

# MINUTES

## WOLLONGONG HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

5.15 PM ON WEDNESDAY 14 MAY 2014



PRESENT	
Councillor Ann Martin (Acting Chair)	Meredith Hutton
Ben Meek	Douglas Boleyn
Carol Herben	Sharralyn Robinson
Mitchell Gordon	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	Sally Watterson – Museum Advisor

- 1 WELCOME – Acting Chair, Councillor Ann Martin, welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2 APOLOGIES – Apology was received and accepted on behalf of Councillor Vicki Curran.
- 3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY was provided by Acting Chair, Councillor Ann Martin.
- 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – the following declarations of interest were declared:
  - a. Joel Thompson declared a non-pecuniary, non-significant interest in relation to Penrose Estate (Item 8) as he is a descendent of Evan Evans.
  - b. Sharralyn Robinson declared a non-pecuniary, non-significant interest in relation to Bulli Miners Cottage (Item 5) as she owns a nearby property.
  - c. Annette Williams declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Heritage Grants for 2014/2015 (Item 11) as she is an applicant, and was excluded from discussion of this item.

#### 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12 FEBRUARY 2014

Due to a lack of quorum at the meeting on 12 March 2014 confirmation of minutes of meeting held on 12 February 2014 deferred to this meeting.

**Recommendation:** The minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2014 be confirmed as a true and accurate record. Moved by Carol Herben and seconded by Alana Hansell.

**Business** arising from meeting held on 12 February 2014 – Bulli Miners Cottage. Joel advised he has so far been unable to arrange meeting on site. It was agreed that an appropriate date for meeting on site would be Wednesday 21 May 2014 at 4.00 pm – those who are able to attend are Ben, Meredith and Mitchell. Joel will email details to everyone.

6 CONFIRMATION OF NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12 MARCH 2014

As this meeting did not achieve a quorum the notes of the informal meeting held on 12 March 2014 were noted.

7 MUSEUM ADVISOR – SALLY WATTERSON

Acting Chair, Councillor Ann Martin welcomed Sally to the meeting.

Sally provide information on her background and an update on her role as Museum Advisor and the work she is undertaking as part of her contract.

The Heritage Officer's report provides information on the role of a Museum Advisor.

Sally advised that Wollongong LGA has fallen behind in managing its items and Council needs to decide if it wants to take control of its museums. The Museums and Galleries NSW has given directive that something needs to happen and that there has been a lot of reporting work taking place.

Sally advised she will be attending a Councillor briefing session in July and she has scheduled through Cultural Services a creative dialogue session which she will attend as the convenor.

Sally advised that she needs to find out what the Committee wants.

Council is historically involved with heritage in this area but it is coming at it from different areas/offices and she is trying to quantify for Council what it is already doing.

It was suggested that for a future meeting item be placed on the agenda for discussion the Regional Museum and the Cultural Plan.

Sally advised she is happy to attend a future meeting.

**Action:** Sally Watterson to be invited to a future meeting to discuss Museums and Regional Museum Study further.

8 PROPOSED NAMING OF SUBURB OF PENROSE

Joel provided brief overview as per Heritage Officer's report.

Issues discussed:

- Subdivision is on part of early Penrose Estate founded by Evan Roberts Evans.
- Historical significance of name should be retained.
- Retain Penrose in the suburb name.

The Wollongong Heritage Advisory Committee agreed that "Penrose" should be retained in the suburb name.

**Recommendation:** Retain the historical significance of "Penrose" by keeping the word Penrose in any new suburb name.

Suggested alternatives included: "Penrose Farm", "Penrose Vale", and "Penrose Valley".

**Moved** by Carol Herben and seconded by Mitchell Gordon.

**Action:** Joel to forward recommendation to relevant staff for inclusion in Council report.

## 9 YALLAH-MARSHALL MOUNT PLANNING PROPOSAL

David Green, Land Use Planning Manager, provided information on the Yallah-Marshall Mount Planning Proposal as per the Heritage Officer's report.

Issues discussed:

- Logbridge Farm - this has been demolished.
- AHIMS Register as to Aboriginal sites.
- Impact of residential development.
- "Yallah Brush" Area, containing the Green-hooded Orchid (this is to be removed from heritage listing but is protected in Environmental zoning).

**Resolution:** The Wollongong Heritage Advisory Committee would like to ensure that all items of significance are appropriately identified and protected.

**Moved** by Carol Herben and seconded by Douglas Boleyn.

## 10 WOLLONGONG HERITAGE FESTIVAL 2014 – REVIEW/FEEDBACK

Members shared/discussed the outcomes and events of the Heritage Festival.

**Starr Shell Pop Up Exhibition** – Holly advised that many people visited this exhibition every day.

**Wollongong City Centre Heritage Trail – Guided Tours** – Joel advised he ran two CBD tours with a combined total of 42 people. These tours were held on weekdays. A number of groups want Joel to do group tours.

**Step Back in Time at Gleniffer Brae** – Michael Connor ran the "Mr Hoskins" tour and 26 attended on a rainy afternoon.

**The Ghost of Courtney Puckey** – 6 – 7 people attended this tour. Annette advised she attended. Renee advised that OEH representatives saw tour and thought it was a great idea.

**Wollongong Journeys "Pop Up" Museum** – this was tucked away in a corner upstairs in GPT and not sure of level of interest. On-street location would be preferable for this type of display.

**"Black in Time" Film Launch** – no feedback has been received.

**Old Court House National Trust Open Day** – this event was well attended.

**Up and Down Bulli Mountain – The Lost Village of Sherbrooke** – this event was very successful and they have run additional dates.

**Illawarra Art Deco – A Public Lecture by D'arcy Cheeseright** – this event attracted a good healthy crowd. Now planning a 1950's and 1960's night and further events with similar themes are being planned.

**Nudjia House Museum** – they were happy with the support including media coverage and had an average of 7 people per tour (3 tours).

**Berkeley Pioneer Cemetery Heritage Tours** – this event had about 10 people per tour (3 tours).

**National Motoring Heritage Day** – this event not scheduled to occur until 18 May.

It is hoped to build on these events next year.

Suggestion made that a Council Information report be prepared and that a member of the Committee consider attending a Council meeting (public access forum) to inform Council as to what a good event the Heritage Festival was this year and how excited Committee is for the next one.

**Action:** Joel to prepare a Councillor Information Note outlining the outcomes of the Wollongong Heritage Festival.

#### 11 WOLLONGONG HERITAGE GRANTS 2014/2015

Due to a declared conflict of interest Annette Williams left the meeting during discussion of this item.

Joel provided a short listing of applications for the 2014/2014 Heritage Grants. No analysis of the applications has taken place as yet.

Call for members to form a sub-committee was made. Doug, Alana, Meredith and Carol volunteered to be on the sub-committee.

Mitchell Gordon raised a non-pecuniary, non-significant potential conflict of interest in relation to one of the applicants, as he is a friend.

**Action:** Joel to organise sub-committee meeting to assess applications.

#### 12 WOLLONGONG HERITAGE STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN

Joel has provided everyone with a draft of the Heritage Strategy and Action Plan to open discussion. He has highlighted successes and outcomes.

Joel advised he wanted to start discussion as to where to from here and for everyone to think about how to move forward.

Joel's Heritage Officer's report provides further background and lists the two options proposed for members' consideration and explained both options.

Suggestion made to consider extension of the next WHAC meeting on 30 July 2014 to workshop the Heritage Strategy and Action Plan otherwise look at alternate meeting/workshop.

**Action:** Joel to organise workshop to discuss Strategy and Action Plan Review.

#### 13 GLENIFFER BRAE

Alana provided update on this item and said what a wonderful opportunity it is to have input as to what Gleniffer Brae is used for in the future. There are a lot of ideas going around and the question is what would the Committee like to see happen at Gleniffer Brae.

Joel advised there is a stakeholder workshop being held on Wednesday 28 May 2014 and there is the opportunity for 2-3 members of the Committee to attend – Alana and Annette will attend and Ben will attend but representing the National Trust. Councillors will also be invited. This is an opportunity to have early input to inform the report to Council.

Committee members are requested to send any ideas to Alana and Joel in advance of the meeting.

**Action:** Update to be provided at next WHAC meeting.

#### 14 BICENTENARY COMMITTEE

Joel referred to his Heritage Officer's report as to background and Carol provided update.

- First meeting was held on 2 April 2014 and was chaired by the Lord Mayor.
- It was decided that second half of 2015 to be targeted at events highlighting the Aboriginal significance and history of Illawarra.
- 2016 for events highlighting the “shared history” of Wollongong post settlement.
- Discussion on finances – schools, corporate, sponsorship and grants.
- Invitation made to Shellharbour and Kiama Councils to participate.
- On 7 May Council appointed Councillor Connor as Chairperson.
- Suggestion for New Year’s Eve 2015 that the headlands along Illawarra coast have a fireworks display.
- Looking at starting story of Bicentenary with an acknowledgement of the Aboriginal history and significance and history of the area prior to European arrival – talk about shared community/shared future.
- There has been a sub-committee formed to work with Council officers on an Expression of Interest for bicentenary events.

Concern was raised about one year celebrating Aboriginal history and one year post-European – think we would want to come together and have recognition of what has happened as a city more than Aboriginal and European. To come together instead of separating – need to do it together.

It is important how we talk about this program and how we celebrate.

This item to be continued at each meeting.

**Action:** Item to be added as regular agenda item for future meetings.

## 15 UPDATES FOR LOCAL HERITAGE INTEREST GROUPS

### **Wollongong Library** – Marissa O’Connor

The Library has just taken possession of the Illawarra Mercury’s photographic collection (mid 1970’s to 1997 photos and negatives). These have not been catalogued but there is an index. This was a gift to Council.

**Carol** – advised she has been asked to speak at the Family History Society next September on Waterfall Cemetery - war grave there are 14 names 10 of which have been confirmed as servicemen and there is one more being looked into as a World War soldier. Nearly finished history of sanatorium and cemetery and looking into tuberculosis and how this was managed.

### **Berkeley Pioneer Cemetery Restoration Group** – Annette Williams

Annette advised that the issue of street parking at the cemetery has been resolved with the assistance of Joel, Renee and Council’s Traffic Section. On-site parking signs will be trialled. The committee is grateful and are awaiting signs being put in.

### **Illawarra Historical Society and Museum** – Mitchell Gordon

Mitchell advised that the Society has applied for funding for a variety of projects and are planning to put on an exhibition on the First World War being 100 years.

### **Engineers Australia – Engineering Heritage Australia Committee** – Doug Boleyn

Doug advised they have made application to the Federal government for the Australian Heritage Strategy and Development of a Heritage Training Certificate program for engineers.

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

## 16 HERITAGE OFFICER'S REPORT

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

Joel also provided an update on the proposed renaming of Spearing Reserve.

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

## 17 OTHER MATTERS

- Port Kembla Harbour Lease:

Doug – Port Kembla Harbour was raised at Council meeting on 12 May. Joel advised that he had been unable to get the necessary information from the Heritage Office but his interpretation is that the Port is subject to a long term lease and subject to a Government body and therefore section 170 of the NSW Heritage Act 1977 would apply.

Joel explained section 170 of the Heritage Act 1977 and advised he will take this up with the NSW Heritage Office.

Joel advised the heritage listings in the area.

**Action:**

Joel to follow up application of section 170 to the Port Kembla Port, given the State government lease arrangement.

- Wollongong Harbour:

Notice of Motion by Councillor Blicavs at recent Council meeting. Queries were raised over the use of the word "revitalisation" and discussion occurred as this needs clarification.

- West Dapto Settlers Cemetery:

Alana – there is a lovely cemetery at Reddalls Road, Kembla Grange which is not mentioned at all. The parking bay is a no stopping zone. Joel advised this was the West Dapto Settlers Cemetery and was in a similar category to Garrawarra. Renee advised we can put in a maintenance request.

- Wollongong Masonic Temple:

Mitchell noted that the Masonic Temple in Smith Street has a DA to demolish everything but the façade and suggested members look at the DA and make a submission. Joel advised that he and Zoran were aware of the DA and also encouraged members to look at the application and make a submission but that this is out of the scope of the Committee.

- Wollongong Museum Building/Formal Post Office:

Carol noted that confirmation has been received from the NSW Heritage Office that they are looking into the Illawarra Museum building for listing but in discussion with Council. Joel advised he has had an informal telephone call but nothing has been received in writing.

The meeting concluded at 7.45 pm.

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Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held at 5.15 pm on Wednesday 30 July 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

### ACTION SUMMARY

Item	Action	Officer	Status
7	<b>Museum Advisor – Sally Watterson</b> Sally Watterson to be invited to a future meeting to discuss Museums, and Regional Museum Study further.	Joel Thompson	Completed – invited to 12 November 2014 meeting
8	<b>Proposed Naming of Suburb of Penrose</b> Recommendation made by Committee to be forwarded to relevant staff for inclusion in Council report.	Joel Thompson	Completed
10	<b>Wollongong Heritage Festival 2014 – Review/Feedback</b> Councillors Information Note to be prepared outlining the outcomes of the Wollongong Heritage Festival.	Joel Thompson	
11	<b>Wollongong Heritage Grants 2014/2015</b> Organise sub-committee meeting to assess applications.	Joel Thompson	
12	<b>Wollongong Heritage Strategy &amp; Action Plan</b> Organise workshop to discuss Strategy and Action Plan Review.	Joel Thompson	See Item 8 Heritage Officer's Report – 10 September 2014
13	<b>Gleniffer Brae</b> Update be provided at next meeting – 30 July 2014.	Joel Thompson	See Item 10 Heritage Officer's Report – 10 September 2014
14	<b>Bicentenary Committee</b> This to be added as a regular Agenda Item for future meetings.	Joel Thompson	Completed
17	<b>Port Kembla Harbour Lease</b> Follow up application of section 170 to the Port Kembla Port, given the State government lease arrangement	Joel Thompson	