

# HERITAGE COUNCIL OF NSW Approvals Committee

## MINUTES OF MEETING

5 March 2008

Heritage Office, 3 Marist Place, Parramatta



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**PRESENT:** Peter Mould (Chair), Petula Samios, Chris Johnson, David Logan, Julie Bindon, Diane Jones

**APOLOGIES:** NIL

**ALSO PRESENT:** Heritage Office: Vincent Sicari, Nikki Ward, Murat Gul, Fiona Leslie

For Collingwood: Phil Talhurst & Janine McCarthy (Liverpool City Council), Norma Shelley OAM (Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council), Des Dyer (Darug Tribal Aboriginal Corporation & Senior Elder of the Darug), Vicki Andrews & Pam Browne (Collingwood House & Regional Museum Precinct Action Committee)

### **1. Opening – Welcome**

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The Chair opened the meeting at 9:45 pm.

#### **1.2 Confirmation and Timing of Agenda**

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The agenda was confirmed.

#### **Declarations of Interest**

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**Pecuniary Interests**

NIL

**Non Pecuniary Interests**

NIL

**Conflicts of Interest**

NIL

## **2. Confirmation of Minutes**

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### **2.1 Approvals Committee Meeting of 13 February 2008**

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Members received a copy of the minutes.

**Resolved:**

**that the Minutes of the meeting of 13 February 2008 be adopted.**

## **3. Action Report**

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Members received a copy of the action report.

**Resolved:**

**that the Action Report of the meeting of 13 February 2008 be adopted.**

## **4. Presentations**

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### **4.1 Collingwood – IDA (Norma Shelley OAM)**

Ms Shelley spoke to the Approvals Committee expressing her concern about whether relevant local Aboriginal communities had been consulted in discussions regarding the proposed subdivision of the Collingwood site and its potential impacts to Aboriginal cultural significance of the site. In particular, Ms Shelley expressed concern that views toward the Georges River would be impeded by development on the portion of land to be subdivided.

### **4.2 Collingwood – IDA (Liverpool Council)**

The General Manager of Liverpool Council outlined the necessity of subdivision and sale of a portion of the Collingwood site for the purpose of funding ongoing maintenance for Collingwood House. The DCP contained height controls of up to 6.4 metres for buildings on that section of land, which Council believe would enable retention of the essential view corridor toward the Georges River.

### **4.3 Collingwood – IDA (Collingwood House & Regional Museum precinct Action Committee)**

A presentation was made to the Approvals Committee showing key view corridors (past and present) and raising concern about the potential impact development on the area proposed for subdivision would have on remaining views. Specific concerns were: preservation of the view corridor looking down toward the Georges River, in particular in the direction of caves along the river; and lack of consultation with local Aboriginal groups in regard to the subdivision.

## **Integrated Development Applications/Section 60 and 132 Applications/Section 140 Excavation permits**

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### **5.1 Collingwood, Liverpool – IDA**

The proposal for Heritage Council consideration was for subdivision of the Collingwood site into two lots and residential development in accordance with the adopted Development Control Plan (DCP). Council sought site specific exemption for any development compliant with the DCP.

Construction of some sympathetic development on the subject portion of land, without adverse impact on the site, was previously considered as an option by the Heritage Council at the time of listing of the site on the State Heritage Register. The Heritage Council also did not object to the proposed rezoning and reclassification of land on Congressional Drive in the Draft LEP on the basis of Liverpool Council's commitment to dedicate funds from the sale of this land to the conservation and maintenance of Collingwood.

It was considered that future residential development on the section of land proposed for subdivision could have some impact on significant Aboriginal sightlines toward the Georges River from the ridge along the Collingwood site as it was unclear how the controls in the DCP would protect the view corridor.

It was noted that the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) could soon be making a recommendation to the Minister regarding consideration of the Collingwood site as an Aboriginal Place.

It was considered advisable that further consultation with local Aboriginal communities should be carried out in order to obtain a better understanding of their concerns. More detailed analysis of impact on sightlines should also be included in the DCP, as per the Heritage Council's previous advice.

#### **Resolved:**

#### **That the Heritage Council:**

**A) Defer the application pending the detailed resolution to the Heritage Council's previous concerns as expressed in the letter of the 21 February 2007 and subsequent advice from the Heritage Branch, Department of Planning of the 16 August 2007.**

**B) Further recommends that in addressing the issues in point A that consultation be actively pursued with the local Aboriginal communities and that in identifying the significant views to and from the site that photomontages depicting the view corridor and potential impacts as a result of development be prepared.**

**In determining this application the Heritage Council notes that the site is currently under consideration by Department of Environment and Climate Change with relation to the declaration of this site as an Aboriginal Place.**

## **6. Development Application Referrals and Major Project Application Referrals Under Part 3A of EP&A Act**

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NIL

## **7.0 Matters for Consideration**

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NIL

## **8.0 Matters for Information**

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NIL

## **9.0 General Business**

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NIL

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting 12:10 pm.

<b>Peter Mould</b> <b>Chair</b> <b>Approvals Committee</b> <b>Heritage Council of NSW</b>	<b>Next Meeting of the Approvals Committee</b> 2 April, 2008 3 Marist Place Parramatta
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