

Appendix 2: The differences between the August 2021 Council Agenda Paper and the August 2022 Council Agenda Paper

Again, we will use the pagination in the online version of [AO643](#), which contains the 2022 paper, followed by the 2021 paper.

AO643 pp. 41, 3: slippage of dates:

2021 paper: 'The Gallery Development Project team to deliver this [pre-First World War] gallery will be formed in mid-2024 and the new gallery will be opened in late-2027'.

2022 paper: 'The Gallery Development Project team to deliver this gallery will be formed in mid - 2025 and the new gallery will be opened in mid - late-2028'.

AO643, pp. 45, 7: tweaking of description of views of historians:

2021 paper: 'This view [1910, of historian Ernest Scott, about Australia's history of "unruffled peace"] changed little over the next 50 years'.

2022 paper: phrase inserted, 'Among academic historians, this view ...'

AO643, pp. 48, 10: major amendment to Geoffrey Blainey's role in 1979:

2021 paper: 'Debate over the issue of frontier wars at the Australian War Memorial dates to 1979, when a report commissioned by the Memorial on its exhibitions by historian (and later Memorial Council member) Geoffrey Blainey recommended that the Memorial needed to include frontier wars in the galleries "within the next decade". Blainey's proposal was rejected by Council.'

2022 paper: 'Debate over the issue of frontier wars at the Australian War Memorial dates to 1979, when, in response to a request to suggest exhibition themes, historian (and later Memorial Council member) Geoffrey Blainey observed, "Within the next decade, I imagine that the Memorial will have to include a section on Aboriginal-European warfare, including the Black War in Tasmania in the 1830s, the guerrilla attacks on white settlers etc." Blainey's proposal was given serious consideration and expanded upon by Memorial Council Member W.D.L. (David) Ride AM, in a July 1979 paper that was disseminated to the Executive Committee.'

AO643, p. 24: new material on Ngurra Precinct plans for Canberra:

2022 paper: 'The Australian Government has announced its commitment to establish a national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural precinct in Canberra on the Land Axis at the southern foreshore of Lake Burley Griffin. This cultural precinct will be named Ngurra and will comprise a National Indigenous Knowledge and Cultural Centre and a National Resting Place to house and care for repatriated limited provenance ancestral remains and any associated cultural material on their journey back to Country. The Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, Mr Craig Ritchie, has informally advised the Director that Ngurra will not be telling the stories of frontier wars.' (That final sentence was redacted in [the version made available in October 2022 to Honest History under FOI](#), page 22. See discussion in the post under heading 'Misleading treatment of the Ngurra option'.)

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