

HERITAGE COUNCIL OF NSW MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING

Meeting Number 316

8th September 2005



PRESENT Michael Collins (Chair), David Logan, Megan Jones, Peter Mould (Acting Government Architect) Jacqui Goddard (National Trust of Australia [NSW]) John Delaney, Gary Prattley (Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources) Sharon Sullivan, Ian Jack, Rod Leaver, Reece McDougall (Director Heritage Office), Teresa Gaye (for Director-General Department of Environment and Conservation)

APOLOGIES Mary-Lynne Taylor (Deputy Chair), Ross Fitzgerald.

ALSO PRESENT Maxwell Gray (Heritage Office), Cameron White (Heritage Office), Vincent Sicari (Heritage Office), Susan Macdonald (Heritage Office) Murray Brown (Heritage Office), Michael Clarke (SHR Committee) Debra Holland (Heritage Office), Nikki Ward (Heritage Office), Tim Smith (Heritage Office), David Nutley (Heritage Office), Susan McHattie (Heritage Office), Bill Nethery (Heritage Office)

1. Opening – Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

The Chair invited David Corbet, a former member of the Tathra Wharf Committee, to speak on the history of the Tathra Wharf.

1.2 Confirmation and Timing of Agenda

The agenda was confirmed.

1.3 Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary Interests

Nil

Non Pecuniary Interests

Nil

Conflicts of Interest

Nil

2.0 Confirmation of Minutes

2.1 Heritage Council Meeting of

Members received a copy of the minutes.

Resolved:

that the Minutes of the meetings of 26th August 2005 and special meeting of 3rd August be adopted with the following amendments:

- 1) meeting of 26th August 2005 agenda item 2.1 paragraph 5 add the words "Responses considered by members were received from Richmond Valley Council, Ex-Services Homes, Ballina and Evans Head Memorial Aerodrome Committee";**
- 2) meeting of 3rd August 2005 Agenda item 9.1 Paragraph 4 delete the sentence "Sinclair Knight Mertz has concluded.....Great Eastern Fly-In. and replace it with " Sinclair Knight Mertz advised that while the ANEF prepared is technically correct the Plan of Management inadequately addresses the significance of the impacts of a "peak" aviation event on the characteristics of a retirement village"**

3.0 Reports

3.1 Chairs Report

The main activity over the last month has been working with the Assistant Director on the Productivity Commission Enquiry into Cultural Heritage. It was noted that the Chair attended the Sydney hearing of the Commission and made the presentation of the interim submission of the Heritage Chairs and Officials of Australia and New Zealand.

Members noted that there was interest in a number of items raised in the report and this will be dealt with later in the agenda at item 6.2. It was noted that the report is now available on the Commissions website.

On Monday and Tuesday of this week the Chair attended meetings in Melbourne with the Heritage Chairs and Officials. The meeting discussed various issues with the matter of most interest being the Productivity Commission.

The Chair also attended meetings of the Heritage Incentives Committee to discuss priorities for the 2006-8 Incentives Program. This matter will also be discussed later in the agenda at item 6.3.

It was further noted that the Chair opened the Italian Conservation Seminar at the Heritage Office. The very well run seminar, organised Heritage Office and the International Specialised Skills Institute in Melbourne, was sponsored by the Vicentini nel Mondo. The speakers were Ruggero Boschi and Ferruccio Zecchin, Italian

heritage professionals from Venice who spoke on Palladio villas and monuments and examples of heritage conservation work in the town of Vicenza.

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council note the report.

3.2 Directors Report including

3.2.1 Matters approved under Delegation (Listings team)

3.2.2 Matters approved under Delegation (Conservation team)

3.2.3 Heritage Council Meeting Action Report

The Director took the opportunity to thank Vincent Sicari and Elizabeth Broomhead for their work of the very successful Italian Conservation Seminar.

It was noted that the Director also attended the Heritage Chairs and Officials held in Melbourne last week. Members were advised that it was a very good meeting and noted that Peter Burnett has been appointed head of the Department of Environment and Heritage. Peter chairs the Chairs and Officials meetings and it is hoped to form a good working relationship with him. It was also noted that the emphasis of the group over the next 12 months will be the development of an integrated national heritage strategy for Australia. At the first available opportunity a draft will be presented to members for their comment.

Members were advised that next Monday the Director will visit Braidwood to discuss the possible listing of the town with the Mayor and General Manager. This meeting will be followed with a meeting with the rural land owners and the next day with property developers.

Members were advised that the Heritage Office has issued the general terms of approval for the proposed Woolworths site in Mittagong. It was noted that the design of the building was amended to retain important archaeological elements on the site. Woolworths complemented the Heritage Office in the efficient way that it dealt with the matter.

The Director advised that the Heritage Office hosted a seminar for heritage advisors and local government officers on the 19th August 2005 which focused primarily on presentations by Heritage Office staff and which was very successful.

It was also noted that following that seminar a cocktail party was held to celebrate Dennis McManus's achievements during the many years that he has managed the Heritage Incentives Program. Dennis retired on 1st July 2005. The Director advised that it was a very fitting event and a fitting tribute to a man with a distinguished commitment to public service.

The director Announced that Tina Jackson has been appointed as Executive Director of the National Trust of Australia (NSW) and that she will commence work with the Trust on 17th October 2005.

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council note the report.

3.2.4 Business Manager Report

3.2.4.1 Report on the progress of the implementation of the Council on the Cost and Quality of Government's Performance Review of the Heritage Office of NSW: Heritage Regulation 2005

Members were advised that the Heritage Regulation 2005 commenced on 1 September, 2005 following gazettal on Friday 26 August, 2005. The Heritage Office web site is updated with new forms and fees and a news item is included on the site. Changes to the regulation were advised to stakeholders through various email lists. Copies of the Regulatory Impact Statement and the three submissions are forwarded to the Legislative Review Committee of Parliament.

It was noted that the Heritage Office handles 165 Section 60 applications and 80 Section 140 applications a year, deriving an estimated \$80,000 in twelve months with the new fee regime in place. 6,000 section 167 applications are handled each year, deriving an estimated \$600,000 revenue.

As a direct result of increased income, the number of nominations for the State Heritage Register completed is projected to increase from 50 to 100 each year.

It was also noted that further work is now required to ensure the benefits of the regulatory changes flow to the priorities of the organisation, and additional potential for cost recovery is unlocked through changes to the Heritage Act.

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council:

- 1. receive a quarterly report on the impact of the new regulation; and***
- 2. endorse the preparation of the case for changes to the Heritage Act to enable cost recovery for other statutory activities including advertising costs.***

3.2.4.2 Strategic Plan 2005-2010

Members were advised that the work and allocation of resources of the NSW Heritage Office is guided by a strategic plan setting out the vision, mission, goals and priorities of the Office, who we work for, the values that guide how we work and our measurement of success.

It was noted that the Strategic Plan flows into an annual work plan and budget for the office, which in turn, informs individual Performance Plans for each member of staff. The Strategic Plan also informs the Results and Services Plan for NSW

Treasury, and internal policies such as our Strategic HR, ICT, and Accommodation plans and other requirements of NSW Government agencies.

The previous meeting considered the vision, mission, goals, clients and values. The final draft now incorporates 8 priorities covering leadership, listings, management of items, profile, standards and processes, capacity and staff.

Members considered the draft Strategic Plan.

If approved it is proposed that the Office complete a work plan for 2005-2006 including specific timeframes, measures and targets for a program of work that will address the priorities.

Resolved:

That the Heritage Council

- 1. endorse the 2005-2010 Strategic Plan;***
- 2. amend the wording under the heading Measuring our success from "Value of heritage conservation" to "Value of heritage conservation to the community" and add the word "motivation" to "Build the skills and experience of our staff" and***
- 3. add the role of the Heritage Council and Heritage Office in the natural arena to the plan.***

3.3 Report from Members on Items of Importance to the Heritage Council

Nil

4.0 Aboriginal Heritage Report

Members were advised that there was a successful meeting of the Aboriginal Heritage Committee held at Merimbula yesterday which also included a community consultation session with around 50 people which included twelve respected elders and a good representation from all of the service providers.

One point which emerged was the lack of knowledge of heritage issues so it provided a good opportunity to work with community members and explain the processes and issues involved in relation to listings.

Recommendation:

That the Heritage Council note the report.

5.0 Matters for Consideration and Decision

5.1 Future Format of Heritage Council Meetings

After initial discussion of this item it was

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council defer consideration of this item to a future meeting.

5.2 Old Marulan Township

Members considered a report which outlines a proposal by Readymix Holdings Pty Ltd to establish a hard rock quarry on its land to the west of Marulan in the Southern Tablelands region of NSW. The proposed Lynwood Quarry project will supply high quality construction materials to the Sydney regional and local markets.

It was noted that an existing intersection with the Hume Highway section within the SHR boundary is proposed for a major upgrade as part of the development. The Hume Highway bisects the SHR Old Marulan township curtilage, which is classified as an exceptionally significant archaeological site, dividing it in half into East and West.

The proposed excavation for this interchange, together with the widening of the Hume Highway, will destroy a timber lined cistern/well. The proposed excavation will also impact upon potential subsurface archaeological deposits which may reveal aspects of colonial town life from 1835-1867.

It was further noted that the Environmental Impact Statement has also identified six other historic and Aboriginal heritage items in close proximity of the development area and within the SHR curtilage. However these sites will not be impacted by the proposal.

Three local heritage items within the proposed quarry area are proposed to be demolished to make way for the quarry infrastructure. These items are located within the overall project area but well outside the SHR boundary. Likewise, the proposed development is likely to negatively impact on archaeological remains located outside the SHR curtilage.

Since the last Heritage Council meeting a meeting was organised with Readymix Holdings Pty Ltd, the RTA and DIPNR, it was noted that the land for this proposal is already owned by Readymix Holdings Pty Ltd and that any other options would require the purchase of additional land at considerable cost.

After consideration of the recommendation members

Resolved:

The Heritage Council's preferred option would be a route proposal that did not further impact on the SHR listed Old Marulan. However, on the basis

that there are no feasible alternatives available for endorsement by the RTA, the Heritage Council of NSW advises the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Natural Resources in accordance with section 91A of the EP&A Act that:

The Heritage Council in principle agrees to issuing General Terms of Approval for that part of application DA-128-5-2005 which is listed on the State Heritage Register for construction of the Hume Highway interchange and site access road under section 63 of the Heritage Act. However, the Heritage Council considers that the information accompanying the IDA application does not provide sufficient information on the archaeological potential of the site and the impact of the proposal upon the archaeological resource. Therefore, the Heritage Council approval of the application is subject to the following general terms:

The following actions shall be completed to the satisfaction of the Heritage Council before the submission of the application under section 60 of the Heritage Act, 1977 following the IDA:

- 1) Detailed investigation of the archaeological potential of the development area, including archaeological testing, shall be undertaken. This archaeological investigation would clarify the nature, extent, integrity and significance of the relics on the development area. To this end, an additional application under section 60 of the Heritage Act, 1977 must be lodged with and approved by the Heritage Council prior to the commencement of the archaeological testing.**
- 2) The results of the archaeological testing programme must inform the final design of the development in order to minimise the impact on the archaeological resource.**
- 3) The Heritage Office shall be consulted during the preparation of the section 60 application.**

The following information shall be provided with the application under section 60 of the Heritage Act, 1977 following the IDA:

- 4) Final design details of the Hume Highway interchange incorporating the results of the archaeological testing. The final design details should also include information on landscaping and lighting and stormwater management. The final proposal should limit the development footprint as much as possible in order to minimise impact on archaeological remains.**
- 5) An Archaeological Assessment of the area to be impacted by the final proposal. The Archaeological Assessment must include a research design providing the following information:**
 - a) Nomination of an Excavation Director and archaeology team which will be approved by the Director of the NSW Heritage Office.**
 - b) Assessment of the significance of the archaeological remains to be impacted within the development area,**
 - c) Plans and details of the location and depth of excavation works and assessment of the exact impact on potential archaeological remains;**

- d) Identification of research themes and identification of both site specific and general research questions,**
- e) Details of the proposed on-site excavation methodology including details on philosophical approach to on-site work and the process and procedures proposed for recovery and recording of archaeological data, and details on how the archaeological research is proposed to be satisfactorily completed,**
- f) Details of the proposed post-excavation methodology**
- g) Details of the Interpretation Plan for the entire Old Marulan Township precinct.**

The following conditions shall be fulfilled as part of the proposed development and archaeological programme.

- 6) This approval does not cover any impact on archaeological remains within Lot 1, DP 210885.**
- 7) This approval does not cover any impact on items MRNH1, MRNH2 and MRNH3 identified in Environmental Impact Statement, Readymix Holding Pty Ltd Proposed Lynwood Quarry, Marulan, prepared by Unwelt Environmental Consultants. Those items shall be fenced and covered as a safety measure and to prevent any inadvertent damage caused through the movement of machinery, vehicles or personnel. The sites will also be clearly certified and recorded on operational plans as a heritage site.**
- 8) This approval does not cover any impact within the section of the SHR curtilage located at the Eastern side of the Hume Highway other than impact upon the timber lined cistern/well (MRNH8).**
- 9) The Applicant must ensure that as much fabric of the timber lined cistern/well and the archaeological remains uncovered through the archaeological excavation as possible is salvaged and is incorporated as a key element of the interpretation of the site as part of the new development.**
- 10) The Applicant must ensure movement of machines across archaeologically sensitive areas is minimised in order to avoid as much as possible the negative impact on the potential archaeological remains.**
- 11) The NSW Heritage Office must be informed in writing of the start of the archaeological investigation at least five (5) days prior to the commencement of, and within five (5) days of the completion of on-site archaeological work.**
- 12) The Heritage Council and staff of the NSW Heritage Office authorised under section 148(1) of the 'Heritage Act, 1977' reserve the right to inspect the site and records at all times, as well as access any relics recovered from the site.**
- 13) The Applicant must ensure that all personnel involved in excavation works attend a comprehensive briefing on the requirements of the 'Heritage Act, 1977' in relation to archaeological relics and the proposed archaeological programme. The briefing is to be presented by the Excavation Director nominated in the section 60 application and is to be undertaken prior to the commencement of on-site works. A copy of this**

approval and conditions of consent should be made available to all archaeological on-site staff.

- 14) The Applicant must ensure that if substantial intact archaeological deposits and/or State significant relics not identified in Environmental Impact Statement, Readymix Holding Pty Ltd Proposed Lynwood Quarry, Marulan, prepared by Umwelt Environmental Consultants, are discovered, work must cease in the affected area(s) and the Heritage Council of NSW must be notified. Additional assessment and approval may be required prior to works continuing in the affected area(s) based on the nature of the discovery.**
- 15) The Heritage Council of NSW must approve any substantial deviations from the approved research design outlined in Environmental Impact Statement, Readymix Holding Pty Ltd Proposed Lynwood Quarry, Marulan, prepared by Umwelt Environmental Consultants, including extent and techniques of excavations, as an application for the variation of an approval under section 65A or a new application under section 60 of the 'Heritage Act, 1977'.**
- 16) The Applicant must ensure that the nominated Excavation Director is present at the site supervising all archaeological fieldwork activity likely to expose significant relics 100% of the duration of the archaeological activity. Should this not be possible, then the Applicant must forward for the approval of the Heritage Council or Director of the NSW Heritage Office the details of a Site Director in charge for this period.**
- 17) At all times during periods of archaeological excavation the Applicant must comply with any directions of the nominated Excavation Director in relation to works likely to impact on this resource. Where major issues arise the Excavation Director must consult with the Director of the Heritage Office prior to issuing directions.**
- 18) Given the exceptional significance of the archaeological remains of the Old Marulan Township, the Applicant must ensure that the nominated Excavation Director, and archaeological excavation team, are given priority when allocating resources to allow thorough archaeological excavation and full and detailed recording to be undertaken to the satisfaction of the Heritage Council. Where necessary, work schedules shall be adjusted to accommodate the approved archaeological works.**
- 19) Throughout the archaeological excavation works and post-excavation analysis, the Applicant must ensure that:**
 - a) Appropriate signage to explain the history of the site and the archaeological excavation works is placed at the site during the work,**
 - b) A local public information program is implemented including press releases to ensure the public is informed about the project and its outcomes,**
 - c) Community participation in the archaeological works on the site is allowed for through the inclusion of volunteers on the archaeological team under the supervision of the Excavation Director,**
 - d) A website addressing the archaeological works on the site must be created. This website must feature a history of the site, archaeological methodology, updated information on the**

- archaeological works, photographs of the site and significant archaeological remains uncovered, links to the archaeological reports and links to other relevant sites. Public feedback must also be allowed for in this section of the website. Updated information on the Open Day to be held during archaeological works at Old Marulan Township and an on-line booking service must also be included,*
- e) The progress of the archaeological works on site is systematically video recorded,*
 - f) The services of a conservator must be utilised for conservation of significant artefacts,*
 - g) The Heritage Office is notified weekly, in writing, of the progress of work during excavation and monthly during post excavation analysis,*
 - h) All affected areas of the site are signed off by the Director of the Heritage Office prior to commencement of bulk excavation in those identified locations,*
 - i) At the completion of the archaeological works on site the results of the archaeological programme are interpreted as part of an interpretation programme for the Old Marulan Township precinct.*
- 20) It is essential that the Applicant and nominated Excavation Director allow for and present opportunities for interpretation, public education and public access to the results of the archaeological investigation during and upon completion of the works programme. A number of Public Open Days (to be determined based on public demand) must be conducted at the site. These Public Open Days must be scheduled to take place during a weekend to facilitate public attendance and must be advertised at least one week ahead to facilitate greater public awareness of the opportunity. Visits need to be pre-booked to better organise the groups and on-site activities. The Applicant must ensure that local historical societies and other relevant cultural organisations are formally notified and invited to the Public Open Days.**
- 21) An interpretation programme for the entire Old Marulan Township heritage precinct incorporating the results of the archaeological excavation must be implemented. This interpretation should help the public understand the history and significance of the site. Final design details of the interpretation plan, including information on the display and housing of artefacts and other relevant materials, and interpretation of the structural remains, is to be submitted to the Director of the Heritage Office for written approval before implementation of the interpretation.**
- 22) The Applicant must ensure that an archaeological publication for the general public Old Marulan Township incorporating the results of the archaeological programme at the site is prepared. Final design details of this publication are to be submitted to the Director of the NSW Heritage Office for approval within six months of the completion of the excavation programme. The publication is to be completed within one (1) year of the conclusion of the project unless an extension of time is approved by the Heritage Council of NSW.**

- 23) ***The Applicant must ensure that the nominated Excavation Director takes adequate steps to record in detail relics, structures and features discovered on the site during the archaeological works in accordance with current best practice. This work must be undertaken in accordance with the NSW Heritage Office guidelines, 'How to Prepare Archival Records of Heritage Items' (1998) and 'Guidelines for Photographic Recording of Heritage Items' (2004). One (1) copy of the photographic and archival recording shall be submitted to the Heritage Council of NSW. A further copies shall be lodged with the local library and/or another appropriate local repository in the area in which the site is located***
- 24) ***The Applicant is responsible for the safe-keeping of all relics recovered from the site.***
- 25) ***The Applicant must ensure that the site under archaeological investigation is made secure and that the unexcavated artefacts, structures and features are not subject to deterioration, damage or destruction during and after fieldwork.***
- 26) ***The Applicant must ensure that the nominated Excavation Director cleans, stabilises, labels, analyses, catalogues and stores any artefacts recovered from the site in a way that allows them to be retrieved according to both type and provenance.***
- 27) ***The Applicant must ensure that a summary of the results of the field work, up to 500 words in length, is submitted to the Heritage Council of NSW for approval within one (1) month of completion of archaeological field work. This information is required in accordance with section 146(b) of the 'Heritage Act, 1977'.***
- 28) ***The Applicant must ensure that a final excavation report is prepared by the nominated Excavation Director, to publication standard, within one (1) year of the completion of the field based archaeological activity unless an extension of time or other variation is approved by the Heritage Council of NSW.***
- 29) ***The Applicant must ensure that one (1) electronic copy of the final excavation report is submitted on CD to the Heritage Council of NSW together with two (2) printed copies of the final excavation report. These reports are required in accordance with section 146(b) of the 'Heritage Act, 1977'. The Applicant must also ensure that further copies are lodged with the local library and/or another appropriate local repository in the area in which the site is located.***
- 30) ***The Applicant must ensure that the information presented in a final excavation report includes the following:***
 - a) ***An executive summary,***
 - b) ***Due credit to the client paying for the excavation on the title page,***
 - c) ***An accurate site location and site plan,***
 - d) ***Historical research, references, and bibliography,***
 - e) ***Detailed information on the excavation including the aim, the context for the excavation, procedures, treatment of artefacts (cleaning, conserving, sorting, cataloguing, labelling, scale photographs and/or***

- drawings, location of repository) and analysis of the information retrieved,*
- f) Detailed response to research questions,*
 - g) Nominated repository for the items,*
 - h) Conclusions from the archaeological programme. This information must include a reassessment of the site's heritage significance, statement(s) on how archaeological investigations at this site have contributed to the community's understanding of the site and recommendations for the future management of the site,*
 - i) Details of how this information about this excavation has been publicly disseminated.*
- 31) The Applicant must ensure that should any Aboriginal objects be uncovered, excavation or disturbance of the area is to stop immediately and the Department of Environment and Conservation is to be informed in accordance with section 91 of the 'National Parks and Wildlife Act, 1974'.**
- 32) The Applicant must ensure that any excavation which has revealed Aboriginal objects should be referred to the Aboriginal Liaison Officer at the NSW Heritage Office as well as the Department of Environment and Conservation.**

6.0 Matters for Information or Noting

6.1 Braidwood Update

The Director advised that on 17th August he with communications consultant Elaine Stewart, facilitator John Pastorelli and Heritage Office staff organised a consultation workshop for members of the Braidwood business community. It was noted that the objective of this event was to ensure that participants had an opportunity to voice questions and concerns and have these heard, recorded and discussed. The Heritage Office undertook to respond formally and quickly. The responses have now been published.

A second workshop for members of the business community who were unable to participate on 17 August has been scheduled for 6th September and a workshop for rural landholders affected by the proposed listing will take place on 12th September.

Members were further advised that on 27th July, "Braidwood Matters", a special 2 page insert in the *Braidwood Times*, produced by the Heritage Office reviewed the progress of the proposed listing and addressed frequently expressed community concerns. This was followed on 15 August by a newsletter mailed direct to residents.

On 26th August, the Director and Heritage Office staff met with Susan Benedyka, Director of the Regional Development Company Pty Ltd, the consultant retained by the Department of Rural Affairs to conduct the Rural Impact Study. Ms Benedyka will

also consult Palerang Council in preparation for a preliminary report, due 2nd September.

The Director advised members that strategies are being put in place if the listing proceeds to support the Braidwood into the future.

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council note this report.

6.2 Productivity Commission

Members were advised that the Heritage Office has two roles in relation to the Productivity Commission Inquiry. The NSW Heritage Office has been tasked by the Cabinet Office as the lead agency in relation to the preparation of a submission on behalf of the NSW Government. A meeting is planned in late May including Commerce (Bruce Pettman), DEC (Russell Couch & Mac North), Historic Houses Trust (Helen Temple) and the Cabinet Office (Shabnam Gill).

Members were also advised that Michael Collins is the Chair of the Heritage Chairs and Officials of Australia and New Zealand's (HCOANZ) project team to jointly prepare a submission to the Inquiry. Susan Macdonald is the project manager. Members of the project team include Ray Tonkin (Heritage Victoria), Peter Hutchison (EP&A QLD) and Ian Baxter (HC of WA).

It was noted that the project team selected the Allen Consulting Group to undertake 3 tasks for the HCOANZ, firstly to undertake research and analysis of the economic value of Australia's heritage places, secondly to undertake analysis of existing information and research on the environmental and social benefits of heritage and thirdly to prepare a submission on behalf of the HCOANZ drawing on the first two reports. A draft of the first report on market failures and the policy system has been circulated to the HCOANZ and comments are awaited. The report will need some revisions prior to wider circulation. The consultant has undertaken a limited number of focus groups in preparation for the survey work that is proposed to be undertaken as part of this work. The Heritage Office attended the Sydney focus group which was illuminating.

The project was considerably delayed due to difficulties achieving agreement on the consultants brief with the Commonwealth for the research work.

The HCOANZ and NSW have both therefore made an initial submission that addresses various questions that the PC has sought clarification on. Later, fuller submissions will be made incorporating the research work and fleshing out the issues of interest to the HCOANZ and NSW in the case of the NSW submission. Copies of these were provided to members.

The public hearings have now been completed. Michael Collins appeared representing the Heritage Chairs and Officials and Susan Macdonald appeared representing NSW.

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council note the initial submissions.

6.3 Heritage Incentives Panel Report

Members were advised that the Heritage Incentives Panel met on 24th August 2005. The panel will meet again in early 2006 to consider recommendations for funding under the program.

Members were advised that the panel noted its delegation from the August 2005 Heritage Council meeting to consider the procedures and priorities for the 2006-2008 round of the Heritage Incentives Program, including recommendations direct from the Panel to the Minister it then considered a report on the procedures and priorities for the next two year round of the Heritage Incentives Program.

It was noted that the panel endorsed a new 11 part program including 3 new initiatives and endorsed a 7 point priority list as the basis for making recommendations to the Minister. The panel also endorsed the proposed timetable for the program.

The panel noted negotiations between the Heritage Office and Bendigo Bank regarding the bank's extension to New South Wales of its successful Queensland heritage loan discount service for owners of listed properties. It is proposed that this service will be announced at the same as the call for applications to the 2006-2008 Heritage Incentives Program.

Members were provided copies of the new program, initiatives and proposed timetable.

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council note the report.

6.4 Maritime Archaeology and Presentation and Presentation of Plaques

The Chair introduced Fred Billington and David Prior, both from Bermagui, who made the notification in relation the Bega 1908, Keith Appleby, Bermagui, William Dawes 1942 notification (Liberty ship) and Samir Alhafith, The Sydney Project Dive Team who was responsible for recording work at Bega, William Dawes, Cumberland and Keilawarra wrecks.

Members received a presentation which outlined the maritime heritage along the south coast and details of the notifications in relation to the Bega 1908 the William Dawes.

The Chair then presented Samir Alhafith with a trophy recognising his work and certificates to Fred Billington, David Prior and Keith Appleby to recognise their notifications and assistance.

A certificate was also prepared for the Bermagui Fisherman's Cooperative, for shipwreck mark assistance to be presented at a later date.

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council note the presentation.

7.0 Reports from Heritage Council Committees and Panels

- 7.1 Approvals Committee
- 7.2 State Heritage Register
- 7.3 Strategy Committee
- 7.4 Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Panel
- 7.5 Archaeology Advisory Panel
- 7.6 Fire Access Services Advisory Panel
- 7.7 History Advisory Panel (to be tabled)
- 7.8 Maritime Advisory Panel
- 7.9 Interpretation Committee
- 7.10 Religious Property Advisory Panel
- 7.11 Technical Advisory Panel

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council note the reports.

8.0 General Business

Nil

9.0 Discussion with Mayor, General Manager and Representatives of Bega Valley Council

The Chair of the Heritage Council introduced David Hede (Mayor of Bega Valley Council), David Jesson (General Manager), Garret Barry (Director Environmental Planning and Development Services), Tony McDermott (Strategic Planning Coordinator) and Pip Giovonelli (Heritage Advisor) and welcomed them to the meeting.

The Mayor thanked the Heritage Council for choosing Bega for the Heritage Council's annual rural visit.

The Mayor presented an overview of the Council's 20 year plan to manage land use and with the impact of a current population growth of 1000 people per annum attracted to the highly attractive coastal areas. He outlined the issues related to landscape and heritage.

The council has a comprehensive LEP with a heritage component. It was noted that there has been a community heritage survey and that the Council is working well with the Aboriginal community.

It was noted that there has been assistance from the Commonwealth to the level of \$610,000 for essential works to Tathra wharf which requires the Council to match the funding. Council is requesting assistance from the State to fund these works.

The Mayor acknowledged the importance of the heritage items in the Bega Valley including many timber bridges and would like to develop a tourism package for the Shire of which heritage would be a significant component.

Presentations were given by Garret Barry (Director Environmental Planning and Development Services), Pip Giovonelli (Heritage Advisor) and welcomed them to the meeting.

After these presentations members discussed various issues with Council and after discussion

Resolved

that the Heritage Council

- 1) note the presentations, and***
- 2) thank the Mayor and Council staff for hosting the visit and attending the Heritage Council meeting.***

Michael Collins
Chair
Heritage Council of NSW
Date:

**Next Meeting of the Heritage Council
of NSW**
Wednesday 5th October 2005
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Parramatta