

MINUTES

WOLLONGONG HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

5.15 PM ON WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2015



| PRESENT | |
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| Councillor Vicki Curran (Chair) | Annette Williams |
| Douglas Boleyn | Mitchell Gordon |
| Ben Meek | Sharralyn Robinson |
| Meredith Hutton | |

| IN ATTENDANCE | |
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| David Green – Land Use Planning Manager | Joel Thompson – Strategic Project Officer – Heritage |
| Hilary Powell – Local Studies Coordinator | |

- 1 WELCOME – Councillor Curran (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Hillary Powell to the committee. Hillary is representing Council's Local Studies section following the retirement of Marisa O'Connor.
- 2 APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Councillor Ann Martin, Renee Campbell and Carol Herben.
- 3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY – Councillor Curran (Chair) read the Welcome to Country.
- 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Nil.
- 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10 JUNE 2015
Recommendation: The minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2015 be confirmed as a true and accurate record – Moved by Annette Williams and seconded by Sharralyn Robinson.
Notes of meeting held on 9 September 2015 received.
- 6 WOLLONGONG PUBLIC SPACES PUBLIC LIFE – “A CITY FOR PEOPLE”
Joel provided information as per Business Paper as to the exhibition of the Wollongong Public Spaces Public Life – “A City for People”. Exhibition period will be 16 weeks (excluding Christmas / New Year period).
Action: This item to be put on the first meeting agenda for 2016.
- 7 HERITAGE FESTIVAL 2016
Councillor Curran provided a brief overview of the Heritage Festival 2016 including information contained in the Business Paper. Print deadline is 13 December 2015. Request made for the sub-committee to meet as soon as possible – Annette to coordinate meeting and to invite Kerrie Anne Christian and David Bottam.
Individual groups requested to contact National Trust to have their events advertised.

8 COMMITTEE SURVEY OUTCOMES AND NEXT STEPS

Joel provided members with a copy of the results of the survey which was held in October 2015, together with information as to the results and the feedback received. Discussion occurred. Members are encouraged to consider how the feedback and issues raised can be incorporated into the draft Wollongong Heritage Strategy.

This item is to be placed on the Agenda for the first meeting in 2016 to enable discussion to continue.

Action: This item to be placed on Agenda for the first meeting in 2016 to enable discussion to continue.

9 ILLAWARRA 200 COMMITTEE UPDATE

Joel provided update (Councillor Curran and Sharralyn Robinson did not attend the last meeting). Joel advised that a letter would be coming out to Committee members containing an invitation to the Illawarra 200 Commemorative Council meeting on 7 December 2015 at 6.00 pm to be held in the old Council Chambers in the Gallery.

NOTE: Following a Rescission motion the Commemorative Council meeting did not proceed. Members were advised of this via email

10 UPDATES FROM LOCAL HERITAGE INTEREST GROUPS

Mitchell Gordon

- No longer associated with the Wollongong Museum.
- World War 1 exhibition was set out and went ahead.

Doug Boleyn

- No longer associated with Port Kembla Heritage Park.
- James Craig vessel has been restored and recognised by the World Ship Trust.
- Education in engineering consulting an on-going project.

Berkeley Pioneer Cemetery Restoration Group – Annette Williams

- Convict Seat has been restored using Cadbury Grant.
- Looking to produce a mini production on the cemetery to celebrate the bi-centenary of the Jenkins Family buried at the cemetery for the Illawarra 200 celebrations.
- Organising a bus tour which will include the keys sites of the Jenkins family.
- Heritage Festival 2016 – holding the usual afternoon tea and open house at Nudja.

Old Court House Management Committee – Ben Meek

- The Old Court House is about to be repainted.
- Will be opening the old custom house and bunker at the rear of the Old Court House.
- Having repairs made to the roof.
- Holding wedding ceremonies one Wednesday a month.

Illawarra Shoalhaven Branch of the National Trust – Ben Meek

- Meredith Hutton has ceased in the position of Chair after 10 years and a new committee has been formed. The new chair is Andrew Conacher.
- Fourth vintage fair will be held during the week prior to the heritage festival.
- Archaeology lecture during the coming year.
- February 2016, there will be an Art Deco tour to Napier, New Zealand.
- March 2016 holding second photo competition. The topic will be “I love where I live”.
- The 2016 calendar is now on sale at the Old Court House – cost is \$15.00.
- Meredith advised that the National Trust will be celebrating 70 years in Australia and that it commenced in New South Wales.

Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council – Sharralyn Robinson

- ~~Uncle Jack Hampton~~ Danny Chapman has been elected as the South Coast Region representative on the new Aboriginal Land Council.
- Peter Button has been re-elected to the position of Chair of the Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council.

Local Studies Library – Hilary Powell

- Digital archive up and running and is readily available. Austinmer’s oral history has been loaded.
- Wollongong Spyglass link to compare 1951 and 2014 air photos <http://bit.ly/1DJ3nAV>.
- Spirit of the ANZACs exhibition coming to Wollongong in January 2016 and will be housed at the University of Wollongong in their sports hub.
- Local studies are assisting in the Illawarra 200 event.

11 SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES

A **Heritage Festival Sub-Committee**

This has already been covered earlier in meeting.

B **Historic Cemetery’s Policy Sub-Committee**

Annette advised that work is continuing on the policy.

12 HERITAGE OFFICER’S REPORT

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

Item 12.1 Bulli Miner’s Cottage and Denmark Hotel – Update

Information provided as per Heritage Officer’s report.

Joel advised that a report is scheduled to go to Council on 30 November 2015 with a recommendation on how to proceed.

The Development Application has now been approved for maintenance and conservation work to the cottage and the demolition of the fibro asbestos toilet behind the cottage. Once this work has been completed the next step will be the “call for proposals” process.

Issues raised:

- Relocation of building;
- White ants (this is being monitored);
- Asbestos and lino in kitchen and the out building;
- Removal of toilet behind cottage;
- Right of way – Denmark Hotel.

Query as to the demolition of the toilet, why more than the asbestos needs to be removed, instead of demolishing the toilet could just the sheeting be replaced. The toilet is part of the history of the cottage.

Mitchell advised that Bulli Rotary Club is very interested in doing a project in the cottage and will be putting in a submission when the time is right – they are looking at a joint proposal with the Men's Shed.

As the meeting went longer than the scheduled time, the Heritage Officer's report to be perused by members after the meeting.

13 2016 MEETING DATES

Dates for 2016 meetings agreed to by members but are subject to change due to elections scheduled for September.

14 OTHER MATTERS

Nil raised.

Councillor Curran (Chair) thanked everyone for their participation in the meetings.

The meeting concluded at 7.55 pm.

Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held at 5.15 pm on Wednesday 10 February 2016.

2016 – Future Meetings Schedule

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| 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 |
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| 6 | Wollongong Public Spaces Public Life – “A City for People” This item to be put on the first meeting agenda for 2016. | Joel Thompson | Completed – on Agenda for 10 February 2016 |
| 8 | Committee Survey Outcomes and Next Steps This item to be put on the first meeting agenda for 2016. | Joel Thompson | Completed – on Agenda for 10 February 2016 |
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