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PRESS RELEASE 7th May 2007 Peacekeepers Applaud Memorial Site Allocation

The Chairman of the Australian Peacekeeping Memorial Project committee Major General Tim Ford AO Rtd, has welcomed the decision by the Canberra National Memorials Committee announced by the Prime Minister today to allocate a site on ANZAC Parade in Canberra for a proposed national memorial to Australian Peacekeepers.

The proposed Australian Peacekeeping Memorial, being managed by the Australian Peacekeeping Memorial Project and funded through public and corporate subscription, will be designed to both appropriately commemorate and celebrate all aspects of Australian peacekeeping.

“The memorial will commemorate the courage, sacrifice, service and valour of all Australian Peacekeepers, military, police and civilian and will reflect the same spirit of service as do other cenotaphs and memorials across Australia and on ANZAC Parade in Canberra which honour the service of Australians in other distinguished campaigns,” Major General Ford said.

Australia’s association with peacekeeping operations started nearly 60 years ago on the 14th September 1947, when four Australian Military officers were deployed by Australia as part of a United Nations Good Offices Commission. Since then, Australia has contributed over 46,000 Australian military and police to more than fifty peace operations around the world. Thousands of other Australians have also served on peacekeeping operations in a civilian capacity.

Major General Ford said the allocation of a site was a major milestone for the project, and now the hard work would begin to ensure the appropriate funding was secured to build the memorial itself.

“I encourage all Australians who have served on various peacekeeping and peace support operations, in whatever capacity, to consider joining the memorial project because this memorial will be theirs,” he said.

Major General Ford also encouraged the Australian community and business to get behind the project, saying tax free donations towards this project would enable the construction of a lasting tribute to Australian peacekeeping of which all Australians could be proud.

You can find out much more about the plans for the Memorial by visiting the APMP web site at www.peacekeepingmemorial.org.au .