Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape - MoN - Albert (Bert) Edwards Plaque

Public

MOTION ON NOTICE

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Keiran Snape, will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:

'That Council investigate options for the installation of a historical plaque memorialising the life and achievements of former Adelaide City Councillor Albert (Bert) Edwards at his grave in West Terrace Cemetery or Edwards Place; the replacement of the missing sign at Albert Edwards Court and opportunities for the placement of Heritage Plaques on suitable relevant sites.'

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. The life and achievements of former Adelaide City Councillor Albert (Bert) Edwards are substantial and include:

    1.1. A member of the House of Assembly from 1917-1931 and an Elected Member for Grey Ward, Adelaide City Council from 1914-1931 and 1948-1963.

    1.2. Philanthropic efforts including paying for funerals of the poor, collecting and distributing food to those in need, donating money for a men's refuge in Whitmore Square, Adelaide, and bequeathed a portion of his estate to the Sisters of St Joseph for "opportunity of advancement in life to children who have been in an orphanage or public institute".

    1.3. Publican of many Adelaide hotels, including Duke of Brunswick, Castle Inn on Hindley (since demolished), Grand Chancellor Hotel, Newmarket Hotel in Adelaide and the Hotel Victor in Victor Harbor and the British Lion Hotel in Hindmarsh.

    1.4. Advocate for prison reform and supported the rehabilitation of prisoners, including providing a property as a rehabilitation centre.

2. Albert Edwards is currently recognised in various ways including the naming of Edwards Place, Edwards Park (Park 23) and Albert Edwards Court, the name given to a South Australian Housing Trust development in Maud Street, Adelaide.

3. Albert Edwards' grave is located in the West Terrace Cemetery which is owned and managed by the Adelaide Cemeteries Authority. Proposed memorials within the cemetery are subject to the Adelaide Cemeteries Authority's "Monuments and Memorials Policy", and heritage consideration applies as West Terrace Cemetery is a State Heritage Site.

4. If this motion is carried, Administration will investigate options to memorialise the life and achievements of former Adelaide City Councillor Albert (Bert) Edwards at suitable relevant sites, including:

    4.1. Administration will engage with the South Australian Housing Authority to discuss the replacement of the missing sign at Albert Edwards Court, Maud Street, Adelaide.

    4.2. Administration will discuss opportunities with the Adelaide Cemeteries Authority to memorialise former Adelaide City Councillor Albert (Bert) Edwards at his grave in West Terrace Cemetery.

    4.3. Consider alternative options such as interpretive signs in Edwards Park to complement the existing brick wall naming signs installed in 1971.

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or prices have been obtained:	
Public consultation	Public consultation is not considered applicable although community interest in this motion is likely.
External consultant advice	Not Applicable
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not Applicable
Impacts on existing projects	Not Applicable
Budget reallocation	Fabrication and installation of Interpretive Signs is approximately $3,500 ex GST. Costs may be incurred for research and copyright permissions for use of historic photographs.
Capital investment	Not Applicable
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	Not Applicable
Other	Not Applicable
Staff time in receiving and preparing this administration comment	To prepare this administration comment in response to the motion on notice took approximately 5 hours.

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