



Management of memorials, monuments and plaques Policy for Anzac Square.

Purpose

To outline the principles for memorials, monuments and/or plaques at Anzac Square including its Memorial Galleries (together referred to as “Anzac Square”).

Background

Anzac Square is listed on the Queensland Heritage Register, with most of the site identified as having a high level of significance.

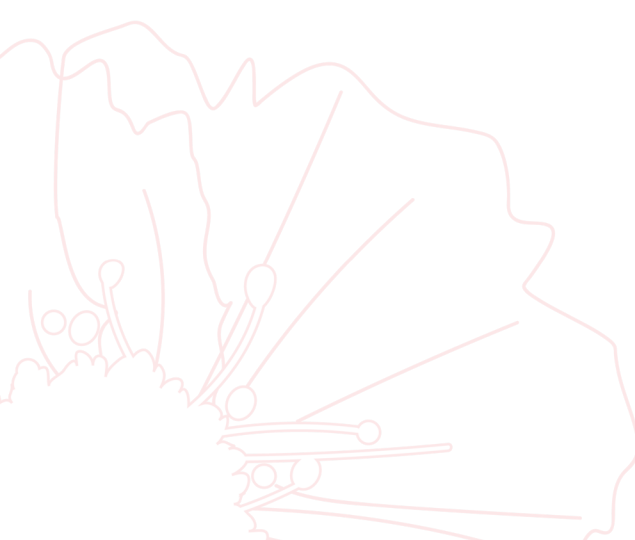
The Queensland Veterans' Council (QVC) holds the Crown Reserve of Anzac Square as Trustee under the Land Act 1994.

One of the functions of the QVC under the *Queensland Veterans' Council Act 2021* is to manage, maintain, preserve and develop Anzac Square as a memorial to honour the service and sacrifice of Queenslanders and other Australians, in war, conflict, peacekeeping and peacemaking.

As Queensland's pre-eminent war memorial, the QVC upholds the principles of Anzac Square being a community place of memorial, quiet contemplation and visually reflective of peace.

Scope and application

This policy applies to all memorials, monuments or plaques in Anzac Square.





Principles

The QVC assumed responsibility for Anzac Square and its Memorial Galleries on 3 November 2023. As befits the state's foremost military service commemorative space, through this policy, the QVC is determining the most appropriate way in which Anzac Square and its memorials, monuments and plaques will be a place for Queenslanders to remember and reflect on our state's experience of war, military conflict and peacekeeping.

Every element of that forms a part of Anzac Square determines how that experience of service shapes our ideals and sense of identity, enriches the experience of visitors and creates a dialogue that reflects the wide and enduring relationship between the Queensland community and its service history. As such, every element that does, or may in the future, form part of Anzac Square, will need to be carefully considered.

Establishment of new memorials, monuments and plaques

The QVC will not accept, consider or determine proposals to establish memorials, monuments and plaques within Anzac Square until further notice. All proposals received prior to 3 November 2023 and not previously accepted will be held in abeyance until further notice.

Existing memorials, monuments and plaques within Anzac Square and its Memorial Galleries will not, and do not, constitute precedents for future approvals.

Maintenance and restoration

All memorials, monuments and/or plaques become the property of the QVC, which will take all reasonable care to maintain them in good condition, including implementing methods to minimise physical defacement, mutilation, or alteration.

If an existing memorial, monument or plaque is destroyed, damaged beyond repair, stolen or otherwise unintentionally removed, the QVC will determine if it is to be replaced and the form it may take if it is replaced.





Placement, relocation and de-accessioning

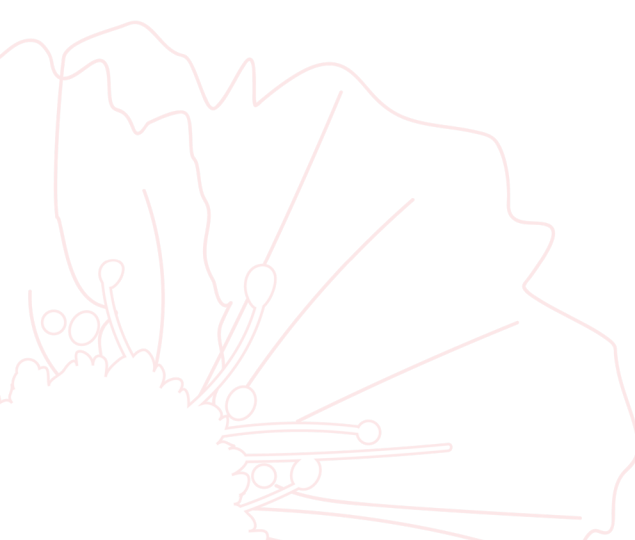
The siting of all memorials, monuments and plaques within Anzac Square is at the discretion of the QVC.

All memorials, monuments and plaques will be reviewed periodically to determine their condition, as well as their relevance, in relation to their location and the collection. If considered necessary by the QVC, the QVC may choose to de-accession, relocate, store, dispose of, or donate the memorial, monument and/or plaque. In the case of de-accession, disposal or donation, the original donor, artist, or their respective families, in the event the donor or artist is deceased, will be given notice of the proposed de-accession, disposal or donation, and where possible and considered appropriate by the QVC, given the option of re-acquiring the memorial, monument and/plaque. In making the decision to de-accession, dispose or donate, the QVC will comply with any legislative, contractual and cultural obligations which may apply to it.

The QVC reserves the right to temporarily relocate the memorial, monument and plaque with out notice in the event of any works being carried out at the site.

Contact

All enquiries in relation to this policy should be directed to secretariat@qvc.qld.gov.au .





Definitions

Term	Meaning
Anzac Square Memorial Galleries	The internal crypt and gallery spaces at Anzac Square located in the undercroft of the Shrine of Remembrance and which incorporates the World War I Memorial Crypt, World War II Memorial Gallery and the Post World War II Memorial Gallery
De-accession	Permanently remove a memorial, monument or plaque from the collection and catalogue
Memorial	A structure or feature or site established to remind people of a person or event
Monument	A structure or feature of historical importance or interest
Plaque	A physical or digital plate or tablet which includes text commemorating the service and sacrifice of Queensland-associated battalions, regiments or other units

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