

# MINUTES

## WOLLONGONG HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

5:17 PM ON WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2014



PRESENT	
Councillor Vicki Curran (Chair)	Councillor Ann Martin
Meredith Hutton	Ben Meek
Carol Herben	Alana Hansell
Annette Williams	Mitchell Gordon
Sharralyn Robinson	

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	

- 1 WELCOME – Chair, Councillor Vicki Curran, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Special welcome to Holly Pritchard and Councillor Ann Martin as they are attending their first meeting.
- 2 APOLOGIES – An apology was received and accepted on behalf of Douglas Boleyn.
- 3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY was provided by Chair, Councillor Vicki Curran.
- 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None declared.
- 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13 NOVEMBER 2013  
Joel advised that he has addressed all action items from the last meeting as noted in the minutes.  
The minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2013 confirmed as a true and accurate record. Moved by Meredith Hutton and seconded by Annette William.
- 6 HERITAGE FESTIVAL 2014  
Joel advised that since the last WHAC meeting the sub-committee has met. Events are running across the entire period of the festival – details of the events are set out in Item 6 of the Business Paper provided to the committee.  
Joel advised there are other events in the planning but these are still in the proposal stage.  
**Recommendation:** The information was received and noted.

## 7 DENMARK HOTEL - UPDATE

Joel provided an update on this issue, following on from last meeting on 13 November 2013, as per Item 7 of the Business Paper provided to committee.

Access problems and the Bulli Miners Cottage were issues raised.

**Recommendation:** Information be received and noted.

## 8 BULLI MINERS COTTAGE

Following on from last meeting on 13 November 2013, Renee Campbell provided update on progress (as per Item 8 of Business Paper provided to committee).

Issues discussed included:

- Termite damage and timber work. This has been treated and is being monitored.
- Items still in the cottage.
  - Suggested liaising with Marisa O'Connor in relation to cataloguing of items.
  - Also speak with Joyce McCarthy as to what items belong to the Illawarra Historical Society.
  - Eva Castle had previously commenced cataloguing items but unsure whether this was completed.
  - Meredith advised she has original documentation from when Council obtained ownership of the property.
  - Site inspection requested.
- Requirements of property and garden.
- Structural budget \$50,000 to \$100,000 then property requires a Fit for Use budget.
- Suggestions and ideas discussed included:
  - Light use only.
  - Garden – not to be operated by Council but need a friends group.
  - Art Gallery.
  - Have set tours of property with a tape playing – educational.
  - Men's shed.
  - Get community groups interested – advertise as a community exercise.
  - Access is an important issue – safer access required.
  - Possible links to Denmark Hotel.
  - Mitchell advised that the North Illawarra Rotary Club had expressed interest.

Renee advised that a report will be going to Council as to future use to get a decision to move forward.

Site inspection for those interested is to be arranged.

**Action:**

Site inspection of property to be arranged.

## 9 ABORIGINAL HERITAGE REFORMS – UPDATE ON COUNCIL SUBMISSION

Joel provided update as per Item 9 of the Business Paper provided to committee.

Sharralyn advised there were a lot of issues raised at the meeting in December 2013 and she thanked Wollongong Council for coordinating the meeting and for providing the opportunity for input.

David advised that Council officers were supportive of the concept and intent of reforms, but were highly critical of the methodology/structure.

Discussion of issues occurred and Joel advised that all members had the opportunity to make a submission and will have the benefit of looking at Council's submission as this will be reported to Council at its 10 March meeting.

A copy of Council's submission be provided to members for information.

## 10 EXEMPT AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CHANGES

David provided explanation of the Exempt and Complying Development changes – Item 10 in Business Paper provided to committee.

Issues discussed included:

- Curtilage very important.
- Heritage Conservation Areas now very important.
- Difference between items under Local and State listing.

**Recommendation:** Information be received and noted.

## 11 BICENTENARY COMMITTEE – CALL FOR MEMBERS

Joel provided information on this issue as per Item 11 of Business Paper provided to committee.

Joel called for nominations from the committee and noted that other members are also welcome to apply for places on the Bicentenary Committee aside from the Heritage Committee appointed member.

Carol advised that she has already put in a personal nomination and this included that she was on the Heritage Committee.

Sharralyn advised this was an item to be discussed at the Monday night meeting of the ILALC, as to who they will nominate, but advised there may also be personal nominations.

Meredith advised that someone from National Trust will nominate.

Annette advised that someone from the Berkeley Pioneer Cemetery Restoration Group will also nominate.

**Recommendations:**

1. Carol Herben was nominated and appointed as the Wollongong Heritage Advisory Committee representative on the Wollongong Bicentenary Committee.
2. All other members are encouraged to nominate for a position on the Wollongong Bicentenary Committee.

Order of Agenda changed – Item 13 Updates from Local Heritage Interest Groups moved up to Item 12.

## 12 UPDATES FROM LOCAL HERITAGE INTEREST GROUPS

Illawarra Shoalhaven Branch of the National Trust – Meredith Hutton

National Trust have a lot of events planned for this year.

First event is the Vintage Bazaar on Saturday 29 March. They are trying to use bus companies to bring people into the district.

Film night where they will show a couple of short films then main feature – Aussie theme. Hope to have this at the Gala Warrawong but a date is yet to be set.

There are talks coming up at the Gallery.

They will have other events happening also.

They are putting in nominations for listing of:

1. Ocean Baths in the whole of the NSW coast for State Heritage listing, and
2. State significant trees in the LGA to be put on the National Trust Tree Register.

Discussion as to tree register occurred. Sharralyn advised that they register trees straight away on the AIMS Register – significant trees such as birthing trees.

Carol Herben

History of Post and Telegraph Service has been revised.

Prepared nomination for listing on the State Heritage Register for the Museum building.

Preparing nomination for listing on the State Heritage Register for the Waterfall Cemetery. Joel advised Council was also nominating this for listing and requested committee express their thoughts on this.

**Recommendation:** The Wollongong Heritage Advisory Committee expressed their unanimous support for listing of the Illawarra Historical Museum and Waterfall General Cemetery on the State Heritage Register.

Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council – Sharralyn Robinson

The Land Council continues to work with Wollongong Council and thank Council for the protection and preservation of sites.

They have appointed a new CEO and this should go before the Board on the 3 March.

Illawarra Historical Society and Museum – Marisa O'Connor

A photographic display of Old Crown Street has been set up outside Myer near the ABC shop.

AGM is next Monday and sadly some members are going to resign from the Board.

Old Court House Management Committee – Ben Meek

Court House has a new tenant, the NSW Registrar's Office. They are going to hire the hall for events e.g. weddings.

Website should be up and running very soon and they will have information as to what the National Trust is doing and general information relating to the Court House.

Berkeley Pioneer Cemetery Restoration Group – Annette Williams

Annual General Meeting coming up and their books have just been audited.

Nine monuments were restored last year.

Looking at next year's restoration – oldest graves in the cemetery.

In relation to the parking situation, the group will probably write to Council (Joel has started communication with the Traffic Section) and they will follow up with a letter but this will not be done until after the AGM is held. Joel provided further information on this issue.

**Recommendation:** The information was received and noted.

### 13 HERITAGE OFFICER'S REPORT

Joel referred to his report provided to all members and requested they read this and if they have any questions to contact him.

12.7 Wollongong Local Heritage Grants 2014-2015 – Joel advised letters being sent out calling for applications.

**Recommendation:** The information was received and noted.

### 14 OTHER MATTERS

Gleniffer Brae – Renee Campbell provided an update on this issue.

Renee advised current position in relation to planning proposal.

Council has been in negotiations with the Conservatorium of Music on lease options and these negotiations have been finalised. The Conservatorium of Music will be taking up part of the site (as per previous arrangements).

Council can now commence work on the remainder of the site.

Council is working on developing criteria for an Expression of Interest process.

**Recommendation:** Information be received and noted.

The meeting concluded at 7.15 p.m.

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Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held at 5.15 pm on Wednesday 12 March 2014.

### 2014 – Future Meetings Schedule

<del>Wednesday 12 February</del>	<del>Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3</del>	<del>5.15 pm</del>
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

