

# MINUTES

## WOLLONGONG HERITAGE REFERENCE GROUP

5.15PM ON WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2020



### PRESENT

Councillor Ann Martin	Fiona Reynolds
Meredith Hutton	Georgina Element
Doug Boleyn	Sharralyn Robinson
John Shipp	

### IN ATTENDANCE

David Green – Land Use Planning Manager WCC	Carly Boag – Heritage Officer WCC
Joel Thompson – Coordinator Heritage WCC	Chris Stewart – City Strategy Manager
Martha Tyndall – Community Land Management Officer WCC	

#### 1 WELCOME

Councillor Martin opened the meeting at 5:15 pm and welcomed all present remotely via Skype, due to the Covid19 Pandemic social distancing requirements.

#### 2 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Martin Gorrick and Lorraine Neate.

#### INTRODUCTION

Councillor Martin requested that all present adhere to the Skype Meeting ground rules.

#### 3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Councillor Martin provided an Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed any Aboriginal people present.

#### 4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest.

#### 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26 August 2020

The Reference Group resolved that *the Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 August 2020 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.*

Moved by Meredith Hutton and seconded by Fiona Reynolds.

#### 6 COMMUNITY LAND PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

Community Land Management Officer Martha Tyndall gave an overview of the forthcoming updates to the generic Plan of Management for Council owned community land. Opportunities for heritage listed areas and areas categorised as culturally significant to be managed under the updated Plan were discussed.

It was noted that the Draft is currently being developed and will be placed on public exhibition in early 2012.

Council Staff are to check the status of Ray Crump Park and the heritage listed Figtree (#610014) for possible inclusion in POM. The following update is provided:

*The part of Ray Crump Oval owned by Wollongong City Council is categorised as Sportsground under the Generic Plan of Management due to the Tennis Courts. The tree is listed under the Wollongong LEP 2009 as a local heritage item and is therefore protected, but it has not been categorised as an area of cultural significance. In 1999-2001 Council did site inspection of parks, sportsgrounds and open space and this area has been categorised as "Sportsgrounds" since this time and is not proposed to be updated.*



The Reference Group was encouraged to contact Martha Tyndall with any additional questions or suggestions.

[mtyndall@wollongong.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mtyndall@wollongong.nsw.gov.au)

*The Reference Group noted the information.*

## 7 **CORRIMAL COKE WORKS**

David Green gave an update on the Corrimal Coke Works Planning Proposal following the Report to Council on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> of October.

Council Officers will work with the applicant to prepare an updated Masterplan within the next 6 months.

Sharrlayn Robinson spoke on behalf of the ongoing concerns of the local Aboriginal Community, ILAC and the Corrimal Action Group relating to the adequacy of the Aboriginal Heritage Studies, traffic impacts, density and affordable housing outcomes.

It was noted that there were outstanding issues with the previous Planning Proposal to were yet to be addressed by the applicant and updated studies will likely be required to support a new proposal.

The Membership will continue to be informed on the progress of the Planning Proposal and Council Staff will ensure that the Group will have the opportunity to comment on any future proposal.

*The Reference Group noted the information.*

## 8 **STREAM HILL UPDATE**

Council's Heritage Staff gave a brief update on Streamhill.

The Chair Councillor Martin noted that the project will be put forward for funding in the upcoming councillor budget allocation.

*The Reference Group noted the information.*

## 9 **UPDATES FROM LOCAL HERITAGE INTEREST GROUPS**

### **Sharrlyn Robinson: Illawarra Aboriginal Land Council**

Noted the updated provided as Part of Item 7 on the progression of the Corrimal Coke Works Planning Proposal.

### **Fiona Reynolds: Illawarra/Shoalhaven Branch National Trust**

Fiona noted that the local branch of the National Trust has commented on various planning projects and development applications including:

- Thirroul Plaza Redevelopment
- Corrimal Coke Works
- The Belmore DA

Fiona also noted that the Trust was continuing to research the Former Coachhouse Building and was looking into the significance of the former BHP Cottages on Flagstaff Road.

### **Georgina Element: Kembla Jottings**

Georgina raised various issues with the upcoming Bushfire season and potential threat to the Kembla Heights Conservation Area.

*Council Staff are to follow up with Council's Bushfire Officer.*

### **Meredith Hutton: NSW National Trust**

Meredith advised that the National Trust Properties that had been closed during COVID-19 due to social distancing requirements and restrictions are now being opened.

Meredith also noted that the National Trust will be releasing a 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary video online.

*Councillor Martin was excused from the meeting due to prior commitments and Chris Stewart was appointed Chair for item 10 and 11.*

## **10 HERITAGE STAFF REPORT**

Council staff provided a brief overview of the information contained within the Heritage Staff report. The membership discussion on the following items:

### **10.1 Hill 60 Project Updated**

The update provided in the business paper was noted.

### **10.2 Tree Vandalism at Wollongong Harbour**

The update provided in the business paper was noted.

The Membership discussed their support for an updated Tree Vandalism Policy to include rewards and addition CCTV cameras.

### **10.3 Stage 1 Heritage Schedule Review**

The update provided in the business paper was noted.

### **10.4 Keera Vale Update**

The update provided in the business paper was noted.

### **10.5 King George V Oval**

The update provided in the business paper was noted and membership were encouraged to make a submission via the Have Your Say page.

## **11 OTHER MATTERS**

**Heritage Grants Reallocation of Funds** – Council Staff advised that two projects had unfortunately withdrawn their applications for the Heritage Grant Fund resulting in additional unallocated funds.

1. Woonona/Bulli School of Arts – Render Repairs front Facade
2. Wye Lodge, 63 Smith Street – Painting

However Council has now received two late applications, which are proposed to be supported with the left over funding:

1. 18 Strone Avenue – Repairs to Render and Repainting
2. 229 Lawrence Hargrave Drive – Verandah and Timber Repair

It was noted that there is still a small amount of funding that remains unallocated. Meredith noted that she had reached out to the owner of Daisybank House in Dapto via email with the offer of support and will keep Council's Heritage Staff informed of a response.

*The Reference Group received and noted the information.*

Chris Stewart thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 6.23 pm.

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Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting on 25 November 2020.

### ACTION SUMMARY

Item	Action	Who	Status
1	Site visit to the former Corrimal Coke Works be organised for the Reference Group Members.	Heritage Staff	Carried over – on hold due to Covid19
2	Council's Heritage Staff to reschedule meeting on site at Garrawarra with NSW Department of Infrastructure	Heritage Staff	Carried over – on hold due to Covid19
3	<b>Council's Staff to check status of Ray Crump Park and inclusion Plan of Management update project</b>	<b>Council Staff</b>	<b>Complete – See update in Item 6 above.</b>