



LIKENESS: The Port Lincoln Bugler statue will be similar to this Bugler From Burwood statue.

Bugler statue ready for Anzac

THE Port Lincoln Bugler statue at the war memorial is set to be unveiled during next year's Anzac Day service.

The statue has been commissioned and funded by Port Lincoln identity Peter Teakle.

Mr Teakle's son Nicholas Teakle is managing the project on his behalf and approached the RSL and Port Lincoln City Council with the statue proposal after their family saw the community's donations and support for the war memorial upgrade earlier this year.

"Peter's father Roy served in Darwin and Guinea," Nicholas Teakle said.

"We were impressed by the strong community outreach toward the war memorial project and wanted to contribute.

"Peter had previously worked with a sculptor he thought could assist with the project."

The sculptor is Brisbane's Bodo Mucbe, who was commissioned by the Queensland Merino Stud Sheepbreeders Association to sculpt the maquette of the Merino Ewe and Lamb for the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre that was presented to Queen Elizabeth II in 1988.

Mr Mucbe is also known for his sculpture of Simpson and the Donkey for Coffs Harbour and his life size commemorative works of impressionist artists Hugh Sawrey and Jack Howe.

He was awarded 2010 artist of the year by the International

Game Fishing Association.

Peter was introduced to Mr Mucbe's craftsmanship at the IGFA Auction and Banquet event in Florida, where he was presented with a trophy designed by Mr Mucbe for winning the 2012/13 Great Marlin Race.

The race is for highest distance travelled and Peter's win was achieved with a 360kg black marlin tagged and released during the Lizard Island Black Marlin Classic, with the tag registering a distance of 4773km and providing valuable other research data to Stanford University in California.

On his return to Australia Mr Teakle contacted Mr Mucbe and commissioned him to produce larger tuna and marlin statues, including the stainless

steel tuna heralding the entry and exit point of the Port Lincoln marina.

The local statue will be a World War I Gallipoli 1st Light Horse Brigade bugler in recognition of Port Lincoln and Eyre Peninsula's strong military history.

The HMAT Port Lincoln shipped many of the regiments of the ANZAC Light Horse Brigade to Egypt.

About 180,000 horses were shipped from Australian ports in the Boer War and World War I, including many from the Coffin Bay Peninsula.

The bugler will have a likeness to Mr Mucbe's Bugler From Burwood statue unveiled in Burwood Park, New South Wales on Anzac Day this year, the centenary of the first landing at

Gallipoli.

The local piece will be made from bronze, in a "lost wax process" where metal is cast into a mould, the cavity of which is formed with wax that is heated and drained.

The sculpture will be installed in the war memorial gardens and enhance the works done for this year's Gallipoli anniversary.

Nicholas said at this stage the plan was for the plinth that the statue would stand on to be made from Adelaide Hills Kanmantoo bluestone.

"We originally considered a sandstone plinth but have settled on a bluestone finish in order to better match existing tiling on the feature display wall.

"The goal is to integrate this new feature into an already impressive memorial."

More sheep injured, killed by dogs

TWO separate dog attacks on sheep in the Lower Eyre district in the last month have caused the Lower Eyre Peninsula District Council to remind dog owners of their responsibilities.

The Lower Eyre Peninsula District Council general inspector responded to an attack on Shearwater Drive where four ewes and lambs were killed or had to be put down due to serious injury.

A second attack on Richardson Road resulted in two young lambs suffering severe injuries.

The council's acting chief executive officer, Leith Blacker, said the council was trying to minimise the number of dogs wandering around the district by conducting patrols and speaking with dog owners.

"Most attacks happen during the night and when dog owners do not have adequate measures in place to

prevent their dogs from wandering," he said.

"Council is trying to encourage good dog behaviour (and) effective control by having adequate fencing to prevent the dog from wandering off of the property, keeping the dog inside at night or restraining the dog."

In a report to the September council meeting, acting development and environmental services manager Robert Fox said a dog was found wandering along Sheppard Road and was impounded.

He said council staff were now attempting to re-house the dog after the person caring for it said the owner no longer wanted the dog nor was willing to look after it.

Mr Blacker said unfortunately there was not a lot sheep owners could do except to report wandering dogs to the council.

Gun amnesty could become permanent

LOCAL owners of unregistered firearms will be able to hand them in without facing charges during a gun amnesty starting in December.

Port Lincoln police Senior Constable Vicky Taylor said the last gun amnesty in 2012 had been successful with more than 3000 firearms surrendered.

"It's definitely beneficial, particularly for farmers and older generations of people who have had firearms in their houses in the loft or in the cupboard, secured away and forgotten about.

"It's these people that end up getting charged."

Senior Constable

Taylor said often people had an old firearm that did not work or had pieces missing and they did not realise it was still an offence to have possession of an unregistered gun.

Under the seven-month amnesty anyone who illegally possesses a firearm, ammunition, a firearm part, silencer or a restricted mechanism can surrender it without any action being taken against them in respect to their unlawful possession at the time.

The amnesty will run from December 1 to June 30, 2016 to mark the introduction of the Firearms Bill 2015 but the amnesty could become permanent if

the Bill is successful.

Police minister Tony Piccolo said stakeholders from the firearms sector, farming groups, judiciary, police and victims' advocates consulted over the Bill agreed a permanent amnesty would be welcome.

"Whilst the Bill obviously needs to be debated, we would hope that something strongly supported by both SAPOL and the sector will not be removed from the Bill.

"Therefore, we have decided on an amnesty that will run until 30 June 2016 in anticipation of the new Bill passing and general amnesty commencing on 1 July."

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