

1.3: CITY OF ALBANY PARTICIPATION IN ANZAC CENTENARY EVENTS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION.

ALTERNATE MOTION BY COUNCILLOR ATTWELL

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**ITEM 1.3: ALTERNATE MOTION BY COUNCILLOR ATTWELL
VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY**

- 1. THAT beyond the usual scoping requirements, the City not commit to any activity as a member of the Albany Centenary of Anzac Alliance (ACAA) without having a clearly identified and committed funding source available for that activity.**
- 2. That Council pursue the possibility of the National Trust as the owners and managers of the Mount Clarence and Mount Adelaide Military Precinct.**

Councillor's Reason:

Centenary of Anzac does not belong to Albany, even though Albany is recognised as being significant in the history of Anzac. Anzac belongs to Australia, and extended to New Zealand and the rest of the world.

City of Albany is committed to the Alliance in its present form and we need to keep this operating with our partners. For the next step, the City of Albany is not in a position to open end the cheque book to fund the infrastructure or the continued operation of this major project. Neither can we be seen to be delaying or stopping the project. It must be a national undertaking for which Australia as a whole can contribute and for this to become a major attraction for visitors.

Like the soldiers of Gallipoli who showed tremendous courage and faith to step onto the beach, we need to show faith and move on to the next steps to see this vision occur.

We already have the Forts as a military museum, which increasingly continues to be a financial burden to the ratepayers of Albany. If the Mount Adelaide and Mount Clarence precincts were combined under the one operation and run by a professional body similar to the National Trust, we would have an attraction of worldwide significance. I understand that similar museums over the world are hugely supported.

The Anzac project MUST proceed. We owe it to the memory of the many who did not return, not as a memorial to war, but as a dedication to duty and what they believed in. It is now up to us to do our duty.

We MUST seek urgent clarification on the funding and the ownership and continued operational structure of this project. There are many factors that require attention now for us to be ready for 2014. City of Albany, we need to show leadership on this.

Councillors, my motion is asking you to continue to support what is already in place. It does not ask for further unknown financial commitment. That will be assessed by Council as and when required. It does ask that we make enquiries with the National Trust as to the possibility of them taking over this facility and that would be a wonderful benefit to Albany and the City of Albany.

Please support this motion.

Officer's Comment (Chief Executive Officer):

1. The CEO recommends Councillor Attwell clarify what she means by "usual scoping requirements" – the motion as presently worded does not provide sufficient clarity for City Staff to implement it.

The CEO would be concerned if the Council was to resolve commitment to any activity (whether as a member of ACAA or otherwise) without an identified funding source. The CEO recommends Council consider the Responsible Officer Recommendation which does address this concern.

2. While the National Trust and another entity have expressed interest in managing the Mount Adelaide Fort Precincts, ultimately the Mounts Reserves are not land vested in the ownership of the City and any such discussions as anticipated by Councillor Attwell's motion would need to involve the State Government. Without such State Government consent to such proposals, the motion is premature, may unrealistically raise expectations within the community and stakeholder groups, and make implied commitments which the City may not in the future, be able to honour.

Further, discussion is already occurring with the National Trust and other entities regarding management and ownership of assets/infrastructure on the Mounts.. A Council resolution at this time is unnecessary and premature.