

Our reference: DM#10319397
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Dear Resident,

RE: Proposed relocation of the Yarraman Memorial Cenotaph

The Yarraman Returned Services League Sub-Branch (RSL) has made a proposal to Toowoomba Regional Council for the Yarraman Memorial Cenotaph to be relocated from the current location at Memorial Park on Toomey Street (D'Aguilar Highway).

From this request, Council has made an assessment on how the relocation could work within the Yarraman Recreation Ground and Memorial Park, off Emmert Street, and is seeking feedback from the Yarraman Community.

If the proposal is supported by the community, the Yarraman RSL would be responsible for seeking grant funding.

What is proposed?

It is proposed to relocate the Yarraman Memorial Cenotaph from its current location to Yarraman Recreation Ground and Memorial Park, off Emmert Street.

This relocation would include all associated signage, plaques, and the use of a removable flagpole to ensure there is no risk during sporting events. There will be landscaping, including rosemary and roses, to help define the memorial garden area.

If the current or future funding permits, a new multi-purpose shelter would be installed with some additional seating with backrests. There is also a proposal for additional landscaping and space for future memorial walls, artwork, or plaques. Formalised carparking on Emmert Street will also be subject to future funding.

Why is the Yarraman RSL proposing to relocate the Memorial?

The location of the Memorial has served the community well, however there are changing and growing crowds attending the ANZAC Day service.

While there is traffic control in place for the day, there is also a growing concern regarding the risk associated with pedestrian and vehicle movements around the event.

Outside of ANZAC Day, there is an increase of traffic on the D'Aguilar Highway, which means at times it isn't the place of quiet reflection that it is aimed to be. On the other memorial days which are held at the cenotaph, there is no traffic control.

This proposed relocation is considering access and space for future memorial services – for ANZAC Day and other dates within the memorial calendar.

As part of the proposed relocation, there is the opportunity for supporting memorial monuments to be included in the future to recognise each arm of the Australian Defence Force (Army, Navy and Air Force).

Next steps

We want to hear from you if you support the project, and what you like or don't like about the proposal.

The maps and some frequently asked questions about the project are attached and provide more of the details. You can also view them at <https://yoursay.tr.qld.gov.au/yarraman-war-memorial>.

Council invites you to provide feedback on this project before **13 May 2022**.

There will be a number of ways you can provide your comments:

1. **Email:** yoursay@tr.qld.gov.au
2. **Phone:** 4614 1572
3. **Webpage:** <https://yoursay.tr.qld.gov.au/yarraman-war-memorial>
4. **Library:** a collection point available at the Yarraman Library (with a small display)
5. **Post:** Toowoomba Regional Council
PO Box 3021
Toowoomba QLD 4350

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

Yours sincerely



Micheal Condren
Manager Parks and Recreation Services

Frequently Asked Questions about the project

Has Toowoomba Regional Council or the Department of Main Roads requested this relocation?

No. The Yarraman RSL has asked Council to consider the use of space within Yarraman Recreation Ground and Memorial Park, and for assistance with community consultation. The Department of Main Roads will be consulted as part of this process.

What will this cost?

A full cost of the relocation has not been completed and won't be until it is established if there is general support for the project. The Yarraman RSL will then apply for community grants or seek funding opportunities when it is appropriate.

What is the timeframe?

If there is support from the community for this proposal, any further action and timeframes will be dependent on successful funding opportunities.

If the relocation occurs, what will happen to the current Memorial Park?

The park will be maintained as a rest location for motorists. In the short term there would be signage to assist visitors to find the new memorial location. The car parking will remain unchanged.

What impacts will there be to the Cricket and event space at the Yarraman Recreation Ground and Memorial Park?

There will be minimal disruption to any existing use of the Recreation Ground. The proposal will allow continued community use of the cricket and other recreational events on this oval. It is unlikely that there would be an overlap of sporting events and services held at the cenotaph.



Concept Option -
This option will allow continuation of community and junior cricket to be played on this oval while allowing use of the oval for groups to gather at times of memorial events associated with the Cenotaph / War Memorial.

Survey form

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Please return to Toowoomba Regional Council by 13 May 2022.

Mail: Toowoomba Regional Council
PO Box 3021
Toowoomba QLD 4350

Email: yoursay@tr.qld.gov.au

Library: Collection point at Yarraman
Library

All responses are will be treated confidentially in line with Council's Privacy policy, which can be viewed on the Council website.

Please provide your contact details if you want to hear from Council about the future decisions for this project.

Name (mandatory): _____

Postcode/locality (mandatory): _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Do you support the proposed relocation of the Cenotaph from the current Memorial Park on Toomey Street (D'Aguilar Highway) to Yarraman Recreation Ground and Memorial Park? (mandatory)

☐**YES**☐**NO**

What do you like about the proposal?

What do you not like about the proposal?

Other general comments:
