

Submission by Bundanoon Community Association on revised Cenotaphs and Memorials (Protected Places) Security and Protection Policy draft.

I address the extraordinary meeting of 29 May 2024 on behalf of the Bundanoon Community Association (BCA). The Community Association has over 400 members and provides activities and social inclusion for residents of Bundanoon. It has been in operation for over 75 years. Activities include the Garden Ramble and Winterfest as well as a community choir, a theatre group, classical concerts, local cinema, a pipes and drum band, a village beautification group, bushcare group and an award-winning quarterly magazine.

I am a member of the Executive, holding the position of Treasurer. The President is overseas and unable to attend.

This submission is made to respond to the draft Cenotaphs and Memorials (Protected Places) Security and Protection Policy.

The Bundanoon Community Association would like to request that the Bundanoon Soldiers' Memorial Hall is moved from 3.1 Memorials Covered by this Policy to 3.2 Memorials Not Covered by this Policy.

The Bundanoon Community Association has a 21-year lease with Council for the Hall until 30 June 2037. In return for the lease of the Hall, the BCA pays for maintenance and provides community access to the facility to BCA activity groups, exercise groups and other hirers. The Hall is well used and managed with significant volunteer input from BCA members. We intend to renew the lease in 2037 for another 21 years due to the benefit the Hall provides to the village.

There are local events that make use of the curtilage including outside stalls and signage. Activities include Winterfest, the Garden Ramble and Monthly Makers markets to name some. If the Hall is included in the Memorials covered, these will fall under 4.2 Permanent restriction which would prevent this community use.

We note that the Good Yarn, also a part of the Hall would be unable to display goods outside the shop as has been a long-standing tradition under the same permanent restriction.

Being unable to make use of the outside the Hall would significantly impact major events. Further, the side of the Hall has one long-standing place where A0 posters advertising upcoming events are displayed as well as a permanent sign advertising the Makers Market.

No activity by the BCA covers or obscures the name of the building "Soldiers' Memorial Hall".

The Southern Villages War Memorial at the rear of the Hall is used for military commemoration ceremonies and the BCA supports the policy to include the curtilage of this memorial to prevent stalls and signage.

As the Hall is not used for military commemoration ceremonies and is used for community events, we would ask Council to consider amending the entry for the Hall in the Policy.



Bundanoon Community Association (BCA)

Our request is that the entry is moved to 3.2 Memorials Not covered by this Policy with words similar to:

Memorials and Cenotaphs	Address	Suburb	Ownership
Bundanoon Soldiers' Memorial Hall	Church Street	Bundanoon	Long term lease to Bundanoon Community Association and Good Yarn

We sincerely hope this is possible to allow the BCA to continue the significant community activities where the Hall is both the centre and heart of our community.

Thank you. I will table this document as our initial submission.

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