



# **MONUMENTAL MOMENTS**

## **Albany Anzac Exhibition 2006**

*In so many ways, the Anzac legend born at Gallipoli is an imitation of life itself, and the spirit of adventure that once pervaded our Australian culture, itself a product of under-dog status arising from colonial settlement and the desire / need to succeed against the odds.*

*Military strategists aside, and there has clearly been significant advancement and learning over the past 100 years about the nature of human engagement (both in peace and conflict) from a range of socio-economic and ethnic-cultural backgrounds, the Anzac tradition has consistently prevailed as reflected in our international commitments.*

*There is learning in both defeat and victory. Having said that :*

## There are two types of planner :

- 1. Those that will say what can be done, and*
- 2. Those that will say “you can’t do that”.*

## There are two types of consultant :

- 3. Those that will tell you what they think you want to hear, and*
- 4. Those that will tell you what they think you need to know.*

*The rule to remember is to question the motivation of the various parties involved in the engagement, and the outcomes associated with the pursuit of their preferred strategy. Ignore history, destined to repeat.*

*All of the above occurred at Gallipoli & during WW1, but more than 60,000 Australian lives were forfeited by 1918..... Lest we forget.*