



# HERITAGE COUNCIL OF NSW

## MEETING MINUTES – 516

3 May 2023 | 9:00 AM – 12:10 PM

Conference Room 14, Heritage NSW, Level 11, 4PSQ, Parramatta & via teleconference

### ATTENDANCE

#### Members

Mr Frank Howarth AM PSM	Chair
The Hon Robyn Parker	Deputy Chair
Mr Nicholas Brunton	Member
Mr Ian Clarke	Member
Ms Vanessa Holtham	Member
Mr Paul Knight	Member
Ms Colleen Morris	Member
Ms Anthea Sargent	Member
Mr Dillon Kombumerri	Observer

#### Apologies

Dr Brian Lindsay	Member
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#### Heritage NSW

Mr Sam Kidman	Executive Director
Mr Tim Smith	Director Heritage Assessments
Ms Anna London	A/Director Programs
Mr Matthew Clark	Director Policy and Strategy ( <i>item 3.1</i> )
Dr Caroline Ford	Manager Policy and Reform ( <i>item 3.1</i> )
Ms Julia Dowling	Senior Policy Officer ( <i>item 3.1</i> )
Ms Michael Ellis	Manager Assessments ( <i>item 4.1</i> )
Ms Lily Chu	Senior Assessments Officer ( <i>item 4.1</i> )
Ms Elizabeth Owers	Director Customer Services ( <i>items 4.2 &amp; 4.3</i> )
Ms Lucie Reynolds	Manager Blue Plaques ( <i>item 4.2</i> )
Ms Maruschka Loupis	Senior Project Officer ( <i>item 4.2</i> )
Mr Lachlan Grange	Senior Engagement Officer ( <i>items 4.2 &amp; 4.3</i> )
Ms Rosanna Luca	Senior Engagement Officer ( <i>item 4.3</i> )

#### Secretariat

Ms Olgica Lenger	Manager Secretariat
Ms Elizabeth Thomas	Senior Secretariat Officer

**IN-CAMERA SESSION**

This item was not minuted.

**Item 1. Welcome and Formalities**

The Chair, Frank Howarth, opened the meeting at 9:00 AM and delivered an Acknowledgment of Country.

The Chair noted the apologies received for this meeting.

It was noted that a quorum had been met.

**Item 1.1 Conflict of Interest Declarations**

There were no conflicts of interest declared for this meeting.

**Item 1.2 Out of Session Decisions**

<b>Resolution 2023-16</b>
The Heritage Council of NSW: 1. <b>Confirmed</b> the minutes of the out of session meeting (12 April 2023) as a complete and accurate record of that meeting.
Moved by Ian Clarke and seconded by Paul Knight

**Item 1.3 Minutes from the Previous Meeting – 5 April 2023**

<b>Resolution 2023-17</b>
The Heritage Council of NSW: 1. <b>Confirmed</b> the minutes of the previous ordinary meeting (5 April 2023) as a complete and accurate record of that meeting, with minor amendments.
Moved by Ian Clarke and seconded by Nicholas Brunton

**Item 1.4 Matters Arising**

There were nil matters arising.

**Item 1.5 Action Report**

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the report and closed the items recommended for closure.

**Item 2. Heritage NSW and Committees Updates****Item 2.1 Executive Director, Heritage NSW**

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the report from Executive Director, Sam Kidman.

*Braidwood Structure Plan*

The Council noted that Heritage NSW has received a referral from Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council about the *Braidwood Structure Plan* and a report is being prepared for the Council to consider.

## Item 2.2 State Heritage Register Committee (SHRC)

Robyn Parker, Chair of the State Heritage Register Committee, provided an update on key outcomes for items considered at the 2 May SHRC meeting including:

- Notices of Intent for *Manilla Railway Viaduct and Underbridge* and *Sydney Croquet Clubhouse, Rose Bay*, and
- Recommendations to List *Nowlands Lochinvar Coach Station*, *All Saints Anglican Church, Bodalla* and a curtilage amendment for *Anambah House, Anambah*.

## Item 2.3 Approvals Committee (AC)

Ian Clarke, Chair of the Approvals Committee, provided an update on the key outcomes for items considered at the 2 May AC meeting including:

- an assessment report from Heritage NSW on a subdivision proposal for *Tanilba House, Tanilba Bay*, and
- a presentation from Infrastructure NSW on the detailed design phase (Stage 2) of the *Powerhouse Ultimo and the former Ultimo Post Office Building SSD proposal*.

The Council noted that a nomination to list the whole Powerhouse site will be considered at a future State Heritage Register Committee meeting.

## Item 3. Legal, Policy and Administration

### Item 3.1 Heritage Council Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct

The Heritage Council of NSW reviewed the Terms of Reference (ToR) and Code of Conduct.

Members requested a minor addition to the final document and suggested a companion document be drafted which outlines the Council's mission statement, core values and principles.

The Council thanked Heritage NSW for the work done to finalise the Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct.

<b>Resolution 2023-18</b>
The Heritage Council of NSW resolved to:
1. <b>Endorse</b> the Heritage Council of NSW Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct.
Moved by Nicholas Brunton and seconded by Vanessa Holtham

## Item 4. Matters for Consideration

### Item 4.1 2A Gregory Place, Harris Park

The Council received an update from Heritage NSW on the independent peer review commissioned by the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) for the SSD proposal for affordable housing and build-to-rent at *2A Gregory Place, Harris Park*.

Members discussed the findings of the peer review report prepared by Extent Heritage. It was noted that as the SSD proposal is for a significant development, the Council has no approval role under the *Heritage Act*.

On 4 April, the Council attended a site visit with Heritage NSW and DPE representatives to gain a greater understanding of the potential heritage impacts.

The Council noted the proximity of the site to major and significant heritage properties and given the precinct is of national heritage significance, agreed that ideally such a location would be preserved as open space.

Members remain concerned with the overall bulk and scale of the development and the potential impacts to heritage sight lines and asked that Heritage NSW relay its views to DPE and the proponent at a meeting being held on 4 May 2023.

The Council thanked Heritage NSW for the update and noted that the proponents will be invited to present to the Council with the response to submissions.

<b>Resolution 2023-19</b>
<p>The Heritage Council of NSW:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Notes</b> the information provided in this paper and the findings of the Extent Heritage report.</li> <li>2. <b>Notes</b> that, following the site visit, the Heritage Council of NSW remains concerned with the overall bulk and scale of the development in relation to heritage impacts, and looks forward to the sightline analysis, previously requested.</li> <li>3. <b>Notes</b> the location is in a precinct of the national heritage significance and that ideally, such a location would be retained as open space, as has been done around Experiment Farm Cottage.</li> </ol>
Moved by Paul Knight and seconded by Ian Clarke

#### **Item 4.2 Freedom Ride Trail Trial**

The Council received a presentation from Heritage NSW on the proposed pilot of a Blue Plaques trail concept for the route of the 1965 Freedom Ride.

##### *Key points raised*

- The pilot project aims to:
  - expand upon the *Freedom Ride Blue Plaque* at the Wayside Chapel and connect this site to other key locations visited on the historic ride
  - stimulate interest in regional tourism, and
  - reflect the broader experiences of community with a diverse range of associated stories.
- Collection of information about the various points along the trail will inform the stories and wordings for plaques, and decisions about which stops to highlight will be made in consultation with local communities.
- The final project scope and approach will be co-designed by Heritage NSW and community consultants and historians.
- Digital interface aspects of the rollout will be considered in the next phase of the project.

The Council congratulated the team on this initiative and noted that further updates will be provided as the pilot progresses.

#### **Item 4.3 ICOMOS GA 2023 Participation**

The Council received an update from Heritage NSW on the ICOMOS General Assembly 2023.

Heritage NSW sought the Council's input and involvement in the creation of a short video which will showcase the Heritage Council's role and current priorities. It will be featured at the ICOMOS heritage exposition booth and used for other marketing opportunities over the next few years.

All members were happy to participate in the filming and thanked Heritage NSW for the update.

## **Item 5. Executive Reports**

### **Item 5.1 Chair, Heritage Council of NSW – Monthly Report**

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the verbal update provided by the Chair.

### **Item 5.2 Planning Report (DPE)**

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the planning report and verbal update from Anthea Sargeant.

### **Item 5.3 Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee (ACHAC) Report**

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the verbal update provided by the A/Presiding member, Paul Knight.

In addition, members noted that Paul Knight is leading the consultation on the ACH elements of the review of the Australian Capital Territory's Heritage Act.

### **Item 5.4 Advisory Panels Report**

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the Advisory Committee and Panels report.

## **Item 6. Heritage NSW Reporting**

### **Item 6.1 Heritage Operations – Monthly Reports**

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the monthly reports.

Tim Smith provided a verbal update on the conservation major projects and Anna London provided a verbal update on the progress of listings matters.

### **Item 6.2 Heritage Operations – Quarterly Reports**

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the quarterly Applications and Compliance reports.

## **Item 7. General Matters**

### **Item 7.1 Forward Agenda**

The Heritage Council of NSW reviewed the forward agenda.

### **Item 7.2 TfNSW Regional Rail Heritage Strategy - Nominations**

The Heritage Council of NSW asked that Heritage NSW act as their representative on the *Transport for NSW (TfNSW) Regional Rail Heritage Strategy Reference Group*. Heritage NSW will provide regular updates to the Council and seek their views as and when required.

**Item 8. Meeting Close**

There being no further items of business, the Chair, Frank Howarth, closed the meeting at 12:10 PM.



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Frank Howarth AM PSM  
**Chair, Heritage Council of NSW**  
Date: 7 June 2023