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Dear Resident

RE: Update on the Proposed relocation of the Yarraman Memorial Cenotaph

Council would like to provide an update on feedback sought in relation to the proposal made by the Yarraman Returned Services League Sub-Branch (RSL) for the Yarraman Memorial Cenotaph to be relocated from the current location at Memorial Park on Toomey Street (D'Aguilar Highway).

Consultation Activities

Letters were provided to the more than 600 residents of the greater Yarraman area, with feedback recorded between Tuesday 12 April and Friday 13 May 2022.

This was supported by an email to community organisations in Yarraman, a display with paper copies of the survey, with the A3 posters of the plans, in the Yarraman Library.

Feedback was provided by 124 community members. Of these, 39 completed the online survey and 74 were provided via email, the Yarraman Library or mailed to Council.

The feedback received is summarised below.

- 89 respondents (71.77% of those who responded) supported the proposed relocation of the cenotaph
- 35 respondents (28.23% of those who responded) opposed the proposed relocation of the cenotaph.

In response to some of the concerns which have been raised during the consultation process, Council wishes to provide the following responses:

- **Visibility and travellers visiting the cenotaph** - Council will ensure there is wayfinding signage included within the scope of the works if the cenotaph is relocated.
- **Heritage** - Council recognises the community's attachment and pride in the current location of the cenotaph, however, notes it has been in place for 27 years, and under legislative and other guidelines is not considered of historical significance.
- **Disrespect of relocation** – Council understands a possible change will be emotional for many within the community with personal connections to the cenotaph. This is an item that is being faced by many other regional towns with a range of solutions. We are aware of many older and more historically significant war memorials or cenotaphs which have successfully relocated.

- **Concern for the other plaques or memorials** – If the cenotaph is relocated, a council officer will be available to assist with liaison with the families or associations connected to these memorials. The rest area will remain and continue to be maintained. These plaques can stay at this location as there is a desire from these groups.
- **Flooding or drainage** – based on Council's records, the proposed relocation has better flood immunity than the current location.
- **Parking** – Council will ensure that accessible parking is included in the scope of works if the cenotaph is relocated.

Consultation Report available

The full report can be viewed within the Consultation Report which is available on the You Say page for the project <https://yoursay.tr.qld.gov.au/yarraman-war-memorial>, and with a paper copy available at the Yarraman Library.

Next Steps

Based on the feedback received, Council has assessed the proposal made by the Yarraman RSL against Councils Policy 2.47 *Memorials and Plaques* and has given in-principle support to progress to Stage 2, based on the Issue plans which have been circulated within the Community.

This in-principle support is subject to conditions, which include Yarraman RSL Sub-branch source all funding towards the future design and construction of the relocation. The Yarraman RSL will look to address the remaining concerns raised within the consultation feedback as part of an ongoing process. Any further works will continue to be subject to Council approval.

If you have any questions, please contact Lara Nunn of the Stakeholder Engagement team on 4614 5172.

Regards



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