

MINUTES

WOLLONGONG HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

5.17 PM ON WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2014



PRESENT	
Cr Vicki Curran (Chair)	Cr Ann Martin
Meredith Hutton	Ben Meek
Carol Herben	Alana Hansell
Annette Williams	

IN ATTENDANCE	
Renee Campbell – Manager Environmental Strategy & Planning	David Green – Land Use Planning Manager
Joel Thompson – Strategic Project Officer – Heritage	Marisa O'Connor – Local Studies Team Leader
Holly Pritchard – Destination Wollongong	Steve Maidment – Recreation & Open Space Project Officer

- 1 WELCOME – Chair, Councillor Vicki Curran welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted Steve Maidment was attending the meeting in relation to Item 6.
- 2 APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Douglas Boleyn and Mitchell Gordon.
- 3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY was provided by Chair, Councillor Vicki Curran.
- 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Carol Herben declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to Waterfall Cemetery (Garrawarra) on the basis that she is researching the site.

Annette Williams declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Heritage Grants for 2014/2015 (Item 9) as she is an applicant, and was excluded from discussion of this item.
- 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14 MAY 2014

This item was held over to later in the meeting.

Updated minutes were provided at the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2014 were confirmed as a true and accurate record. Moved Carol Herben Seconded Annette Williams.

Business Arising: Carol Herben advised that the proposed State Heritage listing of Illawarra Museum is being considered by the NSW Heritage Council today.
- 6 VIETNAM MEMORIAL – FLAGSTAFF HILL

RESOLVED on the motion of Meredith Hutton and supported by all members of the Wollongong Heritage Advisory Committee, that:

The Wollongong Heritage Advisory Committee recognise the importance of the memorial to the South Vietnamese Veterans but do not support the installation of further memorials and the like on Flagstaff Hill. This is consistent with the Blue Mile Heritage Interpretation Strategy. An alternative, more appropriate location should be identified in the local area for the location of, war memorials and the like.

7 LOVELOCK STRUCTURE/PROPOSAL – FLAGSTAFF HILL

RESOLVED on the motion of Carol Herben and supported by all members of the Wollongong Heritage Advisory Committee, that:

The Wollongong Heritage Advisory Committee note their objection to the proposed works and request that Wollongong City Council look for an alternate site other than Flagstaff Hill for the location of the Lovelock structure because of the State heritage significance of the site.

8 HERITAGE STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN REVIEW

Joel provided update as per the Heritage Officer's report.

The "Implementation Plan Proposals" section is proposed to replace the former Heritage Action Plan and identifies proposed actions. This has been updated as to items completed (these have been removed) and additional items that have come out of the committee or Strategic Plan have been added.

Concern was raised over "moveable heritage" page 13 "ongoing services" Items 3.3 and 3.4. Joel advised that on page 14 under items 4.2, 4.3 and 4.9 are possible solutions.

Concern was also raised over Council's heritage assets and preparing an inventory. Joel advised that Item 8.1 covers this aspect.

Museum Advisor's position raised and query as to what funding will be available when current term is completed and who from Cultural Services should attend the WHAC meetings.

Members were requested to provide feedback on the draft Strategy and Implementation Plan to Joel within the next few days.

9 2014-2015 HERITAGE GRANTS

Annette Williams declared her conflict of interest as noted in Minutes of meeting of 14 May 2014.

Joel advised this item is behind schedule and is to be deferred to the next meeting to be held on 12 November 2014.

Action: This item to be added to the Agenda for the meeting scheduled for 12 November 2014.

10 GLENIFFER BRAE - UPDATE

Renee Campbell, Manager Environmental Strategy and Planning provided an update on Gleniffer Brae. Report went to the Council meeting on 8 September 2014 – a copy of the report and minutes have been provided to all members for their information.

11 PROPOSED BIO-BANKING SITE – PUCKEY'S ESTATE

Joel provided information as per his Heritage Officer's report and Renee provided further background information.

Puckey's Estate will be changed from cultural significance to natural area categorisation and this does not change the heritage listing of the site.

Easements are excluded from the BioBanking site.

The BioBanking agreement would prevent any further development of Puckey's Estate that is not consistent with the agreement.

RESOLVED that:

The Wollongong Heritage Advisory Committee support the establishment of a BioBanking agreement for Puckey's Estate.

12 UPDATES FROM LOCAL HERITAGE INTEREST GROUPS

Berkeley Pioneer Cemetery Restoration Group – Annette Williams

Annette advised that trial parking signs are in place but these are not being considered and Council staff have suggested getting the parking rangers involved.

They successfully held their annual dinner.

They recently completed restoration of a grave.

They have updated the burial register.

The Group thank Council staff for their support with the parking situation.

Burial lists have been added to Council ICAT system and all assets have been placed on Council's register.

Local Studies Library – Marisa O'Connor

The local studies library has an exciting collaborative project with the University and museum being the digitisation of real estate maps and planning maps. Some historical society documents are being digitised also.

Carol Herben

This Sunday she is speaking at the Family History Conference – this is a 3 day conference.

On 14 July 2014 she addressed the Councillors on Waterfall Cemetery in support of it being listed on the State Heritage Register.

Response has been received from the Department of War Graves and 10 confirmed veterans from WWI, 12 more names have been confirmed and there are 7 left to research.

A person has contacted Carol criticising Council for not looking after Waterfall Cemetery – Joel provided further information on this issue.

A history of Tuberculosis and the Sanatorium as to how people were treated has been completed by Carol.

On Carol's motion, the Committee restated its support for the State Heritage nomination and listing of Waterfall Cemetery.

Old Court House Management Committee – Ben Meek

The exterior of the Old Court House is about to be repainted.

Illawarra Shoalhaven Branch of the National Trust – Meredith Hutton

There has been a lot of community interest in Stream Hill and the concern is that it is continuing to be neglected. Suggested that the committee might be able to go and look at the property and get something going – see what we are dealing with.

Joel referred to the update provided on this item in his Heritage Officer's report and that the Property Division of Council is preparing a report to Council.

Smith Street Masonic Temple. Joel referred to the update provided on this item in his Heritage Officer's report and that the application was referred to IHAP.

Social events:

- Open house afternoon.
- Argyle House afternoon tea.
- Montrose at Sutton Forrest.
- Trip to North Island of New Zealand in February 2015.

Their annual general meeting is to be held on 7 October and

13 BICENTENARY COMMITTEE - UPDATE

Joel provided update – copy of the “Illawarra 200” logo which has been developed by the Committee was passed around and he explained background to the design.

There is no budget for Council run events so working on using existing events and tagging these to the Illawarra 200 event. It will be commencing about midway 2014 and concluding about December 2015. There will be a starting event and a concluding event. An EOI is to come out in January and close in March 2015 for applications to fund community based Illawarra 200 events.

14 HERITAGE OFFICER'S REPORT

Joel referred to his report and confirmed the information contained therein for the Committee's information.

Discussion occurred in relation to Item 14.8 NSW RFS 10/50 Policy. Councillor Martin provided background information on this item and Joel advised he is seeking clarification from the Heritage Office in relation to some of the heritage concerns.

It was noted that Wollongong Council had raised its concerns in relation to the Policy with the State Government.

15 OTHER MATTERS

Carol Herben advised she was approached by John Chilby from Wollongong Memorial Gardens in relation to 2 coral trees in the Wollongong Presbyterian Church section and that she is meeting John on site about this issue. The trees are above graves, are massive and are rotting at the bottom. John advised he is bringing in a crane to lift the trees to remove limbs so as not to damage headstones. Carol will be on-site during the work to ensure the work is undertaken with care.

The meeting concluded at 7.30 pm.

Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held at 5.15 pm on Wednesday 12 November 2104.

2014 – Future Meetings Schedule

Wednesday 12 February	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	5.15 pm
Wednesday 12 March	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	5.15 pm
Wednesday 14 May	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	5.15 pm
Wednesday 30 July	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	5.15 pm
Wednesday 10 September	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	5.15 pm
Wednesday 12 November	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	5.15 pm

