



## Selection criteria for the Woollahra Council Plaque Scheme

### General policy

- Woollahra Arts and Culture Advisory committee will recommend to Council on the nominated plaques to be awarded in any given year.
- Woollahra Arts and Culture Advisory committee will recommend priorities to Council among plaque nominations received.
- Where a plaque nomination has been considered and rejected by the Woollahra Arts and Culture Advisory committee and Council as it does not meet the selection criteria, the same plaque nomination cannot be considered again for ten years.
- Where a plaque nomination has met the selection criteria but was not a priority for a given year, the same plaque nomination can be resubmitted in the following year.
- The Woollahra Council Plaque Scheme should be open to reflecting the rich variety of Australian life by including representatives of every social group and sphere of endeavour.
- The location of individual plaques should be consistent with current planning, heritage and environmental policies and Plans of Management.
  - i. Plaques to be installed in a place under the permanent care and control of Council. This includes, but is not limited to, Council infrastructure such as parks, reserves, footpaths, fences and walls, and privately owned buildings or sites subject to a covenant, the benefit of which covenant is given to Council to install and enter and maintain and repair, and the burden of which lies with the subject land and successors in title.
  - ii. A building marked with a plaque would need to be clearly visible by pedestrians within the public domain.
- Nomination for a plaque and the decision to award one is not a substitute for the assessment of heritage significance carried out for potential heritage items. The award of a plaque does not represent a decision of Council to elevate a building or place to the status of a heritage item.
- The form of name, forename or title in the inscription on a plaque should be in accordance with that given in a standard English work of reference, or as would be readily recognisable to a well-informed passer-by.

## **Selection of People**

Woollahra Council will consider installing plaques to commemorate people in those cases where the following requirements are met:

- They have resided in the Woollahra Local Government area or the local area had a central significance to the proposed person nominated.
- In the case of a plaque nomination which has been proposed for their contribution to their chosen field or craft, they should be regarded as eminent by a majority of members in their field of endeavor.
- They have made a significant contribution to the development of Australia and its culture and/or the local area.
- They must be of good moral character. Good moral character refers to a personal history of honesty, fairness, and respect for the rights of others and for State and Federal law.
- Except where exceptional circumstances exist, proposals for the commemoration of exceptional people shall not be considered until they have been dead for ten years or until the centenary of birth whichever is the earlier. This allows a person's reputation to mature and to help ensure that their achievements can be assessed dispassionately.
- Suggestions for a plaque will not be considered where the person is already commemorated by a plaque within the Woollahra Local Government area.

## **Selection of Events**

Woollahra Council will consider installing plaques to commemorate significant historical or cultural events where the following requirements are met:

- The nominated event occurred within the Woollahra LGA.
- The nominated event was of historic interest which illustrates aspects of Australian social, economic, cultural or military history.
- The nominated event has made significant contribution to the development of Australia and its culture and/or the local area.
- Suggestions for a plaque will not be considered where the event is already commemorated by a plaque within the Woollahra Local Government area.