels;
- C. Removable handrails; and,
- D. Grass reinstatement surrounding podium extensions (make good).
- E. New access path;
- F. Grass reinstatement surrounding new path (make good);
- G. New and replacement planting;
- H. High pressure clean of the existing memorial;
- I. Tile re-grouting;
- J. Application of a slip resistant tile sealer;
- K. Application of anti-graffiti coating to existing panels; and
- L. Replacement flagpole.

5. PROJECT COSTS

During **STAGE 1** (completed 2/19), we appointed **WT Partnership** to analyse all aspects of the projects anticipated costs. Their expertise as Cost Management Consultants, Quantity Surveyors, Building & Facilities Managers, was of significant assistance, to the MNWMF, as we worked with Construction firm, **MANTEENA**, in the development of the projects budget.

The process of review of every aspect of the anticipated total cost, resulted in a Budget of \$225,560. Since then additional savings have been identified and our expectation is that our exposure to total cost is approx. \$200,000.

6. WORKS SCHEDULE & ANTICIPATED HANDOVER OF PROJECT

STAGE 1	(A) DESIGN DEVELOPMENT (B) COST ANALYSIS (C) APPOINTMENT OF CONSTRUCTION FIRM (D) MNWMF PROJECT SUBMISSION TO NATIONAL CAPITAL AUTHORITY (NCA) OF 12/2/19 (E) NCA APPROVAL 25/2/19	COMPLETED 11/4/18 TO 19/2/19
STAGE 2	TRADE TENDER PERIOD	MID MAY – MID JUN
	REVIEW & APPROVAL OF QUOTE FOR PROJECT	MID – LATE JUN
	CONTRACT AWARD	LATE JUN
	LET TENDERS & SUBCONTRACTORS	LATE JUN – EARLY JUL
	PROCUREMENT OF LONG LEAD TIME ITEMS	
	CONSTRUCTION PERIOD	MON 12 AUG – FRID 27 SEPT
	HANDOVER OF COMPLETED PROJECT	FRIDAY 27 SEPT
	29th ANNUAL MERCHANT NAVY COMMEMORATION & UNVEILING OF NEW WORKS	SUNDAY 20 OCT 2019

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10. EXTRACT FROM MERCHANT NAVY WAR MEMORIAL FUND (MNWMF) WEBSITE (LAUNCHED EARLY 2019)

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ANNUAL COMMEMORATION NATIONAL MERCHANT NAVY WAR MEMORIAL WENDOUREE DRIVE, KINGS PARK, CANBERRA (OCTOBER)

An annual commemoration is held each October, to honour and reflect, on the memory of those brave and courageous merchant navy men who gave their lives in the service of their country during WWI and WWII. It is also an opportunity to give thanks to those who were able to return to the love & care of their families. Also acknowledged are those within today's Merchant Navy, who are away from their families for long periods and may face loneliness and ill-health or injury.



THE MEMORIAL

The Memorial was originally unveiled on Sunday 7th October 1990 by His Excellency The Hon. Bill Hayden, AC, the 21st Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia. It was funded following a National Fund-Raising Appeal.

The Memorial was designed to provide an appropriate monument and place to remember those members of the Australian Merchant Navy who gave their lives at sea during WWI and WWII. The Memorial includes a number of maritime themes which relate specifically to the Merchant Navy and to War.

These themes are brought together as a plan in the shape of part of a globe on North-South spindle or axis symbolising navigation, in the use of bow-shaped concrete panels representing merchant ships, and in the paving of the dais representing the patterns and colours of wartime ship camouflage.

The Plan as the Globe: The plan can be seen as a part of a globe with the main axis oriented to due North, and with a small East-West cross axis described in black.

The globe is described in plan by the semi-circular dais to one side of the principal North-South axis. The

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projections of semi-circular walls include circular eyes to represent the anchor hawse pipes of ship bows.

At each end of the North-South axis are concrete drums which represent a compass in the case of the Northern drum, and a bollard in the case of the Southern drum.

The Panels: The vertical elements of the Memorial consist of six upright white pre-cast concrete panels which are shaped in the form of the bow of a ship. The inner panels also include wave forms on the bow.

The positioning of the concrete panels around the circular edge of the Memorial is intended to play a game of perspective for the visitor in a similar way in which perspective can easily change the perception of objects at sea. The panels in a group also represent the use of convoys in war time.

The concrete bow panels flank the centrepiece of the Memorial which is a black granite faced panel containing the Merchant Navy Badge cast in bronze.

Black granite is used to symbolise sacrifice and remembrance.

Paving: The dais is paved in coloured ceramic tiles in an abstract design representing the dazzle colours used on merchant ships during the First World War to disguise their real form, and which was intended to make them less vulnerable to submarine attack.

Four red crosses are also incorporated in the paving design to symbolise the part played by the Merchant Navy in providing and manning Hospital Ships.

Flag Mast: The Flag mast has been designed to represent the types of mast used on merchant ships. It is complete with yardarm and gaff. The mast is painted white in a similar manner to the way in which ships' masts are painted.



THIS PLAQUE COMMEMORATING THE SACRIFICE AND SERVICE OF AUSTRALIAN MERCHANT NAVY VETERANS PAST AND PRESENT WAS UNVEILED BY THE HONOURABLE DR. BRENDAN NELSON, BMBS FRACP (HONS) FAMA DIRECTOR, AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL 18th OCTOBER 2015 ON THE OCCASION OF THE MEMORIALS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

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GUEST OF HONOUR & ANNUAL ADDRESS

Sunday 20th October 2019 (29th)

An invitation has been extended to **His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), 27th Governor-General of Australia Elect, to deliver the Annual Address and Unveil the New & Remedial Works to the Memorial.** *(In his current capacity as the 38th Governor of NSW, His Excellency was Guest of Honour and delivered the Annual Merchant Navy Address at the 2017 Rookwood Merchant Navy Commemoration).*

2018 (28th) COLLIN ACTON RAN TO THE NAVY - ARCHDEACON TO THE NAVY

2017 (27TH) REAR ADMIRAL MICHAEL NOONAN, AM, DEPUTY CHIEF OF NAVY

2016 (26TH) VICE ADMIRAL TIM BARRETT AO, CSC, RAN, CHIEF OF NAVY

**2015 (25TH) THE HON. DR. BRENDAN NELSON, BMBS, FRACP (HONS), FAMA ,
DIRECTOR, AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL (AWM)**

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Or by EFT to:

Account Name: MNWMF Project Development Fund

BSB: 032 197 Account No.: 477 684

Reference: Your Name

Please note: If paying by EFT please forward an email with your Name, Address, Phone & Organisation (if possible) to secretary@mnwmf.com.au

A receipt will be forwarded for all donations received. MNWMF is currently pursuing an Application for registration as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR).