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Cr Bob Turner
Mayor City of Melton
232 High St Melton,
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Dear Mr Mayor (Bob),

Re – Vietnam Veterans Memorial Inscriptions

The Melton & District Sub-branch of the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia is thankful for the relationship that we enjoy with the Council, and we want to express our appreciation for all that you and your fellow Councillors do for us. We write to you with a request for assistance that we are hoping Council will consider.

You may be aware that our articles of association require our Sub-branch to wind-up operating when our membership falls below a total number of 10. Whilst we believe this to be many years away from happening, members have recently been discussing our need to plan for the future around a number of matters. One of these matters is the inscribing of the names of veterans on the black marble Vietnam Veterans War Memorial on High St, Melton. Currently, the Sub-branch is responsible for adding the names of eligible veterans to the memorial at the time of their passing. Our concern is that when the Sub-branch winds-up, we will need the support of another organisation to take this responsibility, and we are hoping that Council will agree to be that organisation.

If Council agree to assist the VVAA in this way, the Sub-branch will communicate with our membership and create a register of veterans eligible for this honour. We will also create a process that places the responsibility with the families or loved ones of the veterans to notify Council when the time comes to inscribe the name on the memorial. The process will effectively mean that when contacted by a veteran's family in the future, Council checks the register for the name of the veteran to confirm eligibility, and then organises for a stone mason to inscribe the name. If Council agrees to take on this role, we will ensure that we provide a complete list of all eligible veterans so that there can be no issues in the future.

We thank you for considering our request, and we would be happy to meet to discuss this further. Once again, thank you for the ongoing support and relationship that the Council has with the Melton & District Sub-branch.

Yours sincerely

John Hodges

Member UOC (Under Our Control) committee

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