

**MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE COUNCIL
APPROVALS COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2001
LEVEL 11 2-10 WENTWORTH STREET,
PARRAMATTA**

1. In Attendance

Jim Barrett	Chair
Terry Barnes	
Alan Croker	
Graham Quint	National Trust of Australia (NSW)
Kerry Bedford	Department of Urban Affairs & Planning
Bruce Pettman	Acting Chair Government Architect's Office DPWS
Mary-Lynne Taylor	
Reece McDougall	Assistant Director, Heritage Office

Also in Attendance

Susan Macdonald	Heritage Office
Graham Williams	Heritage Office
Alice Brandjes	Heritage Office
Cameron White	Heritage Office (for item 9.1)
Anthony Mitchell	Heritage Office (for item 10.1)

Apologies

Chris Johnson, Government Architect (represented by Bruce Pettman)
Garry Fielding

2. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the reconvened meeting of 26 July 2001 June 2001 (held on 16 August), dealing with issues relating to Tempe House, and the meeting of 16 August 2001 were confirmed.

3. Declarations of Personal Interest

Nil

4. Action Report

Members noted the Action Report. Further information was also provided to members on the present position of the following issues.

Scots Church

Members were told that advice received by the Heritage Office indicated that Sydney City Council had raised concerns as to the colours and materials to be used in the proposed additional storeys to the building. It was suggested that the Heritage Council's Scots Church sub-committee meet with Sydney City Council's design committee that it reviewing this issue. Members agreed that a meeting should occur and it further agreed that arrangements for such a meeting would be arranged.

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Jenner House

Members were advised of the circumstances concerning the deferment of this issue at the request of the applicant, pending amendments to the proposal. Members noted that discussions were continuing between the applicants and the Heritage Office.

Government House Site, Port Macquarie

Members were given an update on this issue and advised that a letter was in preparation, for the signature of the chair of the Heritage Council, to the Commonwealth Government authorities seeking Commonwealth funding assistance in this issue.

5. Presentations

Nil

**6. Integrated Development Applications/Section 60 and 132
Applications/Section 140 Excavation Permits**

**6.1 Bombala Railway Station, Wheel- based Recreation Track
IDA and Section 60 Application**

Members considered an Integrated Development Application and a section 60 application from Bombala Shire Council for the construction of a wheel-based recreation track on land within the SHR listed boundary of the Bombala Railway Station. The application considered by members was for construction of a 125 mm thick shaped reinforced concrete slab incorporating curved and straight ramps designed for skateboards and BMX bikes. The whole surface to be constructed on the existing natural ground level. The site for the subject application is within a precinct identified for active and passive recreation in a 1996 planning report. In 1994, following the cessation of railway services to Bombala on the line, the SRA leased most of the railway site to Bombala Council, and the Bombala Railway Land Committee was formed. Members were advised in the agenda report that Bombala Shire Council had advised that the proposal was supported by the SRA subject to the condition that the structure be removed if it is not used and be subject to the approval of the Heritage Council. Following consideration of the agenda report and discussion of the issue members made the following resolution.

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Resolved

That the Heritage Council:

- 1. considers that the proposed use is acceptable in a part of the railway site designated for passive recreation in the Concept Plan and visually separated from significant buildings and facilities. Together with other proposed uses it will assist in bringing life and activity to the railway lands, assisting their conservation by reducing neglect and vandalism. Its minimal visual impact on the heritage significance of the railway land will be further reduced when the proposed gardens are developed and landscaping undertaken.**
- 2. notify the Council in respect of the IDA that it proposes to approve an application under section 60 of the Heritage Act 1977 for the proposal in the following general terms:**
 - (a) a landscape plan is to be provided to the Heritage Council, for delegated approval of the Director, Heritage Office prior to the wheel-based recreation facility coming into use. This condition is to ensure that landscaping of the railway lands and the gardens proposed to the north east of the site for the facility enhances the visual separation between the proposed facility and significant areas, railway structures and machinery on the lands and landscaping is provided to soften the visual impact of the facility from Mahratta Street;**
 - (b) The applicants shall provide a guarantee in a form acceptable to the Council that the facility will be removed if it falls into disuse and the site restored generally to its existing contours;**
 - (c) If relics are discovered during any excavation undertaken on the site, work shall cease immediately and an Archaeologist of the Heritage Office consulted about measures to be taken to deal with them;**
 - (d) The approval shall be void if the activity to which it refers is not physically commenced within five years after the date of the approval or within the period of consent specified in any development consent granted under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979;**
- 3. Approve the section 60 application for the proposal subject to the above conditions.**

7. Development Application Referrals

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Nil

8. Planning Instruments / Heritage Studies

Nil

9. Matters for Consideration

9.1 Heritage Council and Committees Meeting Procedures in 2002

Members considered the issue of proposed changes to meeting procedures for the Heritage Council and its two Committees, The Approvals Committee and the State Heritage Register Committee in 2002. Members were advised that the State Heritage Register Committee had considered the issue at its meeting on 18 September and in its resolution had agreed that proposals be referred to the Heritage Council's working party.

Approvals Committee members raised no major objections to the proposed meeting schedules but agreed that the issue should be considered at the next meeting of the Heritage Council on 4th October and referred to the Heritage Council's Working Party on the Heritage Council Code of Meeting Practice.

Resolved

That the Heritage Council Approvals Committee, as delegate of the Heritage Council:

- 1. Note the proposed meeting schedules for 2002;**
- 2. Refer to the HC Working Party on the HC Code of Meeting Practice Working Party development of the detailed arrangements for publicly accessible presentations to the HC on the matters outlined above and the consequent adjustments to HC meeting schedules, for adoption at the October HC meeting.**

10. Matters for Information

10.1 Tempe House Estate

A late paper was tabled at the meeting to notify members of recent advice from the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA). The RTA had advised the Heritage Office that the formal advice issued by the RTA, concerning its requirements with respect to the proposed widening and realignment of Arncliffe Street (Brodie Spark Drive) was incorrect. This advice was considered by the Approvals

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Committee in determining the Integrated Development Application (DA 1074/01) on 16 August, 2001. At the time of this consideration it was believed that the RTA requirement was that Arncliffe Street (Brodie Spark Drive) be widened from the extant two lanes to six lanes at the intersection of Arncliffe Street and the Princes Highway.

The RTA provided a draft letter of response on this matter for the Heritage Council's information, prior to signature of the letter by the Chief Executive of the RTA. This letter was tabled at the meeting.

Members were advised that in discussions with the Heritage Office the RTA had advised that it required a minimum of four lanes at this location, however, noting the findings of the Traffic Report prepared by Masson Wilson Twiney for RCC, the RTA has indicated that it does not object to the proposal to widen the road to six lanes.

Members were advised in the tabled report and in discussion of the issue that the further advice from the RTA made a distinction between what is an essential requirement for the RTA and what is desirable outcome on the part of the applicant, Rockdale City Council, in respect to the proposed number of lanes at the intersection of Arncliffe Street (Brodie Spark Drive) and the Princes Highway. The issue thus debated was whether this new information actually changed the situation as determined by the Approvals Committee on 16th August, 2001.

Members debated, in light of the RTA's further advice regarding its requirements, whether the option, apparently presented, of altering the proposed road alignment and number of lanes would afford the opportunity to vary the footprint of the building and thus reduce impact on the heritage item.

Members therefore agreed, in making their resolution, that this possibility be explored by writing to Rockdale Council advising of the RTA advice, regarding the number of lanes, and requesting Rockdale Council to consider the reduction of lanes.

Resolved

That the Heritage Council:

- 1. Note the Report tabled on 20 September, 2001;**
- 2. advise Rockdale City Council of the Heritage Council's general terms of approval for the application DA 1074/01 to widen Arncliffe Street as follows:**
 - i) an application under Section 60 of the Heritage Act, 1977, for all works within the boundary of the state Heritage Register listing, including archaeological excavation works, shall be submitted for the Heritage Council's approval prior to works commencing;**

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- ii) all excavation within land to the north of the present alignment of Arncliffe Street shall be undertaken in accordance with Policies 1.18 and 1.21 of the endorsed Conservation management plan for the site as approved by the Director, NSW Heritage office;
 - iii) the applicant shall take all necessary steps to protect and monitor significant buildings, structures, works, trees and landscape features within the boundary of the State Heritage Register listing and prevent damage to them;
3. advise Rockdale City Council that the Heritage Council has received advice from the Roads and Traffic Authority that it no longer requires a widening of Arncliffe Street (Brodie Spark Drive) to six lanes and it would agree to a widening to four lanes and will request Rockdale City Council to reduce the widening to four lanes (two in and two out);
 4. the Heritage Council supports the reduction from six to four lanes, the two northern lanes being removed; and
 5. the Heritage Council requests Rockdale City Council to consider reducing the number of lanes in this manner because it affords the opportunity to vary the footprint of the buildings and reduce the impact on the heritage item.

11. General Business

Nil

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 18 October 2001 at Signature Tower, 2 - 10 Wentworth Street, Parramatta.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 11:10 a.m.