Winning design for national emergency services memorial

In his remarks the Prime Minister included:

“Australia has long needed a national memorial to mark the nation’s respect for the enormous sacrifices that so many people in our emergency services make in the interests of our own personal safety and in the interests of our national well-being.

This announcement (of the winning design) takes place only a short period of time after the Australian community living in Canberra has been particularly reminded of the ferocity of natural events, and has had the opportunity of seeing on full and such effective display the capacity of our emergency services. We were all greatly touched by what they did, we’re all very grateful to them for what they did. And at a time when people are...
And on every occasion there’s a magnificent willingness on the part of Australians to come together – the community – differences are forgotten, inhibitions fall away and people work together.

This Memorial will honour especially those who’ve died making Australia a safer place and helping their fellow Australians. The Memorial will be located at the western edge of Kings Park (at the site previously dedicated) and is scheduled for completion within the next 12 months.

I have great pleasure in announcing the winning design, and the winning design fulfils very much the requirements of the design brief to commemorate the contribution and sacrifice of emergency services personnel in a sensitive, yet very powerful way. A simple yet moving design that allows for visits to the Memorial to be both private and shared. And the winner – the design was submitted by ASPECT Melbourne Proprietary Limited.

EMA is represented on the Steering Committee for the project through DGEMA, David Templeman. David was represented at this event by EMA Director Development, Neil Head. Neil will co-ordinate a more detailed coverage of the Memorial, and its implications for future commemorations and activities at the site, for the next edition of AJEM.

The Prime Minister, Mr John Howard, with emergency services representatives attending the announcement of the winning designer for the Australian Emergency Services Memorial at Parliament House.