

# FEATHERSTON COMMUNITY BOARD

4 JUNE 2019  
AGENDA ITEM 8.2

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## SUPPLEMENTARY CHAIR'S REPORT

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### **Purpose of Report**

To seek approval from the Community Board to purchase a wreath for the Battle of Messines Commemoration.

### **Recommendations**

The chairperson recommends that the Community Board:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Recommendation that the Featherston Community Board lay a wreath at the Battle of Messines Commemoration on Sunday 9 June 2019.*
3. *Purchase a wreath costing no more than \$100 (+/- 15%) for the purpose of the wreath laying ceremony.*

## **1. Supporting Material**

At the last Featherston Commemorates meeting, held on 21 May 2019, Peter Jackson, Chair of the Featherston RSA promoted the commemoration of the Battle of Messines. This event was conducted last year as part of the 100 year WWI commemorations.

### **1.1 Email from Peter Jackson Chair of Featherston RSA**

Received on 27 May:

A commemoration of the 102nd anniversary of the Battle of Messines is planned for Sunday 9 June 2019 at 2:00 pm. This event, organised by Featherston Memorial RSA and co-hosted by SWDC, will take place at Featherston's war memorial on Fox Street, and be roughly 35 minutes in duration.

Unlike Anzac Day this commemoration is a more modest affair, however I believe it will be very appropriate nonetheless. To this end, attached is the draft run sheet for the event. Please note that some details are still to be confirmed, but the individual elements are pretty much in their final order.

If you or your organisation wish to lay a wreath, please let me know as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 pm Saturday 8 June.

My vision is that this becomes an annual event for Featherston (held on the nearest Sunday to the 7th of June each year), especially given Featherston's special relationship with Mesen (Messines). The event will no doubt evolve over time, but I feel this is a good start.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

### **1.2 Chair request for purchase of wreath**

On 28 May 2019, I forwarded this email to the FCB asking if the Board wants to lay a wreath and a suggestion on how much this might cost.

Some replies have been received.

## **2. Financial Considerations**

On 31 May 2019, I sent an email asking Barbara Gavan, who usually orders the wreaths for events, for a cost. Her reply was around \$100.

I recommend that we agree to spend \$100 (+/- 25%) on a wreath for this event. This will account for any possible increase in the service and GST.

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