



STATE HERITAGE REGISTER COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

3 October 2023 | 9:00 am – 12:15 pm

Meeting held via Teams videoconference.

ATTENDANCE

State Heritage Register Committee

The Hon Robyn Parker	Chair
Dr Stephen Gapps	Member
Ms Lisa Trueman	Member
Ms Natalie Vinton	Member
Dr Brian Lindsay	Member
Ms Colleen Morris	Deputy Chair
Dr Wayne Johnson	Member
Mr Frank Howarth AM PSM	Alternate Member

Heritage NSW

Mr Sam Kidman	Executive Director
Mr Harvey Johnston	A/Director Programs
Dr Natalie Blake	A/Manager Program Coordination
Ms Margot Stuart	Senior Heritage Officer (Item 2.1)
Ms Alexandra Boukouvalas	Manager Heritage Programs (Item 2.1)
Ms Louise Prowse	Senior Heritage Officer (Item 2.2 and 3.2)
Ms Taryn Gooley	A/Manager Heritage Programs (Item 2.2 and 3.2)
Mr Damian Tybussek	Senior Heritage Officer (Item 3.1)
Ms Jodielyn Edge	Aboriginal Senior Heritage Officer (Item 2.3)

Secretariat

Ms Jo Pickles	Secretariat Officer
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IN-CAMERA SESSION

This item was not minuted.

Item 1. Welcome and Formalities

Chair Robyn Parker opened the meeting at 9:18 am and delivered an Acknowledgment of Country. There were no apologies and a quorum had been met.

Item 1.1 Conflict of Interest Declarations

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the following standing declarations:

- Robyn Parker: 2011-2015 Decisions
- Colleen Morris: National Trust of Australia
- Dr Wayne Johnson: Place Management NSW
- Natalie Vinton: Powerhouse

No other conflict of interest declarations were reported.

Item 1.2 Out of Session Decisions

- The Committee noted the SHRC *SHR and AP Listings Review Process Workshop* held on 19 September 2023.
- Members discussed the proposal to adopt a 'short form' triage nomination process in 2024 and a dedicated listings team to manage the assessment process and priorities of the team.
- The Committee noted that gap analysis work and a priority list will be presented at the 31 October 2023 meeting.

Item 1.3 Minutes from the Previous Meeting – 29 August 2023

Resolution 2023-44
The State Heritage Register Committee: 1. Confirmed the minutes of the previous ordinary meeting (29 August 2023) as a complete and accurate record of that meeting.
Moved by Lisa Trueman and seconded by Stephen Gapps

Item 1.4 Matters Arising

Nil reported.

Item 1.5 Action Report

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report.

Item 2 SHR Nominations – Notice of Intention**Item 2.1 Victoria Pass and Berghofers Pass - NOI**

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the paper on Victoria Pass – Notice of Intention.

Key points noted:

- Victoria Pass and Berghofers Pass is located at the Great Western Highway and Mount York Road, Mount Victoria and is one of the oldest engineered works in Australia still in use today. It was constructed between 1830 and 1838 and has been in almost continuous use since its construction. In the early 20th century Berghofers Pass was constructed to facilitate early motor vehicles and was known for a short period as Victoria Pass.
- Victoria Pass and Berghofers Pass is nominated by Engineering Australia and Transport for NSW.
- The proposed curtilage has been extended from the original nomination to include the entire Victoria Pass and Berghofers Pass.

The Chair thanked Margot Stuart and Alexandra Boukouvalas for their work and presentation.

Resolution 2023-45

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. **Considers** the item known as Victoria Pass and Berghofers Pass at Great Western Highway and Mount York Road, Mount Victoria, defined in accordance with the curtilage shown at Tab 2.1C, is likely to be of State heritage significance.
2. In accordance with section 33(1)(a) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, will **give** each person that it considers to be an affected owner or occupier written **notice** that it is going to consider whether or not to recommend the listing of the item concerned (a *Notice of Intention to Consider Listing*).
3. In accordance with section 33(1)(b) and section 33(1)(c) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, within 14 days after notice of intention to consider listing is given, will cause a **notice** of intention to consider listing to be **published** in a newspaper circulating in the area in which the item is situated, inviting submissions on the listing, specifying a date as the closing date for the receipt of submissions of 28 days after the publication of the newspaper notice and the manner in which submissions may be made.

Moved by Natalie Vinton and seconded by Wayne Johnson

Item 2.2 Greenway, 24 Wentworth Road, Vaucluse - NOI

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the paper on Greenway, 24 Wentworth Road, Vaucluse – Notice of Intention.

Key points noted:

- Greenway is one of earliest Inter War Mediterranean houses designed by prominent architect Professor Leslie Wilkinson as his family residence and was nominated for listing by Woollahra Municipal Council.
- Members noted that Greenway is protected under the Woollahra LEP.
- The Committee noted the verbal presentation by Stephen Davies (Urbis Pty Ltd) as the owner's representative.
- Heritage NSW will continue to engage with Woollahra Council to collectively provide advice and comments to the owner.

The Chair thanked Louise Prowse and Taryn Gooley for their work.

Resolution 2023-46

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. **Considers** the item known as ‘Greenway’ at 24 Wentworth Road, Vaucluse defined in accordance with the curtilage shown at Tab 2.2C, is likely to be of state heritage significance;
2. In accordance with section 33(1)(a) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, **give** each person that it considers to be an affected owner or occupier written **notice** that it is going to consider whether or not to recommend the listing of the item concerned (a Notice of Intention to Consider Listing); and
3. In accordance with section 33(1)(b) and section 33(1)(c) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, within 14 days after notice of intention to consider listing is given, will cause a **notice** of intention to consider listing to be **published** in a newspaper circulating in the area in which the item is situated, inviting submissions on the listing, specifying a date as the closing date for the receipt of submissions of 28 days after the publication of the newspaper notice and the manner in which submissions may be made.

Moved by Colleen Morris and seconded by Lisa Trueman

Item 2.3 Wellington Town Common - NOI

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the paper on Wellington Town Common – Notice of Intention.

Key points noted:

- The Wellington Town Common was nominated for SHR listing by the owners, Wiradjuri Wellington Aboriginal Town Common Aboriginal Corporation (WWATCAC).
- The curtilage has been increased and the proposed SHR listing encompasses a house, a church and 11.2 hectares of land where other fringe camps, now demolished, were located.
- The house and church are some of the only surviving examples of extant buildings associated with a 20th century Aboriginal fringe camp. The Common has an association with the 1965 Freedom Rides and was a leading example of the fight for recognition and protection of Aboriginal heritage and land rights.
- The site was subject to an interim heritage order (IHO) in 1993 and files from State Archives helped Heritage NSW expand their understanding of the site.

The Chair thanked Jodielyn Edge and Harvey Johnston for their work and presentation.

Resolution 2023-47

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. **Considers** the item known as the Wellington Town Common, defined in accordance with the curtilage shown in Tab 3.2C, is likely to be of State heritage significance.
2. In accordance with Section 33(1)(a) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, will **give** each person that is considers to be an affected owner or occupier written **notice** that it is going to consider whether or not to recommend the listing of the item concerned (a *Notice of Intention to Consider Listing*).
3. In accordance with section 33(1)(b) and section 33(1)(c) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, within 14 days after notice of intention to consider listing is given, will cause a **notice** of intention to consider listing to be **published** in a newspaper circulating in the area in which the item is situated, inviting submissions on the listing, specifying a date as the closing date for the receipt of submission of 28 days after the publication of the newspaper notice and the manner in which submissions may be made.

Moved by Wayne Johnson and seconded by Stephen Gapps

Item 3 SHR Nominations – Recommendation to List

Item 3.1 Kameruka Golf Course - RTL

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the paper on Kameruka Golf Course – Recommendation to List.

Key points noted:

- The Kameruka Golf course was nominated by the Society of Kameruka Golfers and Peter Freeman (Heritage Consultant).
- The *Society of Kameruka Golfers* would like to restore the golf course, however, negotiations to buy or lease the site have not been successful.
- The Committee previously resolved that the item is of State heritage significance under six of the seven criteria.
- Heritage NSW has inspected the site and confirms that the features (earthworks and landscaping) of the golf course are extant and is engaging with the owner to consider a way forward.
- The Committee noted the significance of the site, including the cultural landscape and archaeological significance and discussed the economic impacts and current and potential future uses of the site.

The Chair thanked Damian Tybussek and Taryn Gooley for their work and presentation.

Resolution 2023-48

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. **Reiterates** as per the resolution (2023-03) made at its meeting on 31 January 2023 that, in accordance with section 33(1)(d) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, has **considered** the submissions received in response to its Notice of Intention to Consider Listing and considers the item known as *Kameruka Golf Course* at West Kameruka Road, Kameruka, satisfies more than one of the approved criteria for determining whether an item is of State heritage significance, being criteria (a), (b), (c), (e), (f), and (g), as detailed in the report at **Tab 3.1A**.
2. **Recommends** to the Minister, in accordance with sections 32(1) and (2) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, that the Minister **direct** the listing of *Kameruka Golf Course* at West Kameruka Road, Kameruka on the State Heritage Register, as shown in the plan at **Tab 3.1C**.
3. In accordance with section 33(1)(e) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, **give notice** of its decision to persons notified under section 33(1)(a).
4. In accordance with section 57(2) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, **note** that the Heritage Council Standard Exemptions will apply.

Moved by Stephen Gapps and seconded by Lisa Trueman

Note: The resolution was supported by the majority of members, however, Chair Robyn Parker noted her opposition to the resolution.

Item 3.2 Nan Tien Temple - RTL

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the paper on Nan Tien Temple – Recommendation to List.

Key points noted:

- Nan Tien Temple is the largest Buddhist Temple Complex in NSW and as a major tourist attraction, plays a crucial role in educating the people of NSW about Buddhism.
- Nan Tien Temple is not currently protected under any statutory listing.
- If listed, Nan Tien Temple Complex, would be the only purely Buddhist structure and Pagoda on the SHR. It represents a significant opportunity to recognise the story of Buddhism in NSW for migrants and Australian-born Buddhists.
- Heritage NSW will continue to engage with Wollongong City Council and the owners in regard to the revised curtilage and site specific exemptions.

The Chair thanked Louise Prowse for her work.

Resolution 2023-49

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. In accordance with section 33(1)(d) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, has **considered** the submissions received in response to its Notice of Intention to Consider Listing and considers the item known as Nan Tien Temple at 180 Berkeley Road, Berkeley, satisfies more than one of the approved criteria for determining whether an item is of State heritage significance, being criteria (a), (b), (c) and (d), as detailed in the report at **Tab 3.2A**.
2. **Recommends** to the Minister, in accordance with sections 32(1) and (2) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, that the Minister **direct** the listing of the item, Nan Tien Temple at 180 Berkeley Road, Berkeley, on the State Heritage Register, as shown in the plan at **Tab 3.2C**.
3. In accordance with section 33(1)(e) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, **give notice** of its decision to persons notified under section 33(1)(a).
4. In accordance with section 57(2) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, **recommends** that the Minister **grant** the site specific exemptions at Tab 3.2D from section 57(1) of the Act in addition to the Heritage Council Standard Exemptions.

Moved by Brian Lindsay and seconded by Colleen Morris

Item 4. Matters for Consideration

Item 4.1 Port Kembla Telephone Exchange - update

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the update on Port Kembla Telephone Exchange.

Heritage NSW has been liaising with the National Communications Museum, Victoria (NCM) regarding the future of the Port Kembla Telephone Exchange. The NCM Board will consider the nomination at their meeting in September 2023. Heritage NSW will provide an update to the SHRC at the next meeting.

The Chair thanked Harvey Johnston for the update.

Item 5. Preliminary Assessment of New SHR Nominations

Item 5.1 NPF 629 Diesel Power Car and NTC 729 Diesel Trailer Car

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the SHR Nomination for the *NPF 629 Diesel Power Car* and *NTC 729 Diesel Trailer Car* to be added to the current SHR listed Rail Motor Collection owned by the Rail Motor Society. This addition enables the collection to trace the development of rail motors from the first of the 'standard' types in 1923 through to 1968 that were all designed by NSW Government Railways and constructed in the Railways' own workshops.

Resolution 2023-50

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. **Considers** that NPF 629 Diesel Power Car and the NTC 729 Diesel Trailer Car are fast-track nominations as they are amendments to an existing heritage item and are for notification only (Tab 5A&B).

Moved by Natalie Vinton and seconded by Colleen Morris

Item 5.2 Berrima Marketplace

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the SHR Nomination. There are multiple SHR and local heritage items in the vicinity of the Berrima Marketplace. Heritage NSW is meeting with Wingecarribee Shire Council, about a number of issues that have arisen with this nomination, including fencing gates that have been demolished.

Resolution 2023-51

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. **Considers** that Berrima Market Place has significance as a contributing element to the historic township of Berrima and is most appropriately considered in the holistic nomination for the Berrima township which is currently paused.

Moved by Natalie Vinton and seconded by Brian Lindsay

Item 5.3 Botany Aquatic Pool

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the SHR Nomination for the Botany Aquatic Pool. The Committee noted that comparative information is limited for pools and discussed the potential local significance of the entry and pavilion architecture as well as the pool.

The Chair thanked Natalie Blake for her work.

Resolution 2023-52

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. **Considers** that the Botany Aquatic Pool may be of Local heritage significance and is not a priority to progress for a full assessment for potential listing on the SHR and the nomination is closed.

Moved by Wayne Johnson and seconded by Colleen Morris

Item 6. SHR Listings Monthly Report

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report and sought further details on the progress for some listings.

Item 7. General Matters

Item 7.1 Forward Agenda

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report.

Meeting Close

There being no further items of business, Chair Robyn Parker closed the meeting at 12:15 pm.



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The Hon Robyn Parker

Chair, State Heritage Register Committee

Date: 31 October 2023