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The Gallipoli Centenary Peace Campaign's primary objectives include the following: (1) to encourage public discourse about the causes and costs of war (2) to oppose the militarisation of Australian history and (3) to promote public policy and initiatives that contribute to the prevention of war and military conflict in the future.

Allied to these objectives is GCPC's campaign for the establishment of a Peace and Reconciliation Park at Richardson's Lookout in Marrickville. GCPC's proposal is for the dual naming of the park rather than the replacement of the park's current name.

While Marrickville Council has previously supported the establishment of a Peace and Reconciliation Park at Richardson's Lookout<sup>1</sup>, up until now GCPC's preference for the launch of the park to be included in Council's Anzac Centenary Program in April 2015 had not been explicitly supported.

This situation changed at Council's most recent Community and Corporate Services meeting. At its meeting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October, the Committee unanimously endorsed the following amendment to a motion relating to the Cooks River Plan of Management.

The amended motion read:

- 1. The report be received and noted;*
- 2. Consultation and development of a proposal for the designation of Richardson's Lookout as a Peace and Reconciliation Park be incorporated into the Cooks River Parks Plan of Management program as per the Cooks River Plan of Management schedule;*
- 3. Should the Community Consultation reveal majority support for the proposal, that officers commence the process of dual naming Richardson's Lookout and signage redesign with the view to the launch taking place as part of the Gallipoli Centenary Commemorative events in April 2015;*
- 4. That Council endorses a budget adjustment of up to \$15,000 for up to three signs for Richardson's Lookout.*

The endorsement of the amended motion by the Community and Corporate Services Committee is welcomed by GCPC and, subject to consultation, aligns Council's plans for the Peace and Reconciliation Park with GCPC's preference to have the park launched during Council's Anzac Centenary Program next year.

For more information about the above and GCPC's program of activities more generally, contact John Butcher on (02) 9559 3406 or Jon Atkins on 0418 864 907.

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<sup>1</sup> Marrickville Council, Media Release 'Peace and Reconciliation Park for Marrickville', 15 September 2014