

**MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE COUNCIL APPROVALS COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday 3 November 2004 at the Heritage Office, 3 Marist Place,**  
**Parramatta at 9.30am**

**Attendance**

Mary-Lynne Taylor	Chair
Sharon Sullivan	
Elsa Atkin	
Rod Leaver	
Diane Jones	
Susan Macdonald	Assistant Director, Heritage Office
Bruce Pettman	
Megan Jones	
Gary Prattley	

**Also in Attendance**

Vincent Sicari	Heritage Office	
Vanessa Williams	Heritage Office	
Gary Pringle	Heritage Office	
Rajeev Maini	Heritage Office	
Brad Vale	Heritage Office	
Barney Collins	EJE Architect	Item 4.1
Keith Southall	Newcastle Ports Corporation	Item 4.1
Neil Slater	Restaurant Proprietor	Item 4.1
Amir Safaei	EJE Architects	Item 4.1
Byron Harford	Architect	Item 4.2
Angus Crane	Landmark Food Company	Item 4.2
Chris Levins	Parramatta Park Trust	Item 4.2
Garry Tommes	Railcorp	Item 4.3

**1. Declarations of Interest**

Megan Jones	Item 8.1
Diane Jones	Item 7.1
Bruce Pettman	Item 8.1

**1.2 Apologies**

**2. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the October meeting were approved.

**3. Action Report**

Members noted the October Action report

**4. Presentations**

- 4.1** Barney Collins and his team presented their vision for the restoration and adaptive re-use of Nobby's Head Newcastle. The team propose a 40 seat restaurant, take away food outlet and several five star accommodation rooms. The major aspects of the lighthouse have been retained so that further use and appreciation of the site is accessible to everyone.

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**4.2** Chris Levins from Parramatta Park Trust and his Team attended the Approvals meeting to explain their vision for a remodelled function centre. It is proposed to build an additional room to the kiosk that would increase its floor area by approximately 14% or taking the capacity from 150 to 200 people. The proposed room would be a function room and assist the building to cater for a variety of function sizes.

**4.3** Garry Tommes from Railcorp presented to the Approvals Committee his position in wanting the application for signage on Meta St Bridge, Croydon to be approved. He stressed that allowing signs to be placed on the bridge decreased the instance of graffiti on the heritage item. Historically, he said, when there is no signage graffiti is a problem. His proposal seeks approval for the use of the inner surfaces of the brick parapet walls of the Meta Street railway overbridge for advertisement signage. It is proposed that signage will be painted directly onto the inner surface of the eastern and western brick walls of the overbridge addressing both vehicular and pedestrian traffic using the overbridge, and will have similar wording, text style, colours and graphics as the existing signage on the eastern side of the bridge.

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

**5.1 Ashton House, 102 Elizabeth bay Rd, Elizabeth Bay – s60**

**Resolved:**

That the Heritage Council:

1. Defer the application for the Heritage Office to undertake further consultation with the applicant.
2. Recommend that from view 6, in the document titled "Ashton – Architectural Proposal – Photomontages" of September 2004, there is exposure of the whole bay window structure. It may be necessary to re-design the tower in order to achieve this.
3. Agree that a special meeting can be convened if necessary to determine the application.

**5.2 Meta Street Bridge, Meta Street, Croydon – s60**

**Resolved:**

That the Heritage Council:

- a) Acknowledge that the bridge is part of the Heritage curtilage of the item and a s60 application is required with no public notification required as, in the opinion of the Heritage Council, the proposed work do not materially affect the significance of the item;
- b) Defer the application to look at precedents set by past signs. Information is required regarding extent, nature and location of previous signage as well as those proposed for the new signage.

**6. Development Application Referrals**

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**6.1 Catherine Hill Bay - DAR**

**Resolved:**

That the Heritage Council note the Report

**7. Conservation Management Plans**

7.1 The Committee noted the CMP Report

**8. Matters for Consideration**

**8.1 University of Western Sydney - Master plan**

**Resolved:**

The Heritage Council advise:

1. Parramatta City Council that the SEPP56 Master Plan is considered acceptable in principle subject to the following comments:

a. In the Visual Analysis section, views are identified simply as major/main views and not as historically significant views. All historically significant views (internal as well as External) should be clearly marked (separate from contemporary significant views) on Figure 6 & 7 of the Master Plan. Also, the sections dealing with constraints arising from views does not clearly deal with the internal views. It is considered that appropriate text should be added to this section to make the situation clearer.

b. Figure 13 & 15 should also be amended in accordance with the recommendations made by the Heritage Impact Statement prepared by Tanner Architects dated 15 October 2004.

c. Any excavation within the Building Location Zones should be monitored by an experienced historical archaeologist in order to record evidence of the gardens and orchards shown on the 1893 plan and the two water closets and drains in Zone A. Areas of the site should also be tested by removing the present ground cover and recording evidence for ploughing and other cultivation. A policy to this effect should be included in the Master Plan.

d. The Master Plan is considered acceptable in principle, however, the impact of the actual building locations and heights will need to be assessed based on the overall impact of the subject buildings and may require amendments to design parameters. A separate Section 60 application is required for any buildings/development on the site. The Master Plan should be amended to clarify this situation under the heading Role of the Master Plan.

2. Advise the applicant that:

a. The Heritage Council congratulates the University of Western Sydney on the recent UNESCO award (Honourable Mention Prize) for conservation of the Female Orphanage building and recognises the efforts made by Tanner Architects in this regard.

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b. In order to continue the best practice on this site, it is requested that a comprehensive Conservation Management Plan be prepared for the whole site within a period of 3 months

c. A detailed archaeological assessment of the proposed site of the new building and a strategy for the management of the archaeological resource must be included in the Heritage Impact Statement to be submitted with the Section 60 application for the new teaching building.

d. The Section 60 application for the new teaching building must also include a Heritage Impact Statement in accordance with the Heritage Office guidelines, addressing siting of buildings, in particular the maintenance and recognition of principle views and axis.

e. A detailed urban design analysis should be prepared as part of the application for the first building to ensure a logical and co-ordinated design approach for the relevant Building Location Zone. This analysis should confirm and clarify the location of buildings, building footprints, heights and building envelopes to minimise impact on the significance of the subject site.

## **9. Matters for Information**

### **9.1 Parramatta Park Function Centre – Pre Lodgement**

**Resolved:**

That the Heritage Council note:

1. the presentation and information in the report; and
2. that the application will be dealt with under delegation

### **9.2 Nobby's Head Newcastle – Pre Lodgement**

**Resolved:**

**That the Heritage Council:**

- congratulate the applicant on the quality of the presentation.
- Defer consideration of the matter pending a site visit and meeting with the applicant

## **10. General Business**

- **Susan Macdonald provided a briefing on the issues relating to 20 Martin Rd, Centennial Park – the former residence of Patrick White**
- **the house is up for auction in November.**
- **Patrick White donated his collection to the AGNSW and books to the NSW State Library. The remaining contents were auctioned on 27 October 2004. It is intended that a list of items be assembled with their new owners identified shortly. The Heritage Office has amended the intention to list the property on the SHR.**

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The closing date for submissions is 17<sup>th</sup> December and it is hoped to have the place listed by the auction on 24 November 2004.

**11. Next Meeting December 2004**

**Signed:**

**Date**