

NOTES

WOLLONGONG HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

4.00 PM ON WEDNESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2016



PRESENT	
Councillor Vicki Curran (Chair)	Mitchell Gordon
Ben Meek	Annette Williams
Meredith Hutton	

IN ATTENDANCE	
Jennifer Hill – Consultant, Architectural Projects	David Green – Land Use Planning Manager
Renee Campbell – Manager Environment Strategy and Planning	Vanni De Luca – Environment & Conservation Services Manager
Joel Thompson – Strategic Project Officer – Heritage	Martha Tyndall – Community Land Management Officer

NOTE – AS THE REQUISITE QUORUM WAS NOT ACHIEVED, THIS MEETING WAS UNABLE TO BE CONDUCTED AS A FORMAL MEETING OF THE WOLLONGONG HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. THE MEETING PROCEEDED AS AN INFORMATION SHARING OPPORTUNITY AND THE FOLLOWING NOTES ARE PROVIDED AS A RECORD OF THE DISCUSSION.

- 1 WELCOME – Councillor Curran (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2 APOLOGIES – An apology was received on behalf of Carol Herben.
- 3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY – Councillor Curran (Chair) provided an Acknowledgement of Country.
- 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Nil.
- 5 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11 MAY 2016 – Endorsement of the Minutes was deferred to the next meeting, due to not having reached the required quorum (of 6 members).
- 6 GLENIFFER BRAE AND WOLLONGONG BOTANIC GARDEN
 - Joel provided a brief introductory background and overview of the current project and of the exhibition and introduced Jennifer Hill, Vanni De Luca and Martha Tyndall.
 - Jennifer Hill, Consultant from Architectural Projects provided an overview of the Conservation Management Plan process including:
 - o Comparative analysis to “Compton Wayside” and addressed the Photographic Comparison Report.
 - o Significance grading’s of internal spaces and external fabric has been drawn on plans (for clarity).
 - o Explained the process of testing possible areas of development to inform the Conservation Policies.

- Noted that the tennis court is not considered suitable for any permanent structure.
- Instead identifies the area south of the tree screening (near existing Conservatorium buildings), and the site of the existing Caretakers Cottage as possible opportunities for future sensitive development.
- Jennifer explained the Conservation Policy and what is contained within it.
- The proposed Curtilage was explained and discussed and it was noted that Council is exhibiting 4 options for the proposed curtilage. These are explained in the “Curtilage Options Plan” that forms part of the exhibition. Option 3 is consistent with the CMP recommendations.
- Martha provided an explanation of the Plan of Management. During this discussion the following key points were noted/discussed:
 - Concern was raised about the “financially viable” term in the Values section. Discussion occurred around this point and it was suggested that Council consider rewording this point, to focus this only on commercial ventures, so as to ensure that the community benefits of future use options can be balanced against the commercial value/cost benefit considerations as part of any future Tender process.
 - It was queried why Zone 3 within the Plan of Management is not consistent with the Conservation Management Plan’s recommended curtilage. Discussion occurred about the possibility of making these consistent. Staff agreed to consider this in finalising the plan.
 - On Page 23 in top section of table, need to look at rewording the final sentence as it implies potential to extend the 30 year Plan.
 - Page 25 need to correct spelling of “Education” in left hand column.
- An explanation of the draft Local Environmental Plan was also provided. This is solely for the addition of the additional permissible use of “Function Centre” to the Gleniffer Brae property.
- Members were then taken on a site tour of Gleniffer Brae. During the tour, Vanni provided information about two current projects being pursued.
 - Repainting using colours determined through paint scrapings.
 - Proposed repair to the Sorenson retaining wall to the north terrace, including the removal of the large Hills Fig. The reasons for the trees proposed removal were explained and discussed

7 HERITAGE OFFICER’S REPORT

Joel provided an overview of his Heritage Officer’s Report, covering the following items:

Item 7.1 Bulli Miners Cottage

- Noted that the urgent works are complete.
- Noted that Council is yet to receive a proposal from the owner of the adjacent Denmark Hotel.
- Noted that the ‘Call for proposals’ will be advertised shortly.

Item 7.2 Wollongong Harbour

- Resolution of Council from 10 October 2016 meeting was noted.
- It was noted that the NSW Government have now indicated a commitment to developing a master plan.
- Discussion occurred about the importance of this issue, and the need for the Heritage Committee to be able to inform any future work in relation to Master Planning.

Item 7.3 Hill 60 – Update and Consultation about Heritage Interpretation

- Members were encouraged to review the draft interpretation material and provide input to the process via the web-links within the Heritage Officer's report.

Item 7.4 Lake Illawarra Coastal Zone Management Plan

- Members were encouraged to participate in the current consultation process about the development of a Management Plan for Lake Illawarra via the links in the report.
- The Aboriginal Heritage significance of the Lake and the importance of the Lake to the story of Wollongong/Illawarra was noted and discussed.

Item 7.5 St Joseph's Convent Bulli Draft Planning Proposal

- An update was provided in accordance with the written report.

Item 7.6 Mount Keira – Combined Committee Meeting on 19 October 2016

- It was noted that in addition to Annette and Doug, Meredith Hutton was also present at this meeting. Joel noted his apologies for this oversight in his report.

Item 7.7 Wollongong Heritage Grant Funding Allocation 2016/2017

- The allocation of the 2016/2017 Wollongong Heritage Grant Fund was noted.

Item 7.8 Construction Work – Continental Baths to North Wollongong Beach

- An update was provided in accordance with the written report.

8 OTHER MATTERS

- Annette noted her resignation from the Berkeley Pioneer Cemetery Restoration Group.
- Mitchell noted that in early December there will be an exhibition to celebrate 100 years of Wollongong High School.
- A discussion occurred in relation to the status of 'Stream Hill'. Joel advised that a report from Council's Property Division was due to be reported to Council in the coming months

The meeting concluded at approximately 6.30 pm.

Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held at 5.15 pm on Tuesday 28 March 2017.

2017 – Meetings Schedule

Tuesday 28 March 2017	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	5.15 pm
April	TBA	TBA
June	TBA	TBA

ACTION SUMMARY

Item	Action	Officer	Status