



HERITAGE COUNCIL OF NSW

MEETING MINUTES – 532

1 October 2024 | 09:00 AM – 12:10 PM

Meeting Room 15, Level 11, 4PSQ, 12 Darcy Street, Parramatta & via teleconference

ATTENDANCE

Members

Mr Frank Howarth AM PSM	Chair
Dr Nicholas Brunton	Member
Mr Ian Clarke	Member
Ms Vanessa Holtham	Member
Dr Brian Lindsay	Member
Ms Colleen Morris	Member
Ms Anthea Sargent	Member

Apologies

Dr Danièle Hromek	Member
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State Heritage Register Committee

Ms Lisa Trueman	Member (<i>item 3.1</i>)
Ms Natalie Vinton	Member (<i>item 3.1</i>)

Approvals Committee

Mr David Burdon	Member (<i>item 3.1</i>)
Mr Bruce Pettman	Member (<i>item 3.1</i>)

External Presenters

Ms Sharon Veale	CEO and Partner, GML Heritage (<i>item 3.1</i>)
Mr Loredana Sipione	Heritage Consultant, GML Heritage (<i>item 4.1</i>)

Heritage NSW

Mr Sam Kidman	Executive Director
Mr Tim Smith	Director Heritage Assessments
Ms Taryn Gooley	A/Director Heritage Programs (<i>section 3</i>)
Ms Lucy Albani	Director Policy & Strategy (<i>section 3</i>)
Mr Michael Ellis	Manager Assessments (<i>item 1.4</i>)
Ms Nicola Roche	Manager Heritage Programs (<i>item 3.1</i>)
Mr Damian Tybussek	Senior Heritage Officer (<i>item 3.1</i>)
Ms Rosanna Luca	Senior Engagement Officer (<i>item 3.1</i>)
Ms Rochelle Johnston	Strategic Manager Heritage Referrals (<i>items 4.1 & 4.2</i>)
Ms Katrina Stankowski	Manager Assessments (<i>item 4.1</i>)
Ms Tracy Appel	Senior Assessments Officer (<i>item 4.2</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.

The Chair noted the apologies received for this meeting, and that Danièle Hromek was afforded leave for this meeting.

The Chair noted that a quorum had been met.

Item 1.1 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Nil.

Item 1.2 Minutes from the Previous Meeting – 4 September 2024

Resolution 2024-46
The Heritage Council of NSW resolved to: 1. Confirm the minutes of the previous ordinary meeting (4 September 2024) as a complete and accurate record of that meeting.
Moved by Brian Lindsay and seconded by Ian Clarke

Item 1.3 Out of Session Decisions

Nil.

Item 1.4 Matters Arising

2 St Mary's Road, Sydney

Members noted the correspondence received from the City of Sydney (CoS) inviting the Heritage Council to participate in the Land and Environment Court s.34 conciliation conference being held on site with the applicant and the CoS on 6 December 2024. Nicholas Brunton and Ian Clarke agreed to attend the conference to represent the Heritage Council in the Chair's absence.

Resolution 2024-47
The Heritage Council of NSW resolved to: 1. Join the proceedings in the Land and Environment Court for <i>2 St Mary's Road, Sydney</i> section 34 conciliation conference.
Moved by Nicholas Brunton and seconded Ian Clarke

Item 1.5 Action Report

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the report and closed the items recommended for closure. The register was updated to reflect the further actions required.

Item 2. Heritage NSW and Committees Updates

Item 2.1 Executive Director, Heritage NSW

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the report and a verbal update from the Executive Director. Members sought status updates on various projects including the state significant development proposal for *Barangaroo*, the build-to-rent proposal for *2A Gregory Place*, Harris Park and the *Bundian Way* SHR listing.

Item 2.2 State Heritage Register Committee

Colleen Morris, A/Chair of the State Heritage Register Committee (SHRC), provided an update on the key outcomes for items considered at the 30 September SHRC meeting, including:

- o notices of intent (NOI) for *Ballast Point Park*, Birchgrove; *Chelmsford Bridge and Leura Cascades Picnic Area*, Leura; *Gosford Courthouse and Police Station (former)*, Gosford, and the *Imperial Hotel*, Erskineville
- o a recommendation to amend the listing for the *Palace Hotel*, Broken Hill, and
- o an update from Heritage NSW on the progress of NOI's for *Lansdowne*, Goulburn; and *Woolley Townhouse*, Paddington.

Item 2.3 Approvals Committee

Ian Clarke, Chair of the Approvals Committee (AC), provided an update on the key outcomes for items considered at the 30 September AC meeting, including:

- o a s.38 amendment to the integrated development application for *Studley Park*, Camden
- o a presentation from Heritage NSW and member, Bruce Pettman, following a site visit to *Argyle House*, Newcastle, and
- o consideration of the response received from Venues NSW regarding the *Sydney Football Stadium SSD* proposal.

The Council discussed the response provided by Venues NSW and noted that the Chair of the Heritage Council will write to Venues NSW to advise the Council's position regarding the SSD proposal and the requirement to satisfy the conditions of consent with respect to the Busby's Bore unexpected find.

Item 3. External Presentations

Item 3.1 Braidwood Review milestone 3 - final recommendations

The Chair welcomed the State Heritage Register Committee and Approvals Committee members to the meeting for the presentation from GML Heritage on the final recommendations of the management review of *Braidwood and its Setting* (milestone 3).

The *milestone 1 report* identified updates needed for key heritage planning issues. The *milestone 3 report* has prioritised these issues into short-, medium- and long-term goals. It also provides lessons learnt and broader insights for the recognition of large cultural landscapes and proposes a long-term community engagement plan.

The Council discussed the feedback from the community consultation including:

- o the range of views as to the effectiveness of the town's SHR listing
- o the increasing pressures for development of the town
- o the need for greater clarity and transparency around opportunities for heritage grant funding, and

- the need for consistency in decision making and clarity around the different funding and approval processes for state or local heritage listings and heritage conservation areas.

The Council thanked GML Heritage for the presentation.

Members considered ways to support the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) and the local community through the heritage approval processes and looks forward to discussing this further with the QPRC when they meet as part of the regional visit taking place this week.

The Council thanked Heritage NSW for the report and noted that next steps include preparation of a prioritised action plan which will be presented to the Council for further consideration.

Item 4. Matters for consideration

Item 4.1 Swan Hill Bridge – Heritage NSW update

The Heritage Council of NSW received an update from Heritage NSW on Transport for NSW's future proposal to construct a new vehicle road bridge at Swan Hill.

The *Swan Hill-Murray River Road Bridge* is scheduled for demolition/delisting to allow for a new bridge to be built in its place.

The Council discussed the significance of the SHR listing, the complexities around any potential delisting of the bridge, and how best to determine the necessity of the proposed new bridge while considering the views of the community.

Members noted the Chair's ongoing consultation with Heritage NSW and Heritage Victoria to determine the appropriate process and approval pathways for the various options proposed.

Anthea Sargent left the meeting at 11:45 AM

Item 4.2 Morpeth House, Closebourne House and adjoining chapels (SHR 00375) – heritage agreements

The Heritage Council of NSW received an update from Heritage NSW on the conservation works undertaken for the SHR listed *Morpeth House, Closebourne House and adjoining chapels*, Morpeth.

Members noted that in 2010 the government entered into a heritage agreement which required the owner/developer to carry out identified high and medium priority conservation works to ensure that the significant structures on the site were appropriately conserved, adapted and reused. Since this time, the site has been significantly modified with the development of the Closebourne Retirement Village.

Heritage NSW provided an update on the progress of conservation works, the constraints of the existing heritage agreement and actions taken to mitigate the ongoing security risks.

Members discussed the funding arrangements under the current heritage agreement and ways to ensure the long-term conservation of the listing.

The Council noted the opportunity to liaise with various stakeholders to further develop viable options for the potential activation and future uses for the SHR listing and acknowledged the work of Heritage NSW, particularly Tracy Appel, in providing the comprehensive report.

Resolution 2024-48

The Heritage Council of NSW resolved to:

1. **Acknowledge and commend** the extensive engagement Heritage NSW has undertaken with Lendlease/Keyton Holdings to resolve the high and medium priority conservation works as outlined in the Heritage Agreement and **encourage** the ongoing engagement of Heritage NSW with the owners towards the activation of the remaining three buildings.
2. **Agree** that the conservation works undertaken at Morpeth House, Closebourne House, Adjoining Chapels and Diocesan Registry Group as part of the Heritage Agreement to date, and Keyton Holdings commitment to the Schedule of Maintenance, is adequate to allow Heritage NSW to investigate the variation or termination of the Agreement.

Moved by Ian Clarke and seconded by Nicholas Brunton

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 (DPHI)

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the monthly planning report.

Item 5.3 Advisory Panels Report

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

Item 6. Heritage NSW Reports

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the monthly operational reports and verbal update from Tim Smith.

Item 7. General Matters**Item 7.1 Forward Agenda**

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the forward agenda.

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: 6 November 2024