

MINUTES

WOLLONGONG HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE 5.15 PM ON WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2014



PRESENT	
Councillor Vicki Curran (Chair)	Councillor Ann Martin
Meredith Hutton	Ben Meek
Douglas Boleyn	Carol Herben
Sharralyn Robinson	Annette Williams

IN ATTENDANCE	
Renee Campbell, Manager Environmental Strategy and Planning	David Green, Land Use Planning Manager
Joel Thompson, Strategic Project Officer – Heritage	Marisa O'Connor – Local Studies Team Leader
Holly Pritchard – Destination Wollongong	Sally Watterson – Museum Advisor
Lauren Ackerly – Recreation Policy and Planning Officer	

- 1 WELCOME – Chair, Councillor Vicki Curran welcomed everyone to the meeting and extended her appreciation to Joel Thompson for all his work towards the Committee.
- 2 APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Alana Hansell.
- 3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY was provided by Chair, Councillor Vicki Curran.
- 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Annette Williams declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the Heritage Grants for 2014/15 (Item 10) as she is an applicant, and was excluded from discussion of this item.

Carol Herben declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Illawarra Historical Society Museum as she nominated the item for listing.

- 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2014 were confirmed as a true and accurate record – Moved by Carol Herben and seconded by Meredith Hutton.

Business Arising:

- a. Waterfall Cemetery: Carol advised that in relation to the soldiers buried there, one may be eligible for a war grave headstone. Discussion as to war grave headstones occurred.
- b. Illawarra Museum Building: Carol advised that the NSW Heritage Council have recommended the State Heritage Listing the Old Post Office and Telegraph Building. This is now before the Minister.

- c. **Lovelock Structure:** It was noted that since the Committee discussed this item at its September meeting, the NSW Heritage Branch have approved a minor works exemption in relation to the proposed Lovelock structure.

Discussion occurred in relation to this and the Committee resolved to:

1. **Restate its previous resolution.**
2. **Recommend that Council adopt a clear strategy for the management of 'ad hoc' memorials, art works and installations on Flagstaff Hill, to avoid cluttering of the State Heritage Precinct.**

It was noted that this is already supported by the Conservation Plan for the area and Council's Blue Mile Heritage Interpretation Strategy.

Two members of the Committee disagreed with this resolution on the premise that the structure is minor works.

Action:

Relevant Council staff be advised of the Committee's resolution.

6 MUSEUM ADVISOR UPDATE AND DISCUSSION – SALLY WATTERSON

Sally provided a brief presentation on her work as Council's Museum Advisor.

The information was received and the Committee thanked Sally for her attendance at the meeting.

7 HILL 60 – REVIEW OF CMP AND CONSULTATION TO INFORM A MASTER PLAN – LAUREN ACKERLY

Lauren from Council's Property and Recreation Division provided a briefing on the project.

Discussion occurred in relation to the site's history and significance.

Action:

Members to provide input through the public engagement process.

Due to time constraints the order of Agenda was altered.

10 2014-2015 HERITAGE GRANTS

Due to declared conflict of interest Annette Williams left meeting during discussion.

Joel advised the heritage grant applications have been discussed by the sub-committee and they have suggested an allocation which the sub-committee wanted to bring to the committee's attention. Three of the applications were considered to be ineligible. Assessment of the grants was undertaken using the required scoring criteria. Joel distributed to the members a copy of the suggested allocation.

Discussion occurred.

The Committee recommended that:

1. **The Financial Assistance Policy be amended as per the report of the sub-committee.**
2. **The proposed distribution be noted and the sub-committee thanked for their involvement in the assessment.**

Action:

Joel to update the Financial Assistance Policy to reflect the sub-committee's suggestions at the earliest opportunity.

Annette Williams re-joined meeting.

8 UPDATES FROM LOCAL HERITAGE INTEREST GROUPS

Berkeley Pioneer Cemetery Restoration Group – Annette Williams

Annette advised she had nothing to report other than waiting on outcome of the heritage grant application.

Old Court House Management Committee – Ben Meek

Ben advised they have accepted tender for the re-painting of the outside of the Old Court House and were waiting on the Heritage Council to approve colour choice.

Illawarra Historical Society and Museum – Marisa O'Connor

Marisa advised the Illawarra Historical Society is turning 70 in December and in 2016 they will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the museum.

Illawarra Shoalhaven Branch of the National Trust – Meredith Hutton

Meredith advised the Trust are:

- Holding their Christmas function on Friday week;
- Looking at the Illawarra Escarpment Strategic Management Plan and Regional Plan.
- Inviting Joel to their next meeting to discuss Character precincts;
- Working on major collective listing of ocean baths and historic trees;
- Launching photographic competition about ocean baths at Red Point Gallery; and
- They will have a billy cart at the Port Kembla Derby.

Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council – Sharralyn Robinson

Sharralyn advised that Derek Hardman has been appointed to the position of CEO of the Land Council.

9 WOLLONGONG HERITAGE STRATEGY 2014-2017

Joel has updated document and provided copy to all members.

Members have a brief window to provide comment/feedback to Joel – these to be provided via email.

11 DRAFT ILLAWARRA ESCARPMENT STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT PLAN 2014

Renee advised that Council has been working with the Escarpment Planning Reference Group to update the Illawarra Escarpment Strategic Management Plan, primarily to reflect the current status – the document was endorsed in 2006 and is currently on exhibition until 12 December 2014.

Members are requested to look at the Plan whilst it is on exhibition and provide comment.

12 MOUNT KEMBLA STATE HERITAGE NOMINATIONS

Discussion occurred in relation to Jodie McGill's letter.

The Committee unanimously resolved that:

1. **The Wollongong Heritage Advisory Committee note their support for the proposed State Heritage Listing of:**
 - a. **The Mt Kembla Mine Site, Kembla Heights Village and Windy Gully.**
 - b. **The Port Kembla No. 2 Mine Site including the four Mine Cottages and Edna Walling Garden.**
2. **Council's Manager Environmental Strategy and Planning be requested to write to the NSW Heritage Council to advise of the Wollongong Heritage Advisory Committee's support for these two State Heritage Nominations, and to request that these nominations be progressed to finalisation as soon as possible.**

Action:

Manager Environmental Strategy and Planning write to the NSW Heritage Council to advise of the Committee's support for the two State Heritage Nominations and request these nominations be progressed to finalisation as soon as possible.

13 ILLAWARRA 200 PROGRESS UPDATE (BICENTENARY COMMITTEE)

Joel advised that the committee were still finalising their logo – they have received additional input from the Aboriginal representatives.

14 NATIONAL TRUST HERITAGE FESTIVAL 2015

Meredith advised that the National Trust were looking to do something with the Historical Society.

Question raised as to linking with bicentenary committee.

Question raised as to coordinated approach with ports.

Joel advised of booklet put out by National Trust which closes on 12 December and that the current position in relation to getting something together but also advised of financial constraints.

Resolved that:

1. **A Heritage Festival sub-committee be formed to develop a program of events for the 2015 Heritage Festival.**
2. **The membership of sub-committee be:**
Annette Williams, Councillor Vicki Curran, Sharralyn Robinson, Meredith Hutton, Joel Thompson.

Holly Pritchard from Destination Wollongong advised that she was also happy to provide assistance along the same lines as last year's events.

Action:

Heritage Festival sub-committee develop a program of events for the 2015 Heritage Festival.

15 HERITAGE OFFICER'S REPORT

Information provided in Heritage Officer's report received by committee and noted.

16 OTHER MATTERS

2015 schedule of meeting dates discussed. These to be the same as in 2014 e.g. February, March, May, July, September and November.

Action:

Joanne to provide meeting schedule dates for 2015 dates to all Committee members and Council officers.

Annette asked in relation to the Heritage Schedule review 2015, do we get as a group to look at the revised schedule and how early in 2015 will it be revised. Joel advised that the amended State Heritage Inventory Forms would be presented to the Committee during the first half of 2015.

The meeting concluded at 7.35 pm.

Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held at 5.15 pm on Wednesday 11 February 2015.

2015 – Future Meetings Schedule

Wednesday 11 February	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	5.15 pm
Wednesday 11 March	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	5.15 pm
Wednesday 13 May	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	5.15 pm
Wednesday 15 July	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	5.15 pm
Wednesday 9 September	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	5.15 pm
Wednesday 11 November	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	5.15 pm

ACTION SUMMARY

Item	Action	Officer	Status
5c	Lovelock Structure: Relevant Council staff be advised of the Committee's resolution.	Joel Thompson	Completed
7	Hill 60 Review of CMP and Consultation to inform a Master Plan: Members to provide input through the public engagement process.	All Committee Members	Exhibition closed
10	2014-2015 Heritage Grants: Joel to pursue an update of the Financial Assistance Policy to reflect the sub-committee's proposed amendments.	Joel Thompson	Will be dealt with following next round of grant applications
12	Mount Kembla State Heritage Nominations: Manager Environmental Strategy and Planning write to the NSW Heritage Council to advise of the Committee's support for the two State Heritage Nominations and request these nominations be progressed to finalisation as soon as possible.	Joel Thompson	Letter prepared
14	National Trust Heritage Festival 2015: Heritage Festival sub-committee develop a program of events for the 2015 Heritage Festival.	Joel Thompson	Sub-committee has not yet met
16	Other Matters: Schedule of meeting dates for 2015 to be distributed to Committee members and Council staff.	Joanne Partridge	Completed