



Annual General Meeting
Saturday 03 November 2012
Melbourne & Skype

President's Report

Our second submission to the National Capital Authority dated Wednesday 01 August 2012 was acknowledged promptly by NCA's Andrew Smith (copies attached) in which we sought alternative siting of our memorial. Before our next meeting with him, we will establish a meeting with the Minister for Veterans' Affairs Warren Snowdon to bid for a financial grant to give us the credibility to request a site in the Remembrance Gardens of the Australian War Memorial. (Copy of Snowdon submission also attached) It is hoped members of our Executive will meet with Snowdon, AWM and NCA in that order later in November.

This alternative option was taken after we were advised that Anzac Parade was a "no go" zone due to the palace revolt over the World War 1 & World War 11 Memorials and their subsequent re-location from Rond Terrace to Anzac Parade. We received further advice from Phil Ainsworth President of the Rabaul and Montevideo Maru Society who built the Memorial for that vessel recently in the AWM. His advice was invaluable in terms of procedure and we are now pursuing this avenue vigorously.

I understand our bid for gift tax exemption may be held in abeyance until we have secured a memorial site in the AWM, so our bids for commercial support will be placed on hold until the exemption is approved. Again the alternative is to progress the bid through the AWM exemption policy. In addition we may have to seek some seed funding from our stakeholders until the Minister makes his decision on a grant for the project.

Given the retirement of our founding patron VADM Russ Crane we were most fortunate to secure present CN VADM Ray Griggs to succeed him, and he too is quite enthusiastic about our aims and objectives and endorses the alternative site location for our memorial. May I also welcome onboard Richard Orr our new Financial Controller, and Noel Payne OAM and Rudi Bianchi who have joined our Foundation Committee- their input will be invaluable.

I commend this report to you.

Gary (Joe) Linaker
National President

Attachments:

Letter to NCA
Letter to Minister of Veterans' Affairs

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