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Please Sign an e-petition to the Brisbane City Council proposing a Memorial to the "Centaur" Hospital Ship, established in time for the 85th Anniversary of its sinking.

Dear members and friends,

We have received a particularly important request from our Association's Special Projects Officer – Mr Peter Rasey. He would like you to Sign an e-petition to the Brisbane City Council proposing a Memorial in Brisbane to the "Centaur" Hospital Ship.



The sinking of the "Centaur" Hospital ship off Brisbane also had an American connection. The American Navy destroyer "USS Mugford" rescued survivors from the sea and brought them back to Brisbane. As the survivors were picked up off Caloundra, it was understandable that previous memorials to those who lost their lives, were originally located in that area. However, it was not until the wreck of the "Centaur" was finally discovered that its actual resting place was confirmed as - off Brisbane.

The Petition has been started, which closes on the 11/11/26, that seeks to have a Memorial to the Centaur established in time for the 85th Anniversary of its sinking.

That Petition can be found at:
https://www.epetitions.brisbane.qld.gov.au/petition/view/pid/1597

Peter advises you to follow the instructions shown on the next page:-

Best to start by looking at the petition and noting the number of signatures, and who is last initial and Suburb listing.

Complete the details as requested, noting that a valid email address is required, as a confirming email will be sent once you lodged the Petition support.

Compete the Ward question if you are not a resident of Brisbane, you still must answer this section, the very first box, in the ward section, tick it “Not a resident”. As a failsafe a box exists that must be ticked if you’re not a resident, the system cross checks, address to the ward question, to this answer. Confusing yes, I agree, but it is, what it is.

Once you answered as to your preference about getting updates, and that you agree to the Terms and Conditions, hit Sign e-petition.

Now if the system appears to do nothing, then one of the answers has not been to its liking, fix, and retry. At some point it says successfully lodged and tells you to check your inbox.

Now if you don’t check your inbox and confirm that yes, you did in fact lodge support for the Petition Now as a double check, look back to the petition and look at the actual list go to the end. Do you see your initial and suburb? If not go back and recheck the email received and re-click acceptance. If no email go back into sign the petition and recheck the process of signing and move from there.

The petition outlines a good case for the National Australian Defence Chaplains Grove, and the history of ANZAC Park is very interesting, as can be heard in this YouTube Video:- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9EGXfeIZIKw

However one fact that the Petition overlooked, which I have been reminded of is the Australian Army Sappers have a Memorial in the Park; An incomplete project. The Australian France Friendship Bridge. Which has a twin in Amiens France.

So Anzac Park honours Chaplains, Sappers, and Nurses. With a Bottle tree as a long-lasting living Memorial to the Memory of the origins of ANZAC Day. Or will be if it ever gets a sign explaining its origin.

YouTube supporting recordings can be found at:-
hps://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FP8ubmh9yEw&list=PLv0V6xrruq2lOdJSBLOXYDB12sUswsoRG

Fraternally yours,

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