

# HERITAGE COUNCIL OF NSW MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING

Meeting Number 325

2nd August 2006

Council Chambers  
Liverpool City Council  
1 Hoxton Park road  
Liverpool



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**PRESENT** Michael Collins (Chair), Sharon Sullivan AO (Deputy Chair), Rosemary Annable, Jason Ardler (for Director-General Department of Environment and Conservation), Julie Bindon, Janet Dore, Ross Fitzgerald (from 9.15am), Jacqui Goddard (National Trust of Australia [NSW]), David Logan, Reece McDougall (Executive Director Heritage Office), Peter Mould (Government Architect).

**APOLOGIES** Hewitt Whyman, Chris Johnson (Department of Planning). John Robertson

**ALSO PRESENT** Murray Brown (Heritage Office), Maxwell Gray (Heritage Office), Susan Macdonald (Heritage Office) Susan McHattie (Heritage Office), Vincent Sicari (Heritage Office), Cameron White (Heritage Office).

## **1. Opening – Welcome**

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The Chair opened the meeting at 9.00 a.m.

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

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The agenda was confirmed.

### **1.3 Declarations of Interest**

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#### **Pecuniary Interests**

David Logan

4.2 Godden Mackay Logan is currently preparing two of the HAMS mentioned in the status report.

Michael Collins

Board Member of Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority.

#### **Non Pecuniary Interests**

Jason Ardler

4.5 Review of Delegations to State Agencies – updating delegations to Executive Director CHD,

David Logan DEC.  
4.7 Godden Mackay Logan prepared a heritage significance assessment (in 2002) for Knuckley's Store

#### **Conflicts of Interest**

Michael Collins Earlier this year was a member of the Property Advisory Committee advising Sydney Water on a number of property disposal matters including Potts Hill. Acted as a consultant to Sydney Water. Has also acted in a paid consultancy capacity to Sydney Water on other property matters.

## **2.0 Confirmation of Minutes**

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### **2.1 Heritage Council Meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> June 2006 and 5<sup>th</sup> July 2006 (Special Meeting)**

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Members received a copy of the minutes.

#### **Resolved:**

**that the Heritage Council adopt Minutes of the meetings of 7<sup>th</sup> June 2006 and 5<sup>th</sup> July 2006 (Special Meeting).**

## **3.0 Reports**

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### **3.1 Chairs Report**

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The Chair advised members that on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2006 he met with Professor John Glastonbury in relation to the extension of the lease of the headquarters of the 3801 Limited based at Eveleigh and the proposal to not extend the lease and move the 3801 to Thirlmere. It was noted that there has been no decision made by government at this stage. It was also noted that the Chair has also met with the Minister in relation to this matter.

On 20<sup>th</sup> July 2006 the Chair met with Stocklands in relation to the Matron Dixon Building at Little Bay.

The Chair informed members that the Heritage Chairs and Officials will be preparing a response to the Productivity Commission report to Examine Built Heritage Conservation in the next month or so.

Finally the Chair informed members that he will not be able to attend meetings over the next two months and that Sharon Sullivan has agreed to act as Chair at those meetings.

**Resolved:**

**that the Heritage Council note the report.**

### **3.2 Executive Directors Report including**

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#### **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**

Members were advised that the Productivity Commission's final report was released by Treasurer Peter Costello on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2006. From an initial assessment the PC's final report is not substantially different to the draft report, although some of the recommendations have been developed further. The language however is more positive and the assessment of the issues is closer to the actualities.

Members were further advised that of the 14 recommendations 8 are already either fully or partially in place in NSW or proposed as part of the Coordinated National Heritage Agenda, the content of which was approved at the recent Environmental Protection and Heritage Council meeting. The report generally maintains that heritage should not be treated as an additional consideration from zoning controls and that this is where problems arise. Interestingly it does not equate heritage with other forms of environmental consideration such as natural heritage, biodiversity, and so on, a matter argued by previous submissions from NSW and in the Joint Heritage Chairs Report.

The report highlights the problems at the local government level of heritage management and suggests this is where action is most needed. This has already been anticipated by the Heritage Office resulting in the establishment of the Local Government Working Group.

It was noted that the Heritage Office along with the Heritage Chairs and Officials has already acted on some of the draft findings and submissions of the PC report and initiated actions to respond to some of the matters. The Heritage Office is in discussion with our other States and Territories and the Commonwealth on developing a response to the PC report. The Office will also provide advice to government on the report.

Members were advised of two good outcomes. Firstly the Nissen Huts located at Wollongong University, which the university wanted to demolish, have been restored and now used as a child care facility. Secondly the completion of the restoration of the Mine Managers residence at Broken Hill, which Southern Cross wanted to demolish, which is now used as their administration centre.

The Executive Director introduced Susan Briggs to members of the Heritage Council. It was noted that Susan has joined the Heritage Office in the Graduate position.

**Resolved:**

**that the Heritage Council note the report.**

### **3.2.4 Business Manager Report**

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Members were advised that the Heritage Office work plan for 2005-06 is largely completed, and financial position at June 30 2006 was 0.5% within budget, well within Treasury tolerance of 1%.

Members were also advised that the Work plan and budget draft completed for 2006-07, subject to allocation by the Department. It was noted that the Department of Planning Corporate Plan was endorsed by the Executive on 24 July.

It was also noted that the The Heritage Office will implement the strategic plan 2005-2010 in 2006-07 by placing priority on the following new or enhanced projects Strategic planning for heritage in NSW, Compliance program addressing development consent, minimum standards and delegations, Self management of heritage assets by state government agencies, Local Government program enhancement, Visiting heritage places – heritage tourism promotion program, Cost recovery Education and Training position; and Strengthened Aboriginal program.

It was further noted that opportunities to streamline and improve service delivery to free up resources for new and enhanced programs will be pursued in continuing services, particularly listing, publications and web site development targeted to new and enhanced programs and development assessment delegations and reports.

#### **Resolved:**

**that the Heritage Council note the report.**

### **3.2.5 Aboriginal Heritage Report – Verbal Presentation**

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Deferred until next meeting

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

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Nil

## **4.0 Matters for Consideration and Decision**

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### **4.1 Recognition of UNESCO Convention Under Water Cultural Heritage**

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Members considered a report which recommended that the Heritage Council formally recognise the General Principals of the UNESCO Convention for the protection of the underwater cultural heritage to clarify its position in relation to this document and

enable the *Managing Change Policies*, currently under development, to be written with this endorsement.

It was noted that as a step towards the endorsement of the proposed Heritage Council policies on appropriate change to heritage items (*Managing Change*) it is proposed that the Heritage Council recognise that the 'Rules' of the UNESCO Convention for the protection of the underwater cultural heritage is the principle policy document used in Australia for underwater cultural heritage management. It was also noted that the UNESCO Convention for the protection of the underwater cultural heritage is currently being considered for ratification by Australia but the General Principals (or 'Rules') of the Convention complement State and Federal guidelines and policies used by government and non-government heritage organisations (including the Underwater Cultural Heritage Program conducted by the Heritage Office). Members were advised that the Commonwealth Government has already begun appending the General Principals of the Convention to relevant contract documents.

Members were further advised that the aim of the proposed Managing Change Policies is to provide comprehensive, authoritative and clear direction on what the Heritage Council considers to be appropriate works to heritage items. The UNESCO Convention for the protection of the underwater cultural heritage is the principle international policy document in that guides underwater cultural heritage conservation. It is accepted as such at a national and state level and complements the Burra Charter and the various layers of legislation and the policy framework. It is therefore considered sensible to formally acknowledge the status of the Rules UNESCO Convention for the protection of the underwater cultural heritage to clarify where it sits in relation to the policies of the Heritage Council.

**Resolved:**

**that the Heritage Council:**

**recognise and endorse the General Principals of the UNESCO Convention for the protection of the underwater cultural heritage as a key policy document that underpins its own policies for the conservation of underwater cultural heritage items in NSW.**

## **4.2 S170 Audit report update**

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Members were advised that a questionnaire was distributed in May 2006 to 66 State agencies/instrumentalities identified as likely owners or managers of heritage assets. It aimed to obtain a "snapshot" of compliance with the requirements of Section 170 of the *Heritage Act* and to better understand the needs of agencies in meeting these requirements. An initial report detailing questionnaire responses was provided to the 7 June 2006 Heritage Council meeting.

Members were further advised that at that time, the Heritage Council noted the increased activity by agencies in the area and the number of Heritage Asset Management Strategies (HAMS) completed, however it requested a revised audit

report for the August meeting, pending submission of outstanding Questionnaires. This report fulfils that request.

It was noted that a number of the entities approached in April 2006 have advised that they have no heritage assets, whilst others advised that they will report under the 'parent' agency. The Heritage Office also identified an additional 7 entities that had not been approached through the initial Questionnaire request. Noting these changes, the total sample pool for this revised audit was sixty-two (62) agencies or instrumentalities.

It was further noted that of those 62 entities, 50 questionnaires were received (81%), with a further 4 promised but not received at time of writing this report (87% nominal response rate). Eight (8) responses were still not received by the due date (13% of total requested), but are expected to arrive in due course following reminders. This was a marked increase from the June 2006 audit which was based on 26 responses or 39% of requested 66 responses.

Members were also advised that while the respondent agencies reflect approximately 80% of those known to own or manage heritage assets, the results are likely to be indicative of the general trends in this area. It is clear that some agencies have made significant progress with the development of S.170 Registers and in-house reporting and management systems. Overall, those agencies addressing the requirements of the *Heritage Act* have embraced the State Agency Guide, including the need to complete Heritage Asset Management Strategies and S.170 Registers.

**Resolved:**

**that the Heritage Council:**

- 1. notes this updated s.170 Questionnaire and audit report;**
- 2. recommends that the Heritage Office continue to seek responses from those remaining agencies that have not yet responded to the s.170 Questionnaire, through Executive or Ministerial action as appropriate;**
- 3. Grant the Executive Director, Heritage Office, authority to issue limited additional extensions where requested (generally not exceeding September 2006), to those agency's nearing completion of HAMS documents, in order to facilitate submission;**
- 4. notes the increased compliance by agencies across Section 170 of the Heritage Act; and**
- 5. recommend that the Heritage Office prepare a media release which conveys the positive response of NSW govt agencies.**

### **4.3 Review of Braidwood Exemptions**

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Members were advised that Section 57(2) of the Heritage Act allows the Heritage Council to recommend to the Minister that exemptions be granted from requirements to seek approval under section 60 of the Act, by order published in the Gazette. Such exemptions may be "in respect of the engaging in or carrying out of such activity or class of activities by such person or class of persons in such circumstances as may be so specified".

It was noted that an opportunity has been identified to broaden the scope of the exemptions in relation to integrated development at Braidwood to reduce duplication in the assessment process.

Exemptions from the requirement for approval under section 57(1) of the Heritage Act relating to the Precinct of Braidwood were granted by Order published in the Government Gazette on 3 April 2006 in conjunction with the listing of the town on the State Heritage Register. It is proposed that an additional exemption be granted to exempt section 60 applications following the approval of integrated development applications by Palerang Council which incorporate the general terms of approval issued by the Heritage Council.

It was noted that this review of the exemptions for Braidwood is expected to result in more streamlined heritage approval processes but provide adequate safeguards to ensure that the heritage significance of the place is protected. It is intended that there will be an ongoing process of review and monitoring of its operation.

**Resolved:**

**that the Heritage Council recommend to the Minister, in accordance with section 57(2) of the Heritage Act, that, by order to be published in the Government Gazette following exemption be granted:**

**HERITAGE ACT, 1977**

**Order under Section 57(2) of the Heritage Act, 1977**

**I, the Minister for Planning, pursuant to section 57(2) of the Heritage Act 1977, on the recommendation of the Heritage Council of New South Wales, do by this Order grant exemptions from section 57(1) of the Heritage Act 1977, described in Schedule B in relation to the land described in Schedule A.**

**FRANK SARTOR**

**Minister for Planning**

**Sydney,**

**August 2006**

**SCHEDULE A**

**All those pieces or parcels of land in the Parishes of Braidwood, Coghill, Boule and Percy, County of Saint Vincent shown to be within the State**

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**Heritage Register curtilage on the plan catalogued HC 2008 in the Office of the Heritage Council of New South Wales.**

**SCHEDULE B**

**EXEMPTIONS TO SUBSECTION 57(1) OF THE *HERITAGE ACT 1977***

**The following development does not require approval under s. 57(1) of the Act:**

- 1. Integrated development for work to a private owner-occupied house for which consent has been granted by the consent authority which is consistent with the general terms of proposed approval which have been provided to the consent authority by the Heritage Council. The general terms of proposed approval issued by the Heritage Council may require the submission of an application under s. 60 of the Heritage Act which will prevail over this exemption.**
- 2. Integrated development for which the consent has been modified by the consent authority pursuant to s. 96 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* in a manner which is consistent with any comments provided by the Heritage Council to the consent authority.**

**NOTE 1: 'Integrated development' and 'consent authority' have the same meaning as in the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. 'General terms of approval' means the 'general terms of any approval proposed to be granted by the approval; body in relation to the development', as used in Division 5 of Part 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.**

**NOTE 2: Integrated development which is exempt under 2 is not subject to the requirement in s. 65A of the Act in relation to modification of existing approvals.**

#### **4.4 Review of Standard Exemptions**

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Members considered a report which recommended that the Minister grant the amendment to the Standard Exemptions and the Heritage Council create the Exceptions as described in the report.

It was noted that in order to increase the effectiveness and broaden the coverage of the Standard Exemptions for section 60 applications and the Exceptions for excavation permits, a review of the current orders has been undertaken. This is part of an ongoing review of the Office's approval processes to streamline procedures. No new exemptions are created but the wording of some has been amended slightly to provide additional scope for exempting work in circumstances considered appropriate.

It was also noted that four of the Standard Exemptions have been reviewed in order to improve their effectiveness and broaden their operation. They relate to excavation, minor development, landscape maintenance and safety and security. The excavation permit exception relating to land which is not listed on the State Heritage Register has also been reviewed for consistency with Standard Exemption #4 (Excavation).

Members were advised these amendments of the standard exemptions are expected to result in more streamlined heritage approval processes but provide adequate safeguards to ensure that the heritage significance of items is protected. It is intended that there will be an ongoing process of review and monitoring of their operation.

**Resolved:**

**that subject to the endorsement of the Archaeology Advisory Panel in relation to standard proposed exemption 4 and exception the Heritage Council**

- 1. recommend that the Minister for Planning, in accordance with section 57(2) of the Heritage Act, by order to be published in the Government Gazette, revoke the Schedule of Exemptions to section 57(1) of the Heritage Act 1977 published in the Government Gazette on 4 April 2006 and grant the replacement standard exemptions described in Annexure A to the report.**
- 2. revoke the exceptions to sections 139(1) and (2) of the Heritage Act published in the Government Gazette on 18 February 2000 and 4 April 2006 and create, in accordance with section 139(4) of the Heritage Act, by Order to be published in the Government Gazette, exceptions to the requirement for an excavation permit as described in Annexure B to the report.**

#### **4.5 Review of Delegations to State Agencies**

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The Chair of the Heritage Council declared a conflict of interest in this matter, as a result he handed the Chair of the meeting to the Deputy Chair. The Chair remained in the room but took no part in the discussion or the Council's decision making in relation to this matter.

Members considered a report that recommended that the Minister's consent be sought to delegate certain approval functions of the Heritage Council to the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority (Executive Director, Tenant and Asset Management Services) to align with the Authority's extended role as consent authority under the EP&A Act in relation to additional properties and to the Department of Environment and Conservation (Executive Director Cultural Heritage).

It was noted that in August 2003, SHFA received delegation from the Minister for Planning and the Director-General of the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Natural Resources to perform certain approval functions under the EP&A Act in

relation to several sites including the "foreshore area", Inner Harbour, Lunar Park, Ballast Point, City West Master Plan sites, Bays Precinct City West, Eveleigh Precinct and Walsh Bay.

Members were advised that SHFA has requested that its current delegations from the Heritage Council to determine Section 60 applications and issue excavation permits be aligned with its expanded role as consent authority under the EP&A Act. The expanded delegations will streamline the approvals process and be to the benefit of both agencies.

Members were also advised that the existing delegations to the National Parks and Wildlife Service to determine Section 60 applications, issue excavation permits and endorse conservation management plans requires updating and review for consistency with the SHFA delegation.

It was further noted that the extension of the operation of the delegation of Heritage Council approvals functions to SHFA will further streamline the approvals procedures and will continue to be monitored to ensure that the type of development proposed does not materially affect significance and the level of assessment and conditioning of approvals is thorough and appropriate to the circumstances. The revised delegation to DEC is merely to update terminology and provide consistency.

**Resolved:**

**that the Heritage Council:**

- 1. seek the consent of the Minister, in accordance with section 169(3) of the Heritage Act, to delegate certain of its functions to the Executive Director, Tenant and Asset Management Services of the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority, as specified in column 1 of Schedule A, subject to the conditions listed in column 2 of Schedule A and the general conditions in Schedule B, as contained in Annexure A, in relation to land for which Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority is the consent authority under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and to revoke the previous delegation to the Director Built Environment, Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority consented to by the Minister on 30 April 2002;**
- 2. seek the consent of the Minister, in accordance with section 169(3) of the Heritage Act, to delegate certain of its functions to the Executive Director Cultural Heritage of the Department of Environment and Conservation, as specified in column 1 of Schedule A, subject to the conditions listed in column 2 of Schedule A and the general conditions in Schedule B, as contained in Annexure B, in relation to land which is managed by the Department of Environment and Conservation, and to revoke the previous delegation to the Manager Cultural Heritage Division of the National Parks and Wildlife Service consented to by the Minister on 5 September 2002 ; and**

- 3. authorise the Chair of the Heritage Council to sign the instruments of delegation on behalf of the Heritage Council in accordance with the Minister's consent.**

#### **4.6 Appointment of Chair of the Archaeology Advisory Panel**

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Members were advised that the Archaeology Advisory Panel, which was reconvened in 2004, was previously Chaired by Adjunct Professor Sharon Sullivan AO. Following her appointment as the Deputy Chair of the Heritage Council, Professor Sullivan resigned as the Chair of the Panel in March 2006. It was noted that the position of Chair has been vacant since that time.

Members noted that at the most recent meeting of the Archaeology Advisory Panel held 8 June 2006 the Panel noted that the position of Chair of the Archaeology Advisory Panel remained vacant and requested the staff to raise the issue of the appointment of a new Chair.

It is proposed that Ms Jacqui Goddard be appointed to Chair the Panel. Ms Goddard is Conservation Director of the National Trust of Australia (NSW) and an experienced architect who has worked in both Australia and Scotland, predominantly in the fields of conservation and repair and adaptive reuse of buildings.

**Resolved:**

**that the Heritage Council approve the appointment of Ms Jacqui Goddard to serve as the Chair of the Archaeology Advisory Panel during 2006.**

#### **4.7 Knuckey's Store, Wellington**

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Members considered a report which contained a letter from the Hon Frank Sartor, Minister for Planning, which sort advice of the Heritage Council on the heritage significance Knuckey's Store, Wellington which was listed on the State Heritage Register in 2002.

The advice was sort as a result of a letter to the Minister from the Wellington Solders Memorial Club which questioned the heritage significance of the property.

Members were advised that Knuckey's Store is a small, late 19<sup>th</sup> century corner store building in Wellington. The shop had been in the ownership of the Knuckey family from within a few years of its construction until 1999 when it was sold by Miss Grace Knuckey to the Wellington Soldier's Memorial Club (WSMC), who remain the owner. Conservation work on the building (reconstruction of street veranda) was undertaken in 1997 with local heritage fund support, and in 1999 received a local heritage award for the work. The store was identified in 1999 in a state-wide study funded by the Heritage Office as being a significant surviving example of its type, in particular its role as an Aboriginal rations store.

It was noted that he WSMC purchased the site with an intention of expanding its car park. This involved demolition of the building.

After considering the report and the request from the Minister the Heritage Council

**Resolved:**

**that the Heritage Council:**

- 1. note this report;**
- 2. establish a subcommittee to provide advice to the Heritage Council in relation to the State significance of Knuckey's Store;**
- 3. request the sub committee to engage the services of an independent heritage consultant, with experience in Aboriginal heritage matters, to assist the subcommittee; and**
- 4. appoint Janet Dore, Jacqui Goddard and Hewitt Whyman subject to his agreement to the subcommittee.**

## **5.0 Matters for Information or Noting**

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### **5.1 Potts Point Hill Reservoir – Pre DA and Presentation**

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The Chair of the Heritage Council declared a conflict of interest in this matter, as a result he handed the Chair of the meeting to the Deputy Chair. The Chair remained in the room but took no part in the discussion or the Council's decision making in relation to this matter.

Members were advised that Sydney Water and Landcom submitted two proposals to the Heritage Council on 2 June 2006 for the Potts Hill Reservoir Site. The first proposal is to revise the State Heritage Register (SHR) curtilage. The second proposal is to store contaminated soil from within the Potts Hill Reservoir Site in Reservoir 1. Both proposals are pre-DA submissions for comment by the Heritage Council.

It was noted that the first proposal is to revise the State Heritage Register (SHR) curtilage, and to enable the surplus land to be developed without the need for Heritage Council approval. Sydney Water considers that part of the current site area is surplus to their operational requirements. The CMP that was endorsed by the Heritage Council in April 2005 identifies areas that are surplus to Sydney Water's operational requirements and that could be possibly subdivided in the future, subject to further detailed assessment of the particular proposal.

The second proposal is to store contaminated soil from within the Potts Hill Reservoir Site in Reservoir 1, and is dependent on approval of proposed curtilage changes. Sydney Water has requested the opinion of the Heritage Council prior to further action on the proposed surplus land if the site has a reduced curtilage. Sydney Water has entered into an agreement with Landcom regarding the surplus land, and Landcom is currently investigating its development potential and issues that may arise from this, such as the storage of contaminated soil. Sydney Water further propose to partially fill Reservoir 1 with soil over the encapsulated fill of contaminated soil within the construction of a new wall and batters, and to provide a landscaped area for passive recreation.

Members were advised that it is considered that the proposal to revise the SHR curtilage for the site is generally acceptable. However, any proposal should be subject to further detailed assessment by Landcom and Sydney Water Corporation, as recommended in Section 6.7 of the CMP.

Members were also advised that it is further considered that the proposal to store soil within Reservoir 1 is generally acceptable. Further investigations and assessment by Sydney Water and Landcom however, will need to demonstrate that the option to fill Reservoir 1 with contaminated soil is the only viable option. The impact of this proposal will need to be properly assessed in a Statement of Heritage Impact that accompanies any subsequent Section 60 application for the proposal.

**Resolved:**

**that the Heritage Council**

- 1. agree in principle to consider the proposal to revise the SHR curtilage for the site as shown in Annexure A, subject to further detailed assessment of the particular proposal and referral to the Heritage Council Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Panel;**
- 2. agree in principle that some form of fill may be acceptable for Reservoir 1;**
- 3. request the applicant to submit the following information with their Section 60 application in the form of a Statement of Heritage Impact:**
  - a. further reference to the type of contaminant in the soil;**
  - b. discussion regarding the options for treatment or storage of the contaminated soil, explaining why this is the preferred option;**
  - c. what impact the contaminant will have (if any) on the fabric of Reservoir 1 and its associated features;**
  - d. what impact the contaminant will have (if any) on the operational water infrastructure below the floor level of Reservoir 1;**
  - e. a description of the materials and methods that would be used for the construction of the proposed new wall and batters;**
  - f. detailed plans to show the location of the new wall, which would preferably have a minimum five metre buffer around the entirety of the reservoir walls; and**
  - g. an interpretation strategy; and**
- 4. appoint Rosemary Annable, Jacqui Goddard, David Logan and Reece McDougall to form a sub-committee to inspect the site and bring forward recommendations to the Heritage Council.**

## **5.2 Port Macquarie Arts and Cultural Centre**

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Members were advised that Port Macquarie-Hastings Council is building a new Cultural Centre in Clarence Street. An archaeological investigation was completed on the site in May and June 2006 under a S140 Excavation Permit approved on 15 February 2006. The excavations revealed State significant archaeological remains related to the early penal settlement (1821-1830), the administration of convicts

(1831-1846) and the town development after 1831. It was noted that Conditions of Approval attached to the Excavation Permit required that the in-situ conservation and display of some of the remains must be addressed to the satisfaction of the Executive Director, Heritage Office. An Interpretation Strategy and Landscape Plan are also required.

Members were advised that after notification of the significant finds, the Executive Director and a staff archaeologist visited Port Macquarie on 16 June 2006. After discussions, the design of the new Arts, Conference and Entertainment Centre has been modified to incorporate and display some of the archaeology. Members were further advised that \$100,000 assistance has also been made available from the NSW Government to Port Macquarie-Hastings Council to assist with the on-site implementation of the Interpretation Strategy for the Arts, Conference and Entertainment Centre.

Members were advised that this was an excellent outcome which will result in a model development on the site.

**Resolved:**

**that the Heritage Council note the information in the report.**

## **6.0 Reports from Heritage Council Committees and Panels**

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- 6.1 Approvals Committee
- 6.2 State Heritage Register
- 6.3 Strategy Committee
- 6.4 Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Panel
- 6.5 Archaeology Advisory Panel
- 6.6 Fire Access Services Advisory Panel
- 6.7 History Advisory Panel
- 6.8 Maritime Advisory Panel
- 6.9 Religious Property Advisory Panel
- 6.10 Technical Advisory Group
- 6.11 Interpretation Committee

**Resolved:**

**that the Heritage Council note the reports.**

## **7.0 General Business**

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## **8.0 Presentations**

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Nil

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 11.10 am.

**Michael Collins**  
**Chair**  
**Heritage Council of NSW**  
**Date:**

**Next Meeting of the Heritage Council  
of NSW**  
(Special Meeting)  
Thursday 2nd November 2006  
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