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Peacekeeping Memorial design competition

The National Capital Authority is running an international design competition for a new memorial on Anzac Parade on behalf of the Australian Peacekeeping Memorial Project Committee.

The new memorial, expected to cost \$3 million, will commemorate Australia's unrivalled history of peacekeeping around the world.

Australia's first peacekeepers were deployed in 1947 when four Defence Force officers went to the Dutch East Indies under the United Nations Commission in Indonesia.

The new memorial, which is due to be completed on September 14, 2009, National Peacekeepers Day, will be built on the national capital's major ceremonial way Anzac Parade alongside other memorials to Australians who fought and died in the defence of their country.

The Australian Government, under its *Saluting Their Service* commemorations programme, has provided \$200,000 to the Australian Peacekeeping Memorial Project Committee to fund the design competition and to help the committee's fundraising efforts.

NCA chief executive Annabelle Pegrum AM said the design competition would commemorate the courage, sacrifice, service and valour of Australian peacekeepers.

"Our intention is that the memorial is fittingly designed and developed to honour the dedication of more than 30,000 Australians who served alongside regional partners and multinational operations to restore order and maintain the peace," Mrs Pegrum said.

Australian Peacekeeping Memorial Project Commission chairman Major General (Retired) Tim Ford, AO, will chair the competition jury. A prize pool of \$95,000 will be distributed to the winning entries of the two-stage competition.

The NCA, design and arts will also be represented on the jury.

Mrs Pegrum said competition entries would close on October 25 and a short list of up to four entries would be chosen. Each short-listed entry would receive \$15,000 to develop their proposal. They would also be awarded \$5000 for a high quality 1:50 model of their design proposals.

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“The design judged as the winner of stage two, which will be announced in April next year, will receive \$15,000.”

Mrs Pegrum said the design brief called for a memorial that, among other things, would show that Australia’s contribution to peacekeeping exemplified openness, fairness, egalitarianism, mateship, initiative and respect for diversity and social justice for all people.

“The intention is that the winning design will successfully commemorate the contribution and sacrifice of Australian peacekeeping personnel in a sensitive, yet powerful and enduring way.”

The competition has been endorsed by the Royal Australian Institute of Architects, Australian Institute of Landscape Architects and the Planning Institute of Australia.

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