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Media Release

Ray James appointed Veterans' Representative to the Anzac Memorial Board of Trustees

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Images of Ray James available [here](#)

Ray James OAM has been appointed as Veterans' Representative to the Anzac Memorial Board of Trustees.

Minister for Veterans David Harris, in his capacity as the Premier's proxy and the Chair of the Trustees, appointed Mr James who was welcomed by the Trust at its regular meeting at the Memorial on Thursday, 13 March.

Mr James' long military career includes 20 years in the Royal Australian Navy, service in the Vietnam War and a further 26 years in the Royal Australian Navy Reserve.

He is the most recent past President of RSL NSW, where he worked tirelessly to revitalise and rebuild RSL NSW.

He has also served as a Trustee of the Anzac Memorial for a previous three-year term between 2020 and 2023.

Mr James has remained an active member of RSL NSW since his term ended at that organisation in 2023 and continues to be a strong advocate for the veteran community.

The Veterans' Representative is nominated by the President of RSL NSW and joins the Trust Board which comprises the NSW Premier,

Leader of the Opposition, Lord Mayor of Sydney, State President of the RSL NSW, the Government Architect, the State Librarian, the Secretary of the Department of Education, an Australian Defence Force representative, and community representative, as legislated Trustees under the Anzac Memorial Building Act 1923.

Mr James will hold the position on the Board of Trustees for three years.

For more information on the Board of Trustees visit <https://www.anzacmemorial.nsw.gov.au/board-trustees>

Minister for Veterans, David Harris said:

"I am delighted that Mr James is joining the Trust and I look forward to working alongside him once again. He has a wealth of Defence and Government experience that he can bring to the Board.

"Mr James is an active member of the veteran community and a tireless advocate for veterans. Since his tenure as President of RSL NSW ended in 2023, he has continued to raise awareness of the service and sacrifice of veterans and their families.

"On behalf of the Trustees, I congratulate Mr James on his appointment and wish him well in the position."

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