

16 REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND LIVEABILITY

16.1 Endorse for public exhibition: draft Plaques and Memorials Policy

CSP Objective: Outcome 4.3: Our built environment is safe and inclusive; our infrastructure is well planned and well managed.

CSP Strategy: 4.3.1 Create a regional network of interconnected roads, shared pathways and cycleways to maximise access to key destinations and facilities.

Delivery Program: 4.3.1.1 Manage recreation and open space infrastructure to cater for current and future generations.

Summary

This Policy has been reviewed and formulated for use as a guideline for the placement of commemorative and memorial plaques in appropriate dedicated areas within the Kiama municipality.

Financial implication

The creation of this policy was undertaken by Council officers with nil additional costs incurred.

Risk implication

There are no risks associated with this policy.

Policy

Council has not previously had a Plaques and Memorials policy.

Consultation (internal)

Acting Director Infrastructure and Liveability

Manager Engineering and Technical

Executive Assistant Infrastructure and Liveability/Cemetery Officer

Landscape and Recreation Coordinator

Communication/Community engagement

It is proposed that the draft Plaques and Memorials Policy will go out on public exhibition, for a period of 28 days.

Attachments

Nil

Enclosures

1 DRAFT - Memorial Plaques policy

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorse the draft Plaques and Memorials Policy be placed on public exhibition for 28 days calling for submissions.
2. Following conclusion of the exhibition period:
 - (a) receive a further report for consideration, if any relevant submissions are received or if any substantial changes are proposed for any other reason, detailing the public exhibition outcomes and proposed changes with recommendations regarding adoption of the above documents, or
 - (b) adopt the Plaques and Memorials Policy if there are no relevant submissions received and there are no substantial changes proposed for any other reasons.

Background

Previously Council had a policy on memorial seats, however this was abolished approximately 10 years ago due to the number of requests for seating, ad hoc nature of seats being installed and the ongoing associated maintenance costs.

It is to be noted that whilst most community members may be supportive of plaques and memorials, there are many who do not support public infrastructure being used for this purpose. In this context, the objectives of this Policy are to provide a consistent framework for the placement of commemorative and memorial plaques in the dedicated areas for memorial plaques on Council-owned land within the Kiama municipality.

This policy identifies that Peace Park and the Gerringong, Jamberoo and Kiama Cemeteries will be the dedicated areas for future memorials. The policy also outlines the procedure for the administration of new and existing memorials and plaques.