



Australian Peacekeeping Memorial Project

Past, Present and Future

Australia has been actively and continually involved in peace operations for over sixty years, although our military and police contributions have increased significantly over the last decade. Our involvement has covered the complete spectrum of peace operations and personnel from a number of government agencies have participated in these peace initiatives. In 1947 four Australian ADF officers were the world's first ever peacekeepers when deployed to the Dutch East Indies under the UN Commission in Indonesia (UNCI).

Over the last few years a proposal has been developing that a Peacekeeping Memorial should be built in the national capital Canberra to honour all those who have and will continue to serve on peacekeeping operations. This includes those from the Australian Defence Force, the Federal, State and Territory Police Forces, and Government Agencies who have served and died on peacekeeping operations commanded or authorised by the United Nations or sanctioned by the Government of Australia. **Our definition of peacekeeping aligns with that of the Australian War Memorial, and includes some 60 operations over the last 60 years, including not only UN commanded missions but also coalition arrangements such as is occurring in RAMSI, MFO, Bougainville, Timor Leste, Afghanistan and Iraq.** This proposal has now developed into the Australian Peacekeeping Memorial Project (APMP), and an APMP committee has been formed to develop the Proposal.

APMP Vision

To create a national memorial that will appropriately honour the sacrifice of Australian Peacekeepers in the service of international peace and security, and recognise the courage and professionalism of Australian Peacekeepers in the face of the particular challenges of their operations. The Memorial will be the focus for recognising the continuing significant contribution by Australians to international peacekeeping.

Design Concept

On the 19th of December 2008, the winner of the Australian Peacekeeping Memorial Design Competition was announced at Parliament House. The winner of the competition was [Super Colossal](#), based in Sydney.

Description of the Concept



The Australian Peacekeeping Memorial has two main elements. The first is a glowing passage of light that is a powerful entry for the Memorial. The passage is between two massive monoliths, raised slightly off the ground in a stone courtyard. They make up a monumental structure that is the right size for Anzac Parade. The pathway between the two polished cubes glows with an intense golden light. This light can evoke the Australian Peacekeepers' role and their help to local populations. The Memorial with the lit interior has a striking presence on Anzac Parade both by day and night.

Passers by will see just this imposing bulk, relieved by the glow of light.



As visitors go deeper into the Memorial they can walk through the passage of light they may be reminded of deep canyons in the Australian outback, with towering walls but the uplifting blue sky above. They may feel the warmth and comfort of the light between the two imposing monoliths. They then will come to a courtyard, of more intimate size and feel. It is surrounded by Australian trees. Written in the pavement are words evoking the qualities and

sacrifice of Australian Peacekeepers. Along the back will be a long horizontal beam recording the many peacekeeping missions in which Australians have served and an inclined plane to receive wreathes and other mementoes. This inner space will be suitable for both formal ceremonies and smaller scale commemoration. It will also be a place of quiet reflection on personal experiences and the significance of Peacekeeping.



Around the wall are bronze fixtures so that visitors may place flowers or candles to remember their relatives and loved ones.

How can I help?

The APMP is always looking for sponsors, donors and members. There is a significant amount of money to raise, of which anyone can make the smallest donation or even become a member for \$25. Please visit the APMP website: <http://www.peacekeepingmemorial.org.au/index.php> for further information, news, and how to donate.