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Presentation

Ipswich Rosewood Coal Miners Memorial Proposed Rectification Works

Infrastructure and Environment Department (IED)





Presentation Overview

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Background

- The Ipswich Rosewood Coal Miners Memorial (the memorial) was built in memory of the 185 persons killed in mining related incidents within Ipswich. The memorial was dedicated in late 2015.
- The Ipswich Rosewood Coal Miners Memorial Trust were responsible for the complete planning and design of the memorial.
- Council has received correspondence from family members and other parties identifying errors with information on the memorial.
- Former Mayor Paul Pisasale had outlined to several community members that Council would rectify the errors.
- Council officers escalated to former Council Management the known errors at the time (circa 2017). Due to the perceived high value of the proposed work, any rectifications to the panels was not supported and therefore not progressed.



Key Issues

- The memorial has a total of forty-eight (48) large format bronze panels. The engraving of each bronze panel is unique.
- Select panels contain errors with either names, dates, ages at death or colliery names where persons were killed in mining related incidents within Ipswich.
- To date it appears that 10 panels have been identified with 20 errors (there may be more on further detailed investigation).
- The memorial is now over 7 years old. Attempting to match the aged bronze panelling colour will be challenging and may not be aesthetically pleasing to the community.
- High level estimate for replacement of all panels with “like for like” bronze panelling is estimated to be in the order of \$450,000 (as of 2020).
- Alternate laser cut metal options have had initial investigation as an alternate option, with the intention of affixing the new panels over the existing bronze panels (order of costs is approximately \$300,000 as of 2020).

Proposal

- To manage community expectations, Council may wish to give due consideration to allocating operational funds in the 2023-2024 financial year to support further preliminary planning / investigation to inform potential rectification options.
- If funds are allocated, this could also consider community and / or stakeholder engagement and much refined preliminary cost estimates.



