***W. Clark Trophy and Garrison Bugle Custodianship***

*Transfer from Australian Army*

*To Warrnambool City Council: Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village,*

***Speech of Acceptance by Mayor Kylie Gaston, 11th August 2016***

“Warrnambool has a long history built around our Harbour and its protection. The Victorian Heritage Listed Warrnambool garrison, which Warrnambool City Council are custodians of, are a vital piece of our community collective heritage that is maintained by Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village.

Indeed the Warrnambool garrison is one of the **most active** and **best preserved pieces** of our nation’s early colonial heritage.

Our Garrison volunteers at Flagstaff Hill maintain this garrison and of course **continue to fire** the historic 80 pound cannons on regular occas1ons.

The resulting **boom across the city** reminds us all of this piece of our regions heritage - **all** including the towns dogs that tend to not appreciate the garrison as much.

Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village, as a fully accredited museum under the Museums Australia accreditation program **has actively sort** to increase **awareness** that this site contains **much more** than a tourist attraction on the hill.

Through the "Collection Crew" volunteers they have digitised and shared the collection through the internet and the many thousands of people that visit the site each year.

Today we are here to receive from the Australian Army two significant pieces for the Warrnambool Garrison.

In 1861 the Garrison Bugle was presented by the ladies of Warrnambool to then Volunteer Rifle Company with great fanfare. This very early piece of our city heritage will proudly be one of the most significant items in the Flagstaff Hill collection for years to come.

The W Clarke’s Trophy also highlights the various garrisons of the then colony of Victoria and competitions that fired our 80 pounds cannons in spirited target competitions. It will certainly encourage more guests to explore the restored garrison area here at Flagstaff Hill.

Warrnambool City Council and Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village are very proud to be custodians of these items and trust that we can share these pieces with a wide audience for many years to come.“