

# MINUTES

## WOLLONGONG HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

5.15 PM ON WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH 2016



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

IN ATTENDANCE	
Renee Campbell – Manager Environment Strategy and Planning	David Green – Land Use Planning Manager
Joel Thompson – Strategic Project Officer – Heritage	Hilary Powell – Local Studies Library
Penny Spoelder – TRC Tourism	

- 1 WELCOME – Councillor Curran welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2 APOLOGIES – There were no apologies for this meeting.
- 3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY – Councillor Curran (Chair) read the Acknowledgement of Country.
- 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Carol Herben declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in relation to Waterfall General (Garrawarra) Cemetery (Item 13.3 of Heritage Officer's Report).

Order of Agenda altered bringing presentation by Penny Spoelder forward.

### 6 MOUNT KEIRA VISIONING PROJECT

Penny Spoelder from TRC Tourism provided information to Committee in relation to this project. Project involves only the land owned by Council at the summit of Mount Keira. They are looking undertaking visioning work that will lead to development of a Master Plan and Plan of Management.

Following the presentation the Committee discussed the project.

Sharralyn noted the high level of significance of the site to the Aboriginal Community.

Carol noted her previous employment in the tea rooms on the site.

Members thanked Penny for her attendance at the meeting.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11 NOVEMBER 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2015 were confirmed as a true and accurate record. – Moved by Sharralyn Robinson and Seconded by Mitchell Gordon.

Sharralyn Robinson noted in relation to Item 10 – Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council:

- Uncle Jack Hampton was not re-elected but Danny Chapman was elected as the South Coast Region representative on the new Aboriginal Land Council.

7 WOLLONGONG PUBLIC SPACES PUBLIC LIFE – “A CITY FOR PEOPLE”

David advised that the survey is open until Friday 11 March and that there have been 1,000 people complete the survey so far.

Members were encouraged to complete the survey and make comment.

8 WOLLONGONG HERITAGE STRATEGY

Joel provided an update as per the business paper.

Discussion occurred as to how the proposed merger would affect the Strategy.

The issue of an Aboriginal Heritage officer was raised by Sharralyn and discussed.

***The Committee resolved on the motion of Cr Ann Martin, seconded Sharralyn Robinson that:***

- 1. The revised draft Wollongong Heritage Strategy 2015-2017 be recommended to Council for adoption as Council Policy.***
- 2. That the creation of a full time Aboriginal Heritage position be added to the draft Implementation Plan Proposals.***

9 WOLLONGONG HERITAGE GRANTS 2016/2017

Joel advised that applications for grants opened on 1 February and the deadline would be extended to at least 29 April 2016. Joel advised that letters to heritage property owners will be sent out as soon as possible.

It was also noted that the changes recommended by the Committee to the financial assistance policy had come into effect and will apply to this year's applications.

***The Committee resolved that:***

- 1. The Heritage Grants sub-committee be re-formed.***
- 2. The following Members be appointed to the sub-committee: Meredith, Mitchell, Doug (provided it finished before 23 May), Ben and Carol.***

10 UPDATES FROM LOCAL HERITAGE INTEREST GROUPS

***Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council*** – Sharralyn Robinson:

- The Land Council have held one meeting concerning Mt Keira and there will be more consultation with the Board next week.

***Illawarra Shoalhaven Branch of the National Trust*** – Ben Meek

- 18 March 2016 – the annual photo competition centred around Wentworth Street, Port Kembla.
- 9 April – fourth annual Vintage Bazaar.
- 16 April – Heritage Walk around Wentworth Street, Port Kembla.
- 27 April – Lecture “Valuing our Heritage and Cultural Landscape”.
- 15 May – National Trust tour of “Bundanon” and “Riversdale”.

***Old Court House Management Committee*** – Meredith Hutton

- Painting to start on the Old Court House 11 March.
- The Old Court House is booked out every weekend for 2016 and 2017.

***Local Studies Library*** – Hilary Powell

- Hillary noted the significant role of local studies staff in the preparation of local content material for the “Spirit of Anzac” display which took place in January.
- The 1977 aerial photography has been added to the “Spyglass” tool online and can be accessed via the Libraries website.

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

- Dr Tony Ball and two other members of the Group passed away this year.
- Monument has been restored as part of the heritage grant.
- 1 May –Tour of the Jenkins Estate by bus and then onto Nudjia for damper and morning tea.

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

- Working with University in relation to sponsoring thesis on heritage.
- Funded by Engineers Australia Doug is writing about the Owen Gun and Lockhead Super Constellation.

***Carol Herben:***

- Carol advised that for years she, her husband and Val Hurry have been documenting the history of the local cemeteries but have recently decided to wind up their cemetery work and are considering offering their burial registers to the various church denominations.
- Carol noted concerns with the lack of acknowledgement by Council of their significant contribution in this area.
- Councillor Curran noted the Committee’s appreciation for Carol’s work and expertise.

*Renee to coordinate meetings with relevant Council staff to discuss Carol’s concerns and consider options available to address these.*

11 ILLAWARRA 200 PROGRESS UPDATE (BICENTENARY COMMITTEE)

Joel advised that the Illawarra 200 Committee have been working on another Expression of Interest for events. They are also pursuing plans for presentation of a Illawarra 200 medallion to every Wollongong/Shellharbour school.

There are a number of events in the planning. Sculpture in the Gardens is coming up and the winner's sculpture will be placed permanently in the Botanic Garden.

## 12 SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES

### 1. Heritage Festival Sub-Committee

Joel advised there are 24 events listed in the National Trust brochure this year and provided each member with a copy of the brochure. Joel thanked the Heritage Festival Sub-Committee Membership for their work.

### 2. Cemetery Policy Sub-Committee

Discussion was held about the status of this sub-committee. It was agreed that work on this project be delayed whilst some of the issues raised by Carol are further considered.

## 13 HERITAGE OFFICER'S REPORT

Joel provided Heritage Officer's report for members' information.

Item 13.2 Gleniffer Brae – Plan of Management and Conservation Management Plan Review:

Renee provided update in relation to this item – Council is currently undertaking a review of the Conservation Management Plan and Plan of Management for the Botanic Garden and a report is intended to go to Council in June.

## 14 OTHER MATTERS

Nil raised.

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 p.m. on Wednesday 11 May 2016.

### 2016 – Future Meetings Schedule

<del>Wednesday 10 February</del> CANCELLED	<del>Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3</del>	<del>5.15 pm</del>
<del>Wednesday 9 March</del>	<del>Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3</del>	<del>5.15 pm</del>
Wednesday 11 May	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	5.15 pm
Wednesday 20 July	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	5.15 pm
Wednesday 14 September	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	5.15 pm
Wednesday 9 November	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	5.15 pm

## ACTION SUMMARY

