

**TASMANIAN FOREST MEMORIAL
APPLICATION FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUE**



**Heritage Park
Geeveston**

Geeveston and the Huon Valley

The Huon Valley Council covers 5497 square kilometres and is the southern most local government area in Australia with about 15,000 residents. Despite its proximity to Hobart, a 40 minute drive away, the area retains the beauty, charm and heritage of a bygone era.

The natural beauty of the area is evident with pristine rivers meandering through valleys bordered by world heritage listed National Parks. Bush walkers are able to enjoy numerous walks ranging from a tree top walk at Tahune Airwalk or a five hour trek to South Cape, Australia's Southernmost point.

The Huon Valley is renowned for its produce, mushrooms, wine, seafood, fruit and gourmet delicacies as well as the best apples in Australia. Lovers of art and craft are well catered for, with local artists creating everything from pottery to wood carvings and everything in between. Craft shops and galleries are dotted throughout the region, many with working displays in addition to sales. The Franklin Wooden Boat School demonstrates how Tasmania's fine timbers are turned into boats.

Geeveston is located in the Huon Valley, 62 km south west of Hobart on the Huon Highway and is known as the 'Forest Town'.

Although the area was explored as early as 1804, only months after the establishment of the colony at Hobart Town, it was deemed unsuitable for development. In about 1850 the family of William Geeves moved to the area known as Lightwood Bottom. The town's name was changed to Geeves Town in 1861 and this eventually became Geeveston.

The history of Geeveston is linked to timber. It is commonplace to be caught behind a timber truck hauling huge logs from the nearby forests to the local mills and pulping operation.

Timber lovers can also visit the Geeveston Forest and Heritage Centre to discover the history of forestry in the region.

The Tasmanian Forest Memorial is a further example of how the area has embraced its heritage.

The Tasmanian Forest Memorial

The Tasmanian Forest Memorial is located amongst a grove of native trees at Heritage Park in Geeveston, alongside to the Kermadie River.

The memorial consists of plaque installations in memory of those who have lost their lives while working in the forest industry in Tasmania.

Family members & loved ones of those who lost their lives while working in the Tasmanian Forest Industry can submit an application for a plaque to be included on the memorial.

Eligibility Criteria

The general guideline for eligibility (without precluding others who may be considered worthy of inclusion) is

“Those persons who were deriving a living from the forest in Tasmania at the time of their death by accident”

Those persons who are deemed to be eligible shall be entitled to be memorialised by the placement of a plaque on one of the memorials to be constructed on the site within Heritage Park.

Each plaque will commemorate the life (or lives) of a person (or persons) who have died by accident during the course of earning their living from the Forest in Tasmania.

The Tasmanian Forest Memorial Management Committee retains the right to make the final decision on matters of eligibility or other matters relating to the placement of plaques and the wording of plaques and any other matters of dispute relating to the Tasmanian Forest Memorial. If necessary decisions will be made in consultation with the Huon Valley Council and/or other relevant authorities.

Management of the Tasmanian Forest Memorial

Plaques for placement on the memorial must be approved by the Management Committee using the application form available from the Huon Valley Council.

The application form must be accompanied by details of the person to be commemorated, including proof of the person's eligibility. It may be necessary in some cases to obtain Statutory Declarations to assist in establishing eligibility although generally copies of archival documents will suffice.

Plaques sizes will be standardised to ensure most efficient use of available space. The location of the plaque on the memorial is a decision of the Management Committee

The cost of a standard plaque will be dependent on the size and layout (please refer to the Tasmanian Forest Memorial Committee for a quotation) and payment will be required on approval of the application.

A proof will be supplied to show applicants the plaque lay-out before final casting. The proof must be signed as acceptable by the applicant and forwarded with the balance of payment before the final order is submitted.

Address for Correspondence:

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C/- Huon Valley Council
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TASMANIAN FOREST MEMORIAL APPLICATION FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUE

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

DETAILS OF PERSON TO BE COMMEMORATED ON MEMORIAL PLAQUE

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Address at Time
of Death: _____

Location of Death: _____

Employer at Time
of Death: _____

Details of Death (attach relevant documents that assist in proving eligibility)

Relevant documents may include death certificates, archival documents, newspaper articles, Coroners reports, employer letters, etc.

TASMANIAN FOREST MEMORIAL PLAQUE LAY-OUT

Line 1: First Name: _____ Other Names: _____ Surname: _____

Line 2: Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

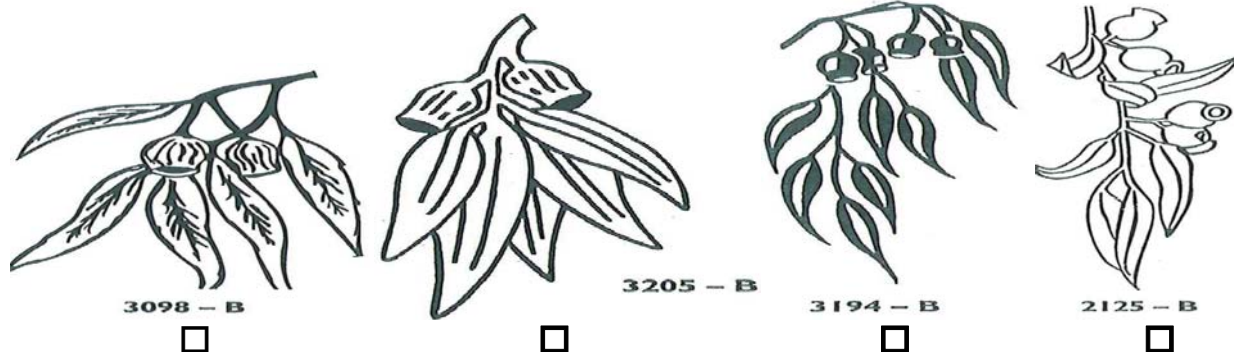
Line 3: Date of Death _____ Location of Death _____

Lines 4 - 7: Details of Death

Line 8: Extra Line for Family Details

Lines 9: Extra line for Special Message

Plaque emblem:



Please return completed forms to:

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