



MINISTER FOR VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Departmental No. 279 of 2022

Minute Paper for the Executive Council

Executive Council
Meeting No.

Subject

Australian War Memorial Act 1980

Council of the Australian War Memorial –
Part-time Member – Reappointment 2022

Approved in Council

Recommended for the approval of His Excellency the Governor General in Council that, by instrument in the attached form and under subsection 10(2) of the *Australian War Memorial Act 1980*, he reappoint the Hon Anthony John Abbott AC to be a part-time member of the Council of the Australian War Memorial for a period of three years beginning on the later of 19 September 2022 and the date of signature.

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David Hurley
Governor-General

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Filed in the Records
of the Council

Matthew Keogh
Minister for Veterans' Affairs

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Secretary to the Executive Council



Council of the Australian War Memorial – Part-time Member - Reappointment 2022

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Dated

2022

David Hurley
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

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Matthew Keogh
Minister for Veterans' Affairs

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Minute No. 279 of 2022 – Minister for Veterans' Affairs

Subject - *Australian War Memorial Act 1980*

Council of the Australian War Memorial – Part-time Member –
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The proposed instrument would reappoint the Hon Anthony John Abbott AC to the Council of the Australian War Memorial as a part-time member for a period of three years, beginning on the later of 19 September 2022 and the date of signature, to assist in managing the Council's responsibilities during a period of significant change, noting the current major redevelopment project at the Australian War Memorial.

The Australian War Memorial (the Memorial) is established by the *Australian War Memorial Act 1980* (the Act). Its key functions are to maintain and develop a national memorial of Australians who have died on, or as a result of, active service or as a result of any war or warlike operations in which Australians have been on active service.

Section 9 of the Act establishes the Council of the Australian War Memorial (the Council) to be responsible for the conduct and control of the affairs of the Memorial and for the determination of the policy of the Memorial.

Subsection 10(1) of the Act provides that the Council shall consist of the Chief of Navy, the Chief of Army, the Chief of Air Force, and not less than 8 nor more than 10 other members. The other members shall be appointed by the Governor-General, having regard to their knowledge and experience with respect to matters relevant to the functions of the Memorial, see subsection 10(2) of the Act.

An appointed member holds office on a part-time basis, and for a term not exceeding three years, as is fixed by the Governor-General in the instrument of appointment, under subsection 10(3) of the Act.

The Minute recommends the reappointment of Mr Abbott as a part-time member of the Council for a period of three years beginning on the later of 19 September 2022 and the date of signature. This would be Mr Abbott's second term as a member of the Council.

Mr Abbott served as the Prime Minister of Australia between 2013 and 2015. He served as the member for Warringah in Australian parliament between 1994 and 2019. Mr Abbott has degrees in economics and law from Sydney University and a Masters of the Arts from the University of Oxford which he attended as a Rhodes Scholar.

Since 1998, Mr Abbott has convened the Pollie Pedal annual bike ride which raised significant funds for organisations such as Soldier On and Carers Australia. Mr Abbott is also the patron to several charities including Soldier On, the International Sports Promotion Society, and Worldwide Support for Development.

In 2020 Mr Abbott was appointed as a Companion of the Order of Australia, and in 2022 he was conveyed with the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun.



There are currently ten appointed members on the Council. The current gender balance representation on the Council is 60 per cent male and 40 per cent female board members. The reappointment of Mr Abbott would maintain the current gender balance representation. The three ex-officio members are not counted as part of the gender balance reporting.

Mr Abbott's curriculum vitae is attached.

The Minute recommends that the reappointment be made in the form proposed.

For the purposes of subsection 10(2) of the *Australian War Memorial Act 1980*, I certify that the Hon Anthony John Abbott AC is suitable for reappointment to the Council of the Australian War Memorial by virtue of his knowledge and experience with respect to matters relevant to the functions of the Australian War Memorial.



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Minister for Veterans' Affairs

Authority: Subsection 10(2) of the
Australian War Memorial Act 1980

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: The Honourable Anthony (Tony) Abbott AC

Address: **s 47F**

Date of birth: 4 November 1957

Present position: Ramsay Centre for Western Civilisation, Director
Council of the Australian War Memorial, Member
UK Board of Trade, Adviser

Educational and professional qualifications:

1989: Rhodes Scholar, The Queens College, Oxford
1989: Master of Arts, University of Oxford
1981: Bachelor of Laws, University of Sydney
1979: Bachelor of Economics, University of Sydney

Relevant experience:

2013-2015: 28th Prime Minister of Australia
2009-2013: Leader of the Opposition, Leader of the Liberal Party
2008-2009: Shadow Minister for Families Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
2003-2007: Minister for Health and Aging
1998-present: Convener of Pollie Pedal annual bike ride charity fundraiser for Soldier On, Carers Australia and other charities
1996-2007: Minister for the Howard Government
1994-2019: Member for Warringah

Current Board Memberships:

Ramsay Centre for Western Civilisation
Council of the Australian War Memorial
UK Board of Trade

Former Board Memberships:

N/A

Awards:

2022: Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun

2020: Companion of the Order of Australia

2001: Centenary Medal

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N/A.



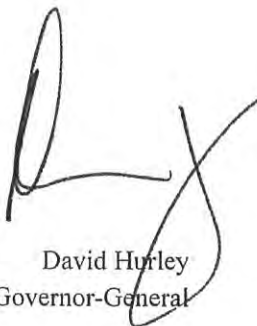
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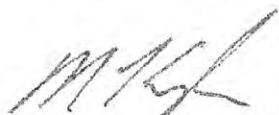
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