



Olive Tree of Peace was planted on the Western Lawn of the Shrine in 1973 to commemorate Legacy's 50th Anniversary by Legatee Frank Doolan





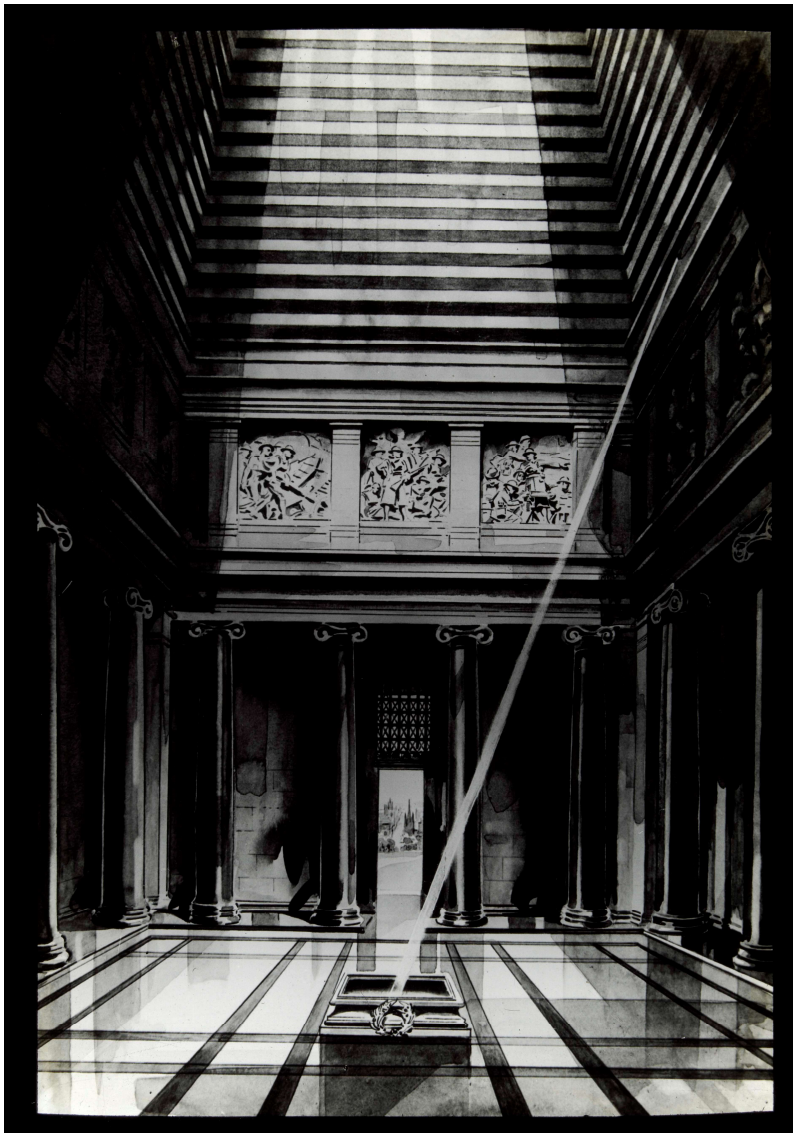
Olive Tree of Peace was transplanted in 2003 into one of the new inner courtyards of the Shrine - this is Melbourne Legacy President Tony Parkes



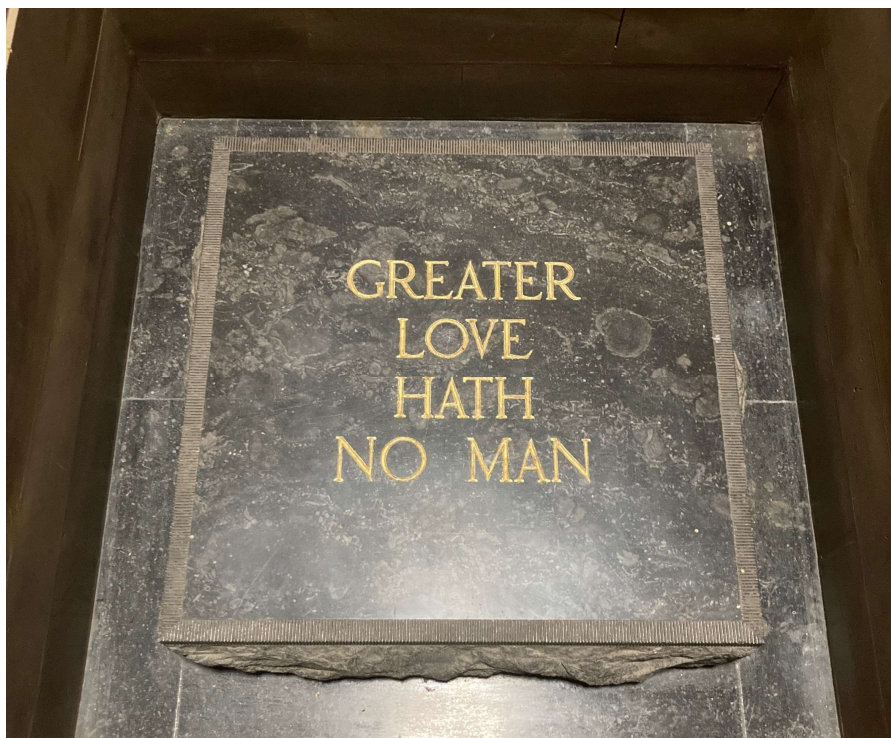
Olive Tree of Peace was transplanted during the Shrine's redevelopment



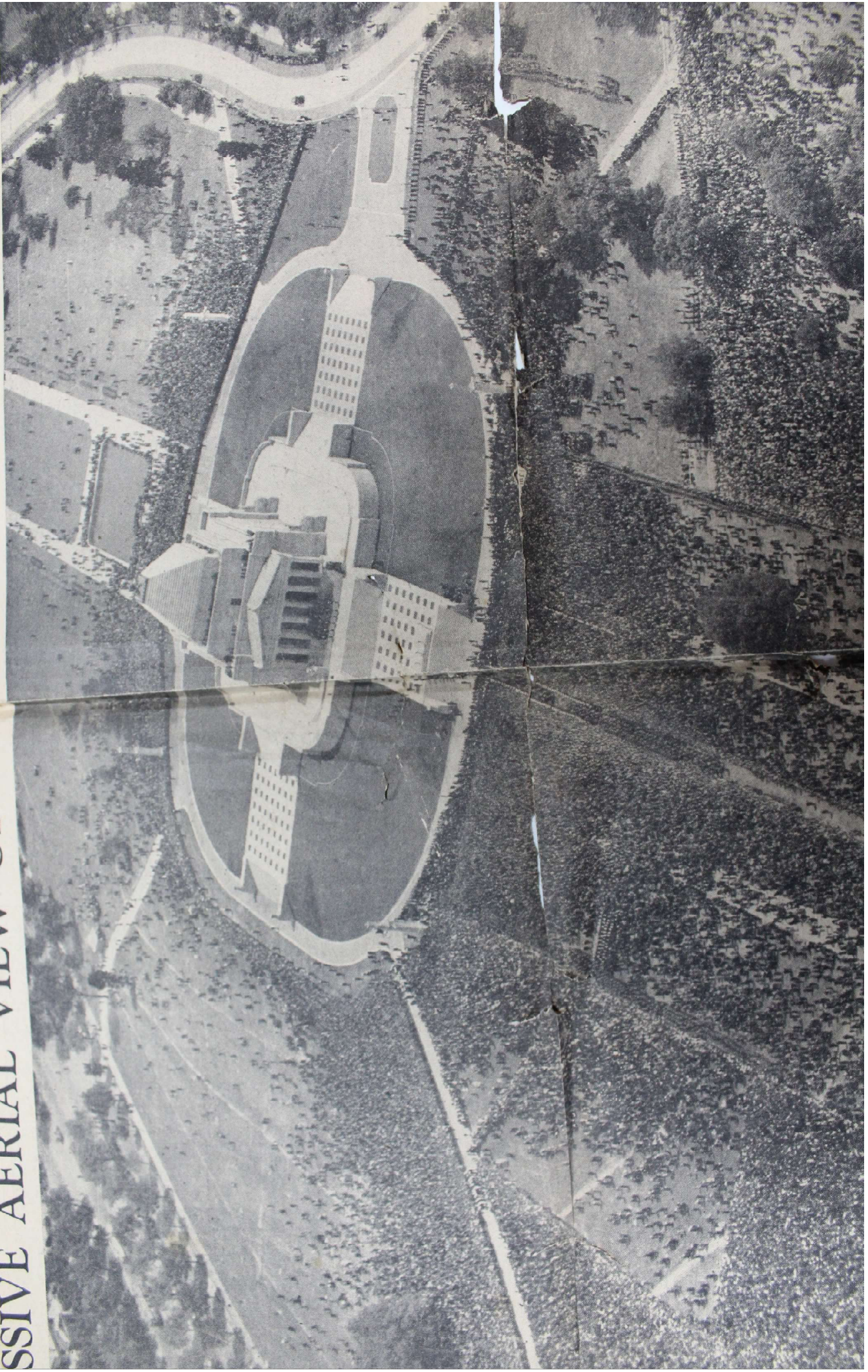
A recent photo of Legacy's Olive Tree of Peace



The firm of Doolan and Goodchild surveyed the Shrine site and Legatee Frank Doolan laid out the foundations. His meticulous calculations ensure the ray of light falls on the Stone of Remembrance on 11th November for the next 5000 years.



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MASSIVE AERIAL VIEW OF HUGE CROWD AT SHRINE CEREMONY





Two of the Legatees who fought for the Shrine
Legatee Donovan Joynt VC
and
Legatee Kem Kemsley

Sir Alfred Kemsley dies, aged 90

Sir Alfred Newcombe Kemsley, who died yesterday aged 90, was one of Melbourne's great "characters". He enlisted as a private in World War I and rose to the rank of captain, serving on the HQ staff of Sir John Monash. Sir Alfred's death breaks one of the frail and few surviving personal links with Australia's greatest soldier.

Between the two world wars he served as secretary to the Melbourne Metropolitan Town Planning Commission and as secretary to the Liquor Trades Defence Union. In 1934 he became general manager of 3UZ.

Soon after the outbreak of World War II he was appointed director of organisation of the Australian Army with the rank of colonel and held other senior posts, including membership of the Military Board.

After the war, he was one of the several returned men who founded the thrusting new advertising agency United Service Publicity (now USP-Needham). He served as chairman and long remained a director.

Few people have devoted so much of their private lives to public spirited works, to charity and to countless acts of discreet private kindness.

Sir Alfred was one of the earliest supporters of the idea of the Victorian Shrine of Remembrance as a monument to the dead of World War I. When Sir Keith



Sir Alfred Kemsley

Murdoch and the Melbourne 'Herald' tried to squash plans for the shrine, Sir Alfred was instrumental in bringing the Murdoch "plot" undone.

As a shrine trustee he was the longest-serving and the hardest-working and was chairman from 1978 to 1984. He was one of the earliest and remained one of the staunchest members of Melbourne Legacy, was governor of the Corps of Commissionaires and served for more than 20 years as a member of the Victorian Town and Country Planning Board.

He relished his frequent role of confidential counsellor to persons of great affairs. When Sir Thomas Blamey was unemployed after the Victoria Police scandals of the 1930s, Sir Alfred engaged him to broadcast (under a pseudonym) on 3UZ. Blamey received £12 for each of his effective talks on Australia's looming peril of war.

Late in 1954 it was Sir Alfred who arranged the confidential talks between Premier John Cain (senior) and Brigadier Selwyn Porter, which resulted in the latter becoming chief commissioner of police.

Sir Alfred's many honors included KBE (1980), CMG (1973), CBE (1960) and ED. He greatly appreciated the distinction conferred on him by the Naval and Military Club, which made him a full life member, along with a very small band which includes the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh.

Sir Alfred retained until his last years remarkable vigor of mind and body, insisting in his gruff but kindly voice that he would walk up the stairs at the Naval and Military Club, rather than ride in the lift.

Hundreds of recipients of his private help will join Anne, Lady Kemsley, in mourning the passing of this old soldier. He is also survived by a son, Liston, and a daughter, Jean, from a former marriage.

Handwritten note: "THE PRESS" 25-2-87 Nancy A.

Legatee Kem Kemsley died in 1987. He was a founding Legatee so one of the longest serving - 64 years!

Also was on the Shrine of Remembrance Planning committee before it was built and then a Life Trustee

Legacy's Fight for the Shrine of Remembrance

The 1920s was also a crucial time for building the Shrine of Remembrance. Although the design had been determined by a competition in 1923 the impetus to build it had been lost due to several factors.

An alternate proposal was being pushed for a public square instead. The Murdoch newspapers were against the Shrine plans. The RSL had come out in support of the public square proposal.

It was Melbourne Legacy, and in particular Legatee Kemsley, who stood up to fight to reinstate the original design and helped to raise public debate that swung the decision. There is a story of Kemsley and Joynt and Doolan persuading the Argus editor (Spowers), to publish in favour of the Shrine.

Another story is how Legatee Donovan Joynt VC persuaded Sir John Monash to publicly declare his support, in front of the Duke of York and Prime Minister at an Anzac Eve dinner also attended by 32 VC winners. Legatee Joynt had quiet words with Monash and arranged all the VC winners at the meeting ready to stand and applaud when Monash spoke in favour of the Shrine. (see pages 37-42 *'We will remember them - The Story of the Shrine of Remembrance'* published by the Shrine.)

The fight for the Shrine gained considerable publicity for Legacy, and firmly established Legacy's reputation as an advocate for the ex-servicemen's cause.

**It has been reported that
without Legacy the Shrine would not have been built.**

Shrine of Remembrance memorabilia

A Donation Receipt - a third portion is locked forever under the Shrine with the donors' name

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4 MAY 1928 1928

Received from *M^{rs} R Booth*

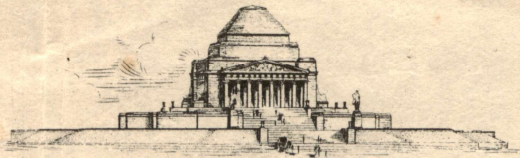
The sum of *One Shilling* (£ *1/-*)

A further sum of £ : : has been promised as follows:

£	:	:	on	/	/	1929
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On behalf of the Committee

S. [Signature]



This is to Certify that
on the *fourth* day of *May* 1928
Mrs R Booth
made *her* Gift to the Nation in Remembrance of
the Sacrifice made by the Men and Women of
Victoria during the War Years 1914-1918.

On behalf of the Committee of the
National War Memorial of Victoria.

S. [Signature]