



## **JERILDERIE SHIRE COUNCIL**

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **THE JERILDERIE PROPOSITION**

**COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTS JERILDERIE PROPOSITION: Field Marshal John Monash.**

Jerilderie Shire Council, at its meeting of 27 October 2015, unanimously passed a resolution in support of posthumously promoting Sir John Monash one step in rank to Field Marshal.

Mayor, Cr Ruth McRae, said today that Council was determined to see long overdue recognition for Monash, who was a student at the Jerilderie Primary School in the 1870s, and returned years later to successfully defend Jerilderie downstream irrigators against upstream block weirs.

"As we work through the various important centenaries of WW 1, including the 100th Anniversary of Monash conducting the first in the field ANZAC Day service near the Suez Canal 25 April 1916, now is the time to make this symbolic vital gesture", Mayor McRae said.

"Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull's support is encouraging. Whilst he will want to consult further on both sides of the aisle on this, in August 2013 he stated categorically his support of the Jerilderie proposition"

To quote PM Turnbull: *I fully support the move of Tim Fischer and Josh Frydenberg and many others in the Parliament to have the great man (pointing to a bust of Sir John Monash) here posthumously appointed Field Marshal.*  
End of Quote.

The Jerilderie Proposition will be forwarded to the Prime Minister through local Federal Member for Farrer, the Hon Sussan Ley, MP for consideration and to help lay a firm base for consultations. The Jerilderie Proposition sprang from the book written by Tim Fischer titled "Maestro John Monash", launched in Jerilderie and Melbourne last year.

When asked to comment, Tim Fischer said the Jerilderie Proposition was very timely and helped drive forward, from the bottom up, long overdue promotion of Monash, who had received zero awards from any Australian Government after 11 / 11 / 1918.

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#### ***THE JERILDERIE PROPOSITION RE SIR JOHN MONASH***

***November 2015***

***Following on the outstanding contribution of Sir John Monash to State and Nation before, during and after World War 1 and reflecting the fact that Sir John Monash received no Australian Awards or Honours post 11 November 1918, the Prime Minister approve by Government Gazette publication, the posthumous promotion of one step in rank of General Sir John Monash to the rank of Australian Field Marshal, with effect 11 November 1930, one year after Sir John Monash was eventually promoted to the rank of General.***  
***ENDS***

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