

Council Member
Councillor Couros

Public

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MOTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Couros will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:

'That Council

1. Notes that the South Australian Memorial of Forgotten Australians opposite the Women's and Children's Hospital stands as a memorial for the 500,000 people who spent their childhood in orphanages and other home care.
2. Investigates ways the council can beautify the current site of the memorial with plantings of garden beds of yellow daisies, improve lawn maintenance, irrigation and benches prior to the National Apology to Forgotten Australians held the 16th November 2022 in consultation with relevant organisations.'

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. The South Australian Memorial of Forgotten Australians opposite the Women's and Children's Hospital is a significant site which stands as a memorial for the 500,000 people who spent their childhood in orphanages and other home care.
2. The concept for a Memorial to Forgotten Australians was initiated by the Alliance for Forgotten Australians (AFA), the successful artist was Craige Andrae. The memorial was unveiled on 17 June 2010 in Peace Park at the corner of Sir Edwin Smith Avenue and Brougham Place (opposite the Women's and Children's Hospital). It was a fully funded proposal of the Commonwealth and State Governments, with additional funding offered by a local Church and community grants, all managed and delivered by the AFA.
3. The memorial is a stylised representation of Australian native daisies in various stages of growth and development. The artwork is a metaphor for the different experiences and emotions of the Forgotten Australians with the first flower starting as a small fragile item which develops into full bloom. The final blooming daisy is representational of the group today and celebrating towards the future. The memorial is a simple, bright and contemporary response, which enhances the park setting and is a meaningful representation that captures the experiences of the AFA group whilst providing a place of reflection and commemoration.
4. Should this motion be carried, we will undertake investigations in alignment with the City of Adelaide (CoA) Memorial Operating Guidelines that underpin the processes and responsibilities associated with Memorials. As part of the investigation we will consult with key stakeholders of the memorial such as the AFA and artist, Craige Andrae.
5. Should the costs of the proposed works exceed \$25,000 we will return to Council for approval.

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	Consultation is fundamental and should be undertaken prior with key stakeholders to inform any proposal and subsequently seek their approval/support where relevant. Key Stakeholder / Commissioner - Alliance for Forgotten Australians (AFA) and Memorial Artist - Craige Andrae
External consultant advice	Not applicable
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not applicable
Impacts on existing projects	Not applicable
Budget reallocation	To be determined
Capital investment	Not applicable
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	Not applicable
Other	Staff time preparing design and consultation
Staff time in receiving and preparing this administration comment	To prepare this administration comment in response to the motion on notice took approximately 5.5 hours.