

# MINUTES

## WOLLONGONG HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

5.23 PM ON WEDNESDAY 15 MAY 2013



PRESENT	
Councillor Vicki Curran	Meredith Hutton
Ben Meek	Carol Herben
Sharralyn Robinson	Mitchell Gordon
Alana Hansell	

IN ATTENDANCE	
Andrew Carfield, Director Planning & Environment (Acting Chair)	David Green, Land Use Planning Manager
Joel Thompson, Strategic Project Officer Heritage	Marisa O'Connor, Local Studies Team Leader
Mark Grimson, Economic Development Manager	

The members of the Wollongong Heritage Advisory Committee agreed that Andrew Carfield, Director Planning and Environment act as Chair in the absence of Councillor John Dorahy.

- 1 WELCOME – Andrew Carfield welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2 APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Councillor John Dorahy, Douglas Boleyn, Annette Williams and Mark Sleigh.
- 3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY was provided by Andrew Carfield.
- 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None raised.
- 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13 MARCH 2013  
The minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2013 were confirmed as a true and accurate record. Moved unanimously.  
Joel provided update as to Action Summary.
- 6 HERITAGE TOURISM DISCUSSION – MARK SLEIGH  
This item to be moved to a future meeting as Mark Sleigh was unable to attend tonight's meeting.  
**Action:** Invite Mark to attend future WHAC meeting.
- 7 CITY CENTRE PROJECTS DISCUSSION – MARK GRIMSON  
Andrew Carfield welcomed Mark to the meeting.  
Joel provided background as to reason for Mark Grimson attending meeting.  
Mark is the Economic Development Manager at Council and provided an outline of the City Centre Projects.  
Discussion occurred as to the City Centre and issues raised included:
  - Façade work – incentives to owners;

- Heritage issues
- Occupancy rates;
- Number of existing buildings that have residents (first and second floors);
- Suggested use of buggy for disabled persons in the Mall;
- Bird droppings;
- Public toilets;
- Metal security roller screens for businesses;
- Vandalism;
- CCTV and security issues; and
- Real Estate Agents and Heritage.

Mark Grimson was thanked for his attendance at the meeting.

## 8 HERITAGE FESTIVAL UPDATES

- a. The National Trust Heritage Awards were held on Wednesday 8 May and Wollongong City Council's North Beach Bathers Pavilion project took out the "New Development and Regeneration" Award category.

The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Toolkit which was prepared by Shellharbour, Wollongong and Kiama Council's and put up for an award by Shellharbour Council, received a Highly Commended in the Research category.

Discussion occurred in relation to the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Toolkit.

- b. Gleniffer Brae Event to be held on 18 May 2013 – this event has sold out, with 40 places filled. An additional 40 places have been added, which means there will be 2 tours. There has been very strong interest and Joel and Vanni will be present on the day. Actors dressed as Mr and Mrs Hoskins and Paul Sorrenson will run a theatrical tour.
- c. Wollongong City Centre Heritage Trail – Joel confirmed the information in his report and thanked the committee members for all their hard work in putting the brochure together.

The information was received and noted.

## 9 LOCAL HERITAGE GRANTS 2013-2014

Applications for projects to be completed between 1 July 2013 and 31 May 2014 are being received with applications closing on 28 May 2013.

Volunteers are requested to work on the sub-committee and these are:

- Sharralyn Robinson;
- Carol Herben;
- Ben Meek; and
- Doug Boleyn (Doug is absent but will be asked if he is interested in being on the sub-committee).

It was resolved that:

1. A sub-committee of the WHAC be formed to assess the 2013-14 Wollongong Local Heritage Grant applications following the closing date of 28 May 2013.
2. A report on the outcome of the assessment process, including grant applications received, and successful and unsuccessful projects to be provided to the next meeting of the WHAC for members information.

## 10 REVIEW OF WHAC CHARTER

Joel provided information as to the review of the Charter.

Joel requested that all members consider the current Charter (copy provided with Heritage Officer's report) and provide input. Based on this input, the Charter will be revised and a draft version, on the new template, will be circulated for member's consideration prior to the next meeting.

The information was received and noted.

**Action:** Joel to circulate revised Charter prior to next WHAC meeting.

## 11 UPDATES FOR LOCAL HERITAGE INTEREST GROUPS

a. Illawarra Local Aboriginal Heritage Land Council – update provided by Sharralyn Robinson:

- Sandon Point – back in court for another 4 days to protect the cultural significance of the Turpentine Forest at Sandon Point.
- The Land Council has put in a submission for a partnership with Wollongong Council and Shellharbour Council for a whole range of caring for country projects. They have also put in a grant to fund a Green Team Illawarra.
- Sharralyn advised that she has resigned from her position with the Illawarra Local Aboriginal Heritage Land Council and her last day will be 26 July 2013. Joel clarified how this relates to the WHAC and requested Sharralyn keep the committee informed.
- Query as to Windang Ecotourism – no word as yet. They are pursuing this and have put in for a grant to do a feasibility and business plan to put in a DA. The idea is to create a ecotourism village that will be a hub for guided tours.
- They are pursuing with Council the building of a multi-cultural centre at Bellambi Point.

b. Illawarra Shoalhaven Branch of the National Trust – update provided by Meredith Hutton:

- There will be a walking tour of the bells and pipes in central Wollongong – tour will commence at 1.30 pm starting at the Wesley Church. The tour will take approximately 2½ hours and will be held on Saturday 22 June 2013.
- Putting in a submission on the White Paper.
- They have written to the Roads and Maritime Services concerning “Seaview Guest House” and requested a copy of the assessment – this has been received.

c. Old Court House Management Committee – update provided by Ben Meeks:

- There are a couple of spare rooms;
- Conservation volunteers have moved out and gone to Berkeley.
- It is a good site for Tourism Wollongong as they get a lot of visitors.
- They held a vintage fair recently – going to make it an annual event.

d. Wollongong Local Studies Library – update provided by Marisa O'Connor:

- Library received State Government grants for WW1 project and for the first time are partnering with Shellharbour and Shoalhaven Council Libraries and the University of Wollongong. The first scanning day will be held at Thirroul on 26 June, they are inviting the community to bring in their photos etc.

e. Illawarra Historical Society and Museum – update provided by Marisa O'Connor:

- The museum is in the process of getting their website updated.

The information was received and noted.

## 12 HERITAGE OFFICER'S REPORT

Joel referred to his Heritage Officer's report and asked if there were any questions.

In relation to the Smiths Creek Bridge query was raised about the termites and Joel advised inspection has been undertaken and no termites were present. This property is now on the roster to be inspected annually.

The report was received and noted.

## 13 OTHER MATTERS

Bryant's Gate in Murphy's Lane, Gwynneville – it swings and is attached to a building but concerned as the wrought iron gate just sits there and swings.

The Bryn is up for auction. This property is not a listed heritage item at present but has been nominated in the past.

**Action: Joel to investigate options for heritage listing.**

The meeting concluded at 7.25 p.m.

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Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held at 5.15 pm on Wednesday 31 July 2013.

### 2013 – Future Meetings Schedule

<del>Wednesday 13 February</del>	<del>Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3</del>	<del>5.15 pm</del>
<del>Wednesday 13 March</del>	<del>Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3</del>	<del>5.15 pm</del>
<del>Wednesday 8 May</del>	<del>Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3</del>	<del>5.15 pm</del>
Wednesday 10 July 31 July	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	5.15 pm
Wednesday 11 September	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	5.15 pm
Wednesday 13 November	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	5.15 pm

**ACTION SUMMARY**

Item	Action	Officer	Status
6	<b>Heritage Tourism Discussion</b> As Mark Sleigh was unable to attend this meeting he be invited to attend a future meeting.	Joel Thompson	Mark will be attending meeting on 31 July 2013.
10	<b>WHAC Charter Review</b> Upon receipt of input from Committee members Joel to circulate updated version of Charter prior to next meeting.	Joel Thompson	Completed – copy provided with Agenda.