

Kingston Beach War Memorial

SURVEY RESULTS

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Consultation Summary



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Kingborough Council invited community members to provide feedback on a proposal for a new memorial at Kingston Beach, at the current site of the Gallipoli marker.

The consultation was conducted on behalf of the Kingston Beach RSL Sub Branch and involved sending out a survey via the media, website and Facebook.

Survey

The survey was open to responses between 5 and 31 October 2022.

218 responses were received.

The preferred option was the Sandstone Panels with 74% of respondents choosing it.



Option 1 - Sandstone Panels



Option 2 - Obelisk



Background

The Kingston Beach RSL Sub Branch would like to replace the current Gallipoli marker at Kingston Beach, Osborne Esplanade, with a memorial to better represent the sacrifices of those who suffered and lost their lives in war, especially local community members.

Where

The proposed new memorial will be located on Osborne Esplanade on the Kingston Beach side. The Gallipoli marker sits across the road from the Salty Dog in the location where services are currently held.

Why a new war memorial?

The current Kingston War Memorial is on the corner of Channel Highway and Freeman Street and is not a suitable location to conduct large services. The number of people attending commemorative events now is significantly larger and the area requires more accessibility via level ground.

Proposed options

The Kingston Beach RSL Sub Branch committee proposed two options for the replacement of the Gallipoli marker (see images below and descriptions next page).



The images shown may differ slightly to the final design of the memorials. These images should be taken only as illustrated examples.

Proposed Options

Option 1 - Sandstone Panels:

- Three sandstone panels.
- 1.5m high, approximately 2m wide. Black granite services badges inset (420mm x 420mm each).

Option 2 - Obelisk:

- Polished black and grey granite.
- 3.38m high.
- Three services badges engraved on three sides of the lower back section.

What happens to the plaques on the Gallipoli marker?

The two bronze plaques (from the existing Gallipoli marker) will be relocated onto the base of the obelisk or the back of the sandstone panels, depending on which version the community prefers.

50th year

2023 will mark the 50th year of the last Australian personnel to leave Vietnam after the war. The Kingston Beach RSL Sub Branch think it is very important to have the war memorial dedicated in this year.

Council's involvement

Council conducted the public engagement to gauge the community's opinion on the design choices and created this engagement report.

The Kingston Beach RSL Sub Branch have agreed to pay for the design and construction of the memorial and will request that Council installs the memorial. This will be subject to Council approval.



Option 1 - Sandstone Panels



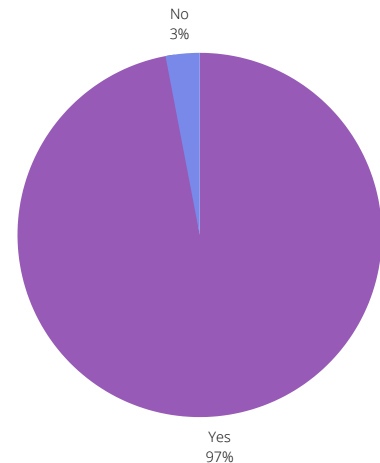
Option 2 - Obelisk

Survey responses

Q1 Are you a resident of Kingborough?

- Yes - 97% (210 respondents)
- No - 3% (7 respondents)

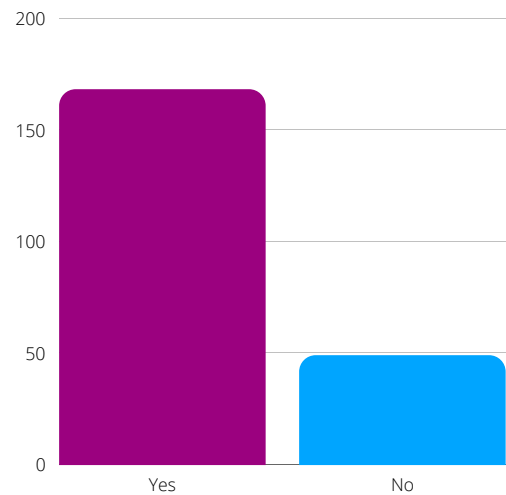
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Q2 Do you support an upgrade to the War Memorial at Kingston Beach?

- Yes - 77% (168 respondents)
- No - 22% (49 respondents)

(one person skipped this question)



Q3 Which one of the upgrades to the memorial would you prefer?

- Sandstone Panels - 74% (139 respondents)
- Obelisk - 26% (50 respondents)

(29 people skipped this question)

