

MINUTES

WOLLONGONG HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



7.15 PM ON WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH 2014

PRESENT	
Councillor Vicki Curran (Chair)	Ben Meek
Carol Herben	Mitchell Gordon
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	Megan McKell, Coordinator CCLS
Sue Savage, Community & Cultural Development Manager	

- 1 WELCOME – Chair, Councillor Vicki Curran, welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2 APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Councillor Ann Martin, Meredith Hutton, Douglas Boleyn, Sharralyn Robinson and Alana Hansell.

Note: the committee quorum of 6 members was not met.

- 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 12 FEBRUARY 2014

Due to quorum not being reached Minutes of meeting held on 12 February 2014 could not be confirmed and this item to be deferred to the next meeting to be held on Wednesday 14 May 2014.

Joel advised that in relation to the action item “Bulli Miners Cottage Inspection” he has suggested some dates but no one has gotten back to him and querying if 24 March was suitable and all present agreed on this date. Joel to circulate and get back to everyone.

Action:

Due to quorum not being reached confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2014 to be deferred and placed on the next heritage committee meeting to be held on 14 May 2014.

- 6 MUSEUM UPDATE AND MUSEUM ADVISOR PROGRAM – MEGAN MCKELL

Megan advised that Sally Waterson the new Museum Advisor has started and has been around to visit as many museums as she can and is now reviewing plans written by the previous Advisor.

Megan advised that she would come to a future meeting and present to the committee what Sally will be doing.

Kylie (previous Advisor) had worked on two plans, a museum plan and her own work plan and reported on what she had achieved.

They will be applying for funding again for a Museum Advisor for another year – Sally has started this year and will work 20 days during this period. She will try and arrange for Sally to attend a future meeting of the committee.

The Museum Feasibility Study has been completed but is ambiguous – this will be reported to EMC for direction. Megan advised she will provide information to Joel as to the outcome for provision to the committee.

Recommendation: Information be received and noted.

7 DRAFT CULTURAL PLAN 2014-2014 – SUE SAVAGE

Sue advised that they have been working on the draft Cultural Plan since May 2013 and this has now been completed. The draft plan is now on exhibition and Sue provided a copy for the committee to review. The draft plan includes an overarching cultural plan and Sue advised what other documents comprise the plan.

Joel advised he has emailed a link to the exhibition to all committee members and that copies are available in all libraries. Exhibition closes on 17 March 2014 and members are encouraged to read the document and submit a submission.

Recommendation:

1. The information be received and noted.
2. Members consider preparing a submission in relation to the draft Cultural Plan by 17 March 2014.

8 WOLLONGONG HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Megan advised that they will be having a “pop up” museum shop upstairs next to Myer (shop provided by GPT). It will be a digital exhibition on the theme “journeys” and will promote the local museums.

Starr Shell display will be at the ihub Visitor Centre.

They also hope to put some images on panels. Images include Aboriginal pieces in display cases.

Holly advised that Destination Wollongong would look at getting media coverage to promote.

Joel provided summary in his report as to what events are occurring during the festival and that Council will be producing a brochure which details events and these will also go on Council’s website.

Query adding information as to “Illawarra Remembers” and a link to the website.

The brochures will be A4 – folded to DL size.

Recommendation: Information be received and noted.

9 UPDATES FROM LOCAL HERITAGE INTEREST GROUPS

Illawarra Shoalhaven Branch of the National Trust – Ben Meek:

They are hoping to become solvent with the holding of the Vintage Fair on 29 March and hope to hold this event every year.

They are also busy with the upcoming Heritage Festival events.

Illawarra Historical Society and Museum – Mitchell Gordon:

AGM was held last week and he was elected onto the Board so in the future he will be able to inform the committee as to what is happening.

Carol Herben:

Nomination for listing of the museum building has been forwarded to the Heritage Office and they have contacted Council gauging support for this nomination.

She is researching in Canberra as there are 10 WWI soldiers buried in the Waterfall (Garrawarra) Cemetery.

She is putting together information on Waterfall Cemetery – Carol confirmed there are Aboriginal people buried there.

Berkeley Pioneer Cemetery Restoration Group – Annette Williams:

AGM held and nothing has changed, passed audit and they will be sending letter to Council.

Regarding the cemetery parking, Tony (Vice President) is writing a letter on the group's behalf requesting investigation of the matter.

They are hoping to apply for heritage grant this year. They are looking at restoring the Notice Board which is a landscape plan of the cemetery as this is starting to deteriorate and may redesign.

Illawarra Remembers – Marisa O'Connor:

Website will be launched in April 2014 by the Lord Mayor. The website will include a blog site so that people can upload their own stories.

Recommendation: The information be received and noted.

10 HERITAGE OFFICER'S REPORT

Joel referred to his report provided to all members:

- 10.1 Proposed renaming of Spearing Reserve Gwynneville – Joel wanted to bring this to the attention of the committee and following discussion, members were strongly encouraged to write to Council on this matter.
- 10.2 Waterfall General (Garrawarra) Cemetery – information as per report.
- 10.3 Wollongong Heritage Strategy and Action Plan 2011-2014 – information as per report.
- 10.4 NSW Government Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Reform update – information as per report.
- 10.5 Proposed Renaming of Suburb of Penrose – following discussion of this item, members encouraged to read Council report from meeting on 10 March 2014. Joel advised this item going to exhibition on 17 March 2014 and hoped that this matter can be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Heritage Trail – Joel advised that more brochures have been produced. It was suggested to use brochures as place mats in cafes.

Bicentenary Committee – Joel advised that the call for expressions of interest to join the committee has now closed and they are working on finalising the membership. They are looking to organise their first meeting in April 2014. The Councillors appointed are the Lord Mayor, Councillor John Dorahy and Councillor Chris Connor, but that a report will need to go to Council as to the members appointed.

Carol advised that she has been doing a lot of research into how Wollongong has celebrated since 1888.

Bluemile is missing heritage plaques.

Recommendation: Information was received and noted.

Action:

Proposed Renaming of Suburb of Penrose to be placed on the agenda for the next heritage committee meeting scheduled for 14 May 2014 for discussion.

11 LATE ITEM – GLENIFFER BRAE – RENEE CAMPBELL

Renee at our last meeting mentioned commencing stakeholder discussions. For the past 12 months Council has been in negotiations with the Conservatorium of Music because they had a lease option 5 + 5 years. This has now been finalised and they are retaining the section previously leased. Now Council can determine the future of the house.

Council has identified 5 key stakeholder groups and want to give these groups including the Heritage committee, the opportunity to assist.

There will be a meeting held at Gleniffer Brae to provide clear criteria as to what the rooms can be used for. Renee advised she will send an email to all committee members to see if anyone is available to go to Gleniffer Brae to discuss issue – it will be either Tuesday or Wednesday.

Renee advised they will also be consulting with the National Trust, Neighbourhood Forum 5, Friends of the Botanic Garden and the Property Council.

12 OTHER MATTERS

Mitchell – The vandalism of the Aboriginal Interpretation Plaques at Collins Point, Woonona – he thanked Joel as this work has been done.

The meeting concluded at 6.43 p.m.

Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held at 5.15 p.m. on Wednesday 14 May 2014.

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

