

MINUTES

WOLLONGONG HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

5.15 PM ON WEDNESDAY 11 MAY 2016



PRESENT	
Councillor Vicki Curran (Chair)	Councillor Ann Martin
Douglas Boleyn	Carol Herben
Annette Williams	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

- 1 WELCOME – Councillor Curran (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2 APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Meredith Hutton and Ben Meek.
- 3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY – Councillor Curran (Chair) provided an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Carol Herben declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in relation to Waterfall General (Garrawarra) Cemetery (Item 12.3 of Heritage Officer's Report).

Order of Agenda altered bringing Item 6 Mount Keira Summit Park Draft Vision forward as quorum not yet reached.

6 MOUNT KEIRA SUMMIT PARK DRAFT VISION

At the Wollongong Heritage Advisory Committee meeting on 9 March 2016 Penny Spoelder from TRC Tourism gave a presentation on the progress of considerations relating to the development of a Vision for Mount Keira Summit Park. This vision is intended to inform the development of a Master Plan and Plan of Management for the site.

Renee Campbell provided an update on this project and the draft Vision document was presented on screen for all members to view and discuss. The Draft Vision is currently on exhibition until the 31 May 2016.

Once the exhibition closes and submissions are received, a report will be prepared by Council and it is hoped this report will go to the June meeting of Council for consideration.

Work will then commence on the Draft Master Plan and Plan of Management which it is hoped will be completed by the end of this year.

Discussion occurred on the Draft Vision document and the committee resolved that:

The Wollongong Heritage Advisory Committee support the Vision and seek to implement a direction as articulated on Page 2 of the Strategy as to initiating and supporting a broad indigenous training, employment and entrepreneurial program for local indigenous people.

Moved by Councillor Ann Martin and Seconded by Annette Williams.

As quorum now reached Agenda order re-instated.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9 MARCH 2016

The Committee resolved that:

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2016 be confirmed as a true and accurate record

Moved by Councillor Ann Martin and Seconded by Mitchell Gordon.

7 ST JOSEPH'S CONVENT – PARK ROAD BULLI

Joel referred to the email sent to committee members on the 6 April 2016 advising of the placement of an interim heritage order on the St Joseph's Convent Building. Joel provided a copy of the Assessment of Heritage Significance to committee members and this item was discussed.

Following discussion it was agreed by the committee resolved that:

The Wollongong Heritage Advisory Committee recommends that Council prepare and exhibit a draft Planning Proposal to add St Joseph's Convent Building on Park Road, Bulli to the Heritage Schedule.

Moved by Councillor Ann Martin and Seconded by Sharralyn Robinson.

8 WEST DAPTO ROAD NAMING PROJECT

Joel provided information on this item as per the Business Paper provided to committee members.

The information was noted by committee members.

9 "HERITAGE NEAR ME" – A NEW NSW HERITAGE GRANT PROGRAM

Joel provided information on this item as per the Business Paper.

10 UPDATES FROM LOCAL HERITAGE INTEREST GROUPS

Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council – Sharralyn Robinson

- The Land Council was successful in a land claim at Paddy's River near Goulburn.
- NADOC family fun day to be held on 8 July 2016.
- NADOC Ball will be held at Win Stadium on 23 July 2016. Nominations for awards to be given out at the dinner are being sought.

Berkeley Pioneer Cemetery Restoration Group – Annette Williams

- Held a heritage bus tour for the 2016 National Trust Heritage Festival and as an official Illawarra 200 event. The Lord Mayor attended the opening ceremony. They had a good

turn-out but had to restrict numbers. The bus tour covered the cemetery, original estate of Berkeley and finished at Nudjia for afternoon tea.

- There will be an open day at Nudjia in January 2017.

Engineers Australia – Engineering Heritage Australia Committee – Doug Boleyn

Nothing to report.

Mitchell Gordon

- Mitchell noted that he has a lot of research papers and photos which he has collected over many years which he is happy to donate to the Local Studies Library. Hillary to speak with Mitchell about this and the possibility of a media story (suggested by Councillor Curran) on his research and donation to the Local Studies Library.

Local Studies Library – Hillary Powell

- Held “Discover What’s New in Your Local Studies Libraries” and 8 people turn up who appreciated what was shared.
- Dapto Library have commenced the Dapto History Project which will be launched during History Week later in the year.
- Digital Achieve – this makes stories more accessible.
- The Australian Oral History Project has been completed.

11 SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. **Heritage Grant Sub-Committee**

Joel advised that the sub-committee had not yet met as the time for submitting applications had been extended. Once applications have been closed the sub-committee will meet and assess all applications submitted.

2. **Heritage Festival Sub-Committee**

Joel advised that the brochure had been emailed to all committee members.

Councillor Curran provided an overview of her attendance at the Ghost of Courtney Puckey and Mountain2Sea Festival events.

Councillor Martin advised that she attended the “Where Lies Beauty” exhibition tour at Port Kembla, she went on the first tour and it was a lot of fun and there was a crowd for the second tour.

Joel advised that on his Wollongong City Centre Heritage tour he had 8 people on the Thursday and 18 people on the Saturday tour. All feedback received was positive.

The Wollongong Heritage and Stories website, which is the outcome of the Wollongong Virtual Museum project has also been launched. The website can be accessed at: <http://www.wollongongheritageandstories.com/>

Joel suggested that at a future meeting the Committee could request the Museum Advisor to attend to discuss how the virtual museum is going to evolve.

3. **Cemetery Policy Sub-Committee**

This is on hold following issues raised at meeting held on 9 March 2016.

12 HERITAGE OFFICER'S REPORT

Joel provided Heritage Officer's Report for members' information on the following items:

Item 12.1 Bulli Miners Cottage and Denmark Hotel – Update.

Item 12.2 Gleniffer Brae – Plan of Management and Conservation Management Plan Review.

Item 12.3 Waterfall General (Garrawarra Cemetery) – Update.

Carol reiterated her request for a copy of the nominations for the Waterfall General Cemetery and Joel to provide these.

Item 12.4 Wollongong Local Heritage Grants 2016/2017 – Update.

Item 12.5 Adoption of the Wollongong Heritage Strategy 2015-2017 by Council.

13 OTHER MATTERS

No other matters arose.

The meeting concluded at 7.12 pm.

Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held at 5.15 pm on Wednesday 20 July 2016.

2016 – Future Meetings Schedule

Wednesday 10 February	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	5.15 pm
Wednesday 9 March	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	5.15 pm
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

Item	Action	Officer	Status
12.3	Waterfall General (Garrawarra Cemetery) – Update Joel to provide Carol Herben with a copy of the nominations for the cemetery.	Joel Thompson	Completed.