

HERITAGE COUNCIL OF NSW MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING

Meeting Number 327

6th December 2006

NSW Heritage Office, 3 Marist Place, Parramatta



PRESENT Michael Collins (Chair), Rosemary Annable, Jason Ardler (for Director-General Department of Environment and Conservation), Julie Bindon, Janet Dore, Ross Fitzgerald, Jacqui Goddard (National Trust of Australia [NSW]), Chris Johnson (Department of Planning), David Logan, Reece McDougall (Executive Director Heritage Office), Peter Mould (Government Architect) John Robertson.

APOLOGIES Sharon Sullivan AO (Deputy Chair), Hewitt Whyman.

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

The Chair opened the meeting at 9.00 a.m.

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 4th October 2006

Members received a copy of the minutes.

Resolved:

that the Minutes of the meetings of 4th October 2006 be adopted.

3.0 Reports

3.1 Chairs Report

The Chair advised members that on 1st October he attended the Royal Australian Historical Society Awards.

On the 27th and 28th October the Chair travelled to Deniliquin to present a Volunteer Award to Harry Marshall who was unable to attend the ceremony at Parliament House. About 60 people attended a morning tea for Harry, including his extended family and his many friends in the community.

Following his retirement in 1979 Harry Marshall decided to fill in his time by cleaning up a small section of the Deniliquin cemetery. Soon this became a 24-year campaign extending to the whole cemetery. He then decided to start mapping the location and documenting all the sites and has managed to identify numerous unknown graves and a major part of the Chinese cemetery. Mr Marshall has identified well over 90 percent of the graves and recreated his own unique registers for them. Thanks to Harry, graves can now be found quite easily, saving family and researchers many hours of time.

On the 3rd November the Chair attended the retirement dinner for the Hon Barry O'Keefe at Old Government House, Parramatta, who retired as President of the National Trust of Australia (NSW).

On 8th November the Chair attended the University of Western Sydney Foundation Dinner at the former Female Orphans School, Parramatta. The Heritage Council contributed \$1 million to the restoration of the building.

On 5th December the Chair attended a cocktail part for Professor John Niland welcoming him as the new President of the National Trust of Australia (NSW).

The Chair thanked Reece McDougall, Executive Director of the Heritage Office for his continuing support and assistance during the year.

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 Executive Director thanked all Heritage Council members for their contribution to the work of the Heritage Council during the year.

The Executive Director advised members that following the reported discovery of the third midget submarine involved in the 1942 attack on Sydney Harbour, the Heritage Office, as the Commonwealth's delegated authority for historic shipwrecks in waters adjacent to the New South Wales coast, has been involved with assisting in confirming the identity of the wreck site. Heritage Office maritime archaeologists have been working with Royal Australian Navy personnel and the Department of Environment and Heritage in developing a coordinated response to the discovery. The Heritage Office is advising the State and Commonwealth governments on immediate, intermediate and long terms options for management of the wreck site.

It has been confirmed that the Wreck is within State waters.

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council note the report.

3.2.4 Business Manager Report

Members were advised that work is underway successfully across most of the strategic and business development work programs and that the 07-08 Department of Planning Results and Services Plan now incorporates the Heritage Office Division.

Members were advised that the Heritage Office strategic program in 2006-07 includes the following new or enhanced projects: Strategic planning for heritage in NSW, Compliance program for consents, delegations and minimum standards, 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, Strengthened Aboriginal program and opportunities to streamline and improve service delivery, Nomination and listing processes, Publications and web site development targeted to new and enhanced programs, and Development assessment delegations and reports.

Status reports on the Heritage Office strategic work program and the Business Development work was provided to members.

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council note the report.

3.2.5 Media Highlights Presentation

Nil

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

Nil

4.0 Matters for Consideration and Decision

4.1 Collingwood House, Liverpool

Members considered a report which recommended to the Minister the listing of Collingwood, 13 Birkdale Crescent, Liverpool, on the State Heritage Register.

Members received three presentations the first from Mrs Vicki Andrews, Ms Pam Browne and Mr Stephen Dobell Brown representing the Collingwood Heritage & Regional Museum Precinct Action Committee the second from Mrs Norma Shelley OAM Elder of Gandangara Local Aboriginal land Council and finally from Mr Theo Zotis representing Liverpool City Council.

Members were advised Collingwood (also known as Bunker's Farm) is a modified colonial Georgian farmstead and complex c1810 – 1857 within a remnant cultural landscape. The earliest section of Collingwood dates from between 1810 to 1812 making it one of the oldest surviving houses in Australia. It was built by the American loyalist Captain Eber Bunker who arrived in the colony in 1791, as Master of a Third Fleet convict ship the 'William and Anne'.

Collingwood was a significant agricultural estate and was critical to the industrial development of Liverpool due to its proximity to the Georges River and the southern railway line from Parramatta to Liverpool which commenced in 1856.

The remnant precinct demonstrates the layers of Indigenous and European occupation and use, and the transition of the place from an agricultural estate to an industrial estate during the nineteenth century.

The parkland in front of Collingwood House effectively provides its remnant setting, a visual curtilage, and views into the homestead from Congressional Drive, the Hume Highway and Discovery Park. It also provides views to the east across the Georges River to the Cubitchbarta Aboriginal area. Both Collingwood and the parkland are owned by Liverpool Council.

The ridge top site has special significance to Aboriginal people as a meeting place for the Tharawal, and Gandangara peoples providing views of their respective countries.

In early 2005 the Heritage Office received community requests for action under the Heritage Act to protect Collingwood House and its remnant landscape due to proposals contained in Liverpool Council's then Draft Master Plan for the precinct. The proposals included redeveloping land in the south eastern corner of the precinct

for housing; redeveloping the Regional Museum, the former Tourist Centre site, College Park and some community land as a multi use commercial / residential development.

The Draft Master Plan was adopted by Liverpool Council in June, 2005. It was subject to significant media attention and public discussion.

Collingwood was formally nominated for listing on the State Heritage Register by Mrs Vicki Andrews in July, 2005. The nomination has been supported by the Collingwood Heritage & Regional Museum Precinct Action Group (CHARMPAC).

In February, 2006, Liverpool Council responded to community concerns by revising the adopted Master Plan, dropping all development proposals except for the proposed future sale and development of land in the south east portion of the park adjacent to Congressional Drive. Liverpool Council has proposed that funds derived from the development of the south eastern portion of land on Congressional Drive would be exclusively allocated to the essential maintenance of Collingwood House.

In March 2006 Liverpool Council resolved to prepare draft LEP No. 103 in order to rezone and reclassify land in the Collingwood Precinct to give effect to the revised master plan. This included reclassifying the south east portion of the park on Congressional Drive (Part Lot 2 DP 730829) from 'Community Use' to 'Operational Use'.

In July 2006 the Heritage Office provided Section 62 comments on draft LEP 103, noting that the purpose of reclassifying part of the site for new development would be to raise funds for the ongoing conservation of the remainder of the property. The Heritage Office raised no objections to the draft plan being made.

The Heritage Office has been in negotiation with Liverpool Council, the owner of Collingwood, since 2005 regarding the proposed State listing and development of an appropriate curtilage.

The Heritage Council met at Liverpool on 2 August, 2006, to consider the nomination for listing, and a draft curtilage prepared by the Heritage Office. This curtilage excluded the site of the Regional Museum and the land proposed for sale and development on Congressional Drive as recognised by the Heritage Office's comments in respect of draft LEP 103. Following consideration of presentations by the nominators and representatives of the Tharawal and Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Councils, and an inspection of the site, the Heritage Council resolved to place on exhibition three draft curtilage options for a period of sixty days.

The report recommended option 3 which included the entire park site including the area proposed for residential development, this option was overwhelmingly supported by the community (86 of 92 submissions received).

The proposed item meets at least 7 of the seven Heritage Council criteria for listing on the State Heritage Register in terms of criteria a (historical values), b (associations with people or groups of people), c (aesthetic values), d (community esteem), e (research potential), f (rarity), g (representative values).

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council:

1. in accordance with section 33 (1)(d) of the Heritage Act, 1977 advises the Minister that the item known as "Collingwood" at 13 Birkdale Crescent, Liverpool, is of State heritage significance;
2. recommends that the appropriate curtilage for the item is that described by Curtilage Option 3 as shown in the plan at Annexure E;
3. recommends to the Minister, in accordance with sections 32(1) and (2) of the Heritage Act, that the Minister directs the listing of the item, "Collingwood" at 13 Birkdale Crescent, Liverpool, including the curtilage shown in Curtilage Option 3 in the plan at Annexure E, on the State Heritage Register if the Minister considers the item is of State heritage significance;
4. in accordance with sections 33 (1)(e) of the Heritage Act 1977, gives notice of its decision to persons notified under section 33(1)(a);
5. notes that the adoption of Curtilage Option 3 as the curtilage for the State Heritage Register listed Collingwood Precinct does not preclude the lodgement of an application for any use permitted by the zoning including within the south-east portion of the listed area along Congressional Drive;
6. acknowledges that Liverpool Council has made a commitment that all funds arising from any approved residential development within the curtilage would be used for the future restoration, maintenance and management of Collingwood and its curtilage;
7. notes that the Heritage Council would have a consent role for any application for development of such area within the State Heritage Register curtilage;
8. in accordance with section 57(2) of the Heritage Act, recommend the Minister grant the following exemption/s from section 57(1) in addition to the Heritage Council Standard Exemptions:
 - (a) General maintenance and repair (Area B only):
 - (i) pruning 20 - 30% of the canopy of trees within a 2 year period as recommended by a qualified arborist for the tree's health or public safety reasons.
 - (ii) Minor works to improve public access, provide disabled access and to eliminate or reduce risks to public safety
 - (iii) Repair of damage caused by erosion and implementation of erosion control measures
 - (iv) Maintenance, repair and resurfacing of existing roads, paths, fences and gates
 - (v) Routine horticultural maintenance, including lawn mowing, cultivation and pruning.
 - (b) Maintenance of services and utilities (Area B only):
 - (i) Maintenance and repair of existing services and public utilities including communications, gas, electricity, water supply, waste disposal, sewerage, irrigation and drainage

- (ii) Upgrade of services and public utilities where the Liverpool Council is satisfied that the activity will not materially affect the heritage significance of the listed area as a whole (including archaeology) or the area in which they are to be undertaken
 - (iii) Installation, maintenance and removal of waste bins to implement the Liverpool Council's waste management policies.
 - (iv) maintenance of safety clearances around power lines in accordance with current guidelines published by the Energy Authority of N.S.W.

- (c) Management of lawns, recreation areas and plantings (Area B only):
 - (i) Removal and replacement of existing plantings other than trees.
 - (ii) Removal of dead or dying trees where the applicant undertakes to replace them with the same species and in the same location.
 - (iii) Removal, construction or alteration of garden beds, hard landscaping and plantings to implement the Plan of Management for the Collingwood Precinct (as endorsed by the Heritage Council of NSW) and other policies for the parklands where Liverpool City Council is satisfied that the activity will not materially effect the heritage significance of the Collingwood Precinct as a whole or the area in which they are to be undertaken.

- (d) Management of interpretive, information and directional signage (Area B only):
 - (i) Installation, removal and alteration of interpretative, information and directional signage and labels in accordance with signage policies adopted by Liverpool City Council.

- (e) Management of artworks, statues and monuments (Area B only):
 - (i) Temporary installation of artworks, statues and monuments for temporary exhibitions or events.
 - (ii) Installation, relocation and removal of artworks, statues and monuments to implement the Plan of Management for the Collingwood Precinct (as endorsed by the Heritage Council of NSW) and Liverpool City Council's policies.

- (f) Management of temporary events (Area B only):
 - (i) Temporary use of a section of the Collingwood Precinct, temporary road closures and the installation of temporary buildings, structures, fencing, facilities, exhibitions, artworks, crowd control barriers, stages, lighting, sound and public address equipment and signage for a period not exceeding 3 months where Liverpool Council is satisfied that the activity will not affect critical views to and from Collingwood House or materially affect the heritage significance of the listed area as a whole or the area in which the temporary events are to be undertaken.

4.2 Knuckey's Store

Members were advised that the Heritage Council established a subcommittee to provide advice on the State significance of Knuckey's Store following a request from the Minister. The subcommittee commissioned an appropriately qualified consultant, Kate Waters, to assist it with the review. A draft report was provided to the subcommittee on 24th November.

The Draft report advised that Knuckey's Store an item is important in the course, or pattern, of NSW's cultural or natural history, is an item which has strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group in NSW for social, cultural or spiritual reasons and possesses uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of the cultural or natural history of NSW.

Members were advised the elements for which the item is considered to meet a State level of significance in relation to criteria A, D, and F all relate directly to the store itself and to the associated veranda and street frontage. It is therefore considered that the necessary level of evidence does not exist to support the listing at a State level of significance of the 1930s brick residence extensions or of the garden and associated outbuildings. It is recommended that the area of the listing be reduced to encompass only the original brick corner store structure and the associated weatherboard three room dwelling with brick parapet wall on the Arthur Street frontage

The subcommittee travelled to Wellington on 30 November and 1 December to discuss the issues with the stakeholders. Meetings were held with the owners, Wellington Council and representatives of the Aboriginal community.

Members were advised that after consideration of the consultants advice the subcommittee finds that following consideration of the views of the Wellington Memorial Soldier's club, the owner, the Wellington Council, the local community and the Aboriginal community that Knuckey's Store is of State significance.

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council provide the following advice to the Minister:

1. Knuckey's Store retains its listing on the State Heritage Register as having a State level of significance in relation to criteria a, d and f;
2. the listing data be updated to reflect new material arising from this round of consultations;
3. consideration be given to funding and presenting an oral history and archival search in the immediate future to capture and communicate more detail of the significance of the item from elderly people who have connection with the item;
4. the curtilage for State heritage significance be reduced, to reflect the fact that the significance of the item is related principally to the store, veranda and streetscape rather than the residence and yard to the rear of the store. The reduced curtilage should be closer to the building whilst allowing for its practical management. The precise curtilage should be determined by the Executive Director of the

Heritage Office, Department of Planning in consultation with the sub-committee.

4.3 Funding and Administration: Aboriginal heritage and Funding for Armidale Dumaresq Council projects

Members were advised that Armidale Dumaresq Council wishes to apply for funding of two Aboriginal heritage projects. The first project is an Aboriginal cultural heritage study to integrate with Council's future social and environmental planning processes at a cost of \$20,000. The second project will employ the Aboriginal Heritage Team of North Sydney Council to undertake advisory work at a cost of \$29,000 per annum (totalling \$87,000 over three years). While both these projects considered to be of potential benefit to the management of Aboriginal heritage by Armidale Dumaresq Council, the approval of the Heritage Council is sought to the variation of the \$200,000 per annual limit of Aboriginal heritage grants, but still within the overall 2 yearly limit of \$400,000 in funding, as the annual limit will be exceeded should funding of these projects be approved.

The carrying out of the projects would be subject to the approval by the Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Panel and the overall availability of grant funding from the Heritage Incentives Program.

The Council's 2004 Social and Community Plan identifies in the Indigenous Chapter a recommendation for Council to 'commission new area-wide Aboriginal cultural heritage study to integrate with Council's future social and environment planning processes'. The recommendation also includes a commitment from Council of \$20,000 to develop a Local Aboriginal Heritage Plan in 2006/07.

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council:

- 1. Agrees in principle to the funding of applications from Armidale Dumaresq Council for Aboriginal heritage projects to a maximum of \$50,000 following referral of a detailed application to the Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Panel for advice.**
- 2. Delegates to the Executive Director, with the consent of the Minister, the Heritage Councils powers under Section 106 of the Heritage Act to recommend funding under Program 9 (Aboriginal heritage projects) for an application for Armidale Heritage Projects to a maximum limit of \$50,000.**
- 3. Agrees to a variation of the \$200,000 annual notional funding allocation for Aboriginal heritage grants, still within the overall 2 yearly limit of \$400,000.**
- 4. Recommend that before the project is commenced that appropriate coordination occurs with the Natural Resource and Environment CEOs group with respect to their Aboriginal Heritage mapping and Assessment program.**

4.4 FASAP Membership

Members were advised that the terms of membership of some members on the FASAP Panel have expired, and appointments for a new term need to be made.

Mr Eric Martin (architect and disability access consultant), Ms Xijuan Liu (CSIRO), Mr Maurie Parker (NSW Fire Brigades), were appointed in December 2005 for a 3 year term and their membership is not being reconsidered at this time.

Some members have been panel members in excess of the two terms of three years recommended in the Heritage Council Terms of Reference. However, given the technical nature of the Panel's work there is a limited number of people in the community who have the expertise and experience to assist with the Panel's work, so they are being reappointed.

It is proposed to appoint Mr Peter Conroy, a building surveyor at the City of Sydney Council. Mr Conroy has over 15 years experience in this field and is particularly responsible for building upgrading issues at Council. He is the City of Sydney's representative on the Building Regulations Advisory Council-Department of Planning. His appointment is being supported by the current member dealing with this area, Mr George Lim. Mr Lim has also supported the nomination of Mr Hieu Van Luu to the FASAP reference as a surveyor with experience in upgrading issues relating to fire.

Mr David Logan has been asked to Chair the Panel as the Heritage Council member because of past involvement in the area and because he completed a university dissertation on historic fire resistant construction. Additionally, it is proposed to move the current Chair, Mr Bruce Pettman of the Government Architects Office to the Technical Advisory Group (TAG), where his experience in practical materials conservation will be useful. This would require a termination of Mr Pettman's three year term as Chair which was approved in December 2005.

To assist in the conduct of deliberations during panel meetings it is also appropriate to slightly reduce the membership of the Panel. The new Panel will consist of nine members, including the Chair, compared with fourteen previously.

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council:

Approve amendments to the Fire Access and Services Advisory Panel (FASAP) by:

1. re-appointing the following members for a three year term, until December 2009;
 - i. Mr Donald Truman consultant architect
 - ii. Ms Marianne Foley consultant fire engineer
 - iii. Mr Mark Relf access consultant
 - iv. Ms Julie Rudnicka building codes officer
2. appointing Mr Peter Conroy to the panel, for a three year term, until December 2009;

3. appointing Mr David Logan as the Heritage Council representative and Chair for a 1 year term, until December 2007, when his membership of the Heritage Council expires.
4. formally thanking Mr Bruce Pettman, Mr Peter Phillips, Mr Shane Kelly, Mr George Lim, Mr John Whitlock, Mrs Carol Edds and Mrs Megan Jones for their time and efforts in contributing to the work of the Panel.
5. appointing Mr Peter Phillips, Mr Shane Kelly, Mr George Lim, Mr John Whitlock, Mrs Carol Edds, Mrs Megan Jones and Mr Hieu Van Luu to the FASAP Reference Panel.

4.5 TAG Membership

Members considered a report which sought the Heritage Council's approval of proposed new appointments, re-appointments and the chairmanship of the Technical Advisory Group. The 3 year membership term for this panel concludes in December 2006.

It is proposed that existing members Ms Jacqui Goddard and Ms Caroline Lawrance be appointed again as they have not completed two three year terms, the suggested maximum length for Heritage Council Advisory Panels. It is also proposed that Mr David West also be reappointed given the lack of other professionals in New South Wales with both a materials science specialty and an understanding of heritage issues.

It is proposed to appoint the following new members: Mr Gary Waller, Mr Paul Connett and Mr William Blackledge.

Members were advised that Mr Waller is a builder with considerable experience in the conservation and repair of traditional buildings, Mr Connett is a structural engineer with over 25 years of experience in both the construction of new buildings and the conservation of historic structures in Australia and the United Kingdom and Mr Blackledge is an architect with 30 years of experience in the conservation of historic structures in Australia and the United Kingdom.

The Panel has been chaired for the last three years by Mr David Young, who is leaving NSW to reside in Victoria. It is proposed that Mr Bruce Pettman, as the Government Architect's representative, be asked to Chair the Panel.

The Heritage Office has been unable to identify a conservator with suitable experience in the conservation of historic building fabric for the Panel. Professionals with links to the Universities in the materials science field are also being explored. A further nomination in these two fields may be presented to the Heritage Council in due course.

It was noted that departing members, David Young, Simon Wiltshier and Alan Croker have indicated their willingness to continue to assist TAG's work by joining its Reference Panel. Assistance with responding to various questions is often sought from this broader group of specialists.

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council approve amendments to the membership of the Technical Advisory Group by:

- 1. Appointing the following for a three year term, until December 2009;**
 - **Mr Gary Waller, Builder, G & C Waller Builders,**
 - **Mr Paul Connett, Structural Engineer, Hughes Trueman P/L,**
 - **Mr David West, Materials Scientist, International Conservation Services P/L,**
 - **Mr William Blackledge, Architect, Jackson Teece P/L,**
 - **Ms Jacqui Goddard, Architect and Director of Conservation at the National Trust of Australia (NSW),**
 - **Ms Caroline Lawrance, Architect and Builder, Dept of Environment and Conservation,**
- 2. Appointing Mr Bruce Pettman as the Chair of the panel for a 3 year term, until December 2009.**
- 3. Formally thanking departing members, Mr David Young, Mr Alan Croker and Mr Simon Wiltshier for their considerable time and efforts in contributing to the Panel's work.**
- 4. Appointing Mr David Young, Mr Alan Croker and Mr Simon Wiltshier to the Reference Panel of the Technical Advisory Group.**

4.6 Streamlining Listings on the State Heritage Register

Members considered a report which recommended endorsement of the new: State Heritage Register (SHR) nomination form and Guideline for nominations to the State Heritage Register. It was noted that these documents together implement the Heritage Council SHR Nominations Acceptance Policy, which was adopted on 5 October 2005.

The SHR Nominations Acceptance Policy established the baseline information requirements for nominations to be accepted for listing consideration. It also directed the Heritage Office to prepare a new nomination form and guideline to communicate these requirements and to assist nominators meet the requirements.

These customised documents will more clearly communicate the baseline requirements for SHR nominations established by this policy, as well as providing further assistance to nominators for completing nominations. Releasing the new form and guideline will contribute towards reducing the number of incomplete nominations, improving the adequacy of information in nominations, and thereby streamlining consideration of SHR nominations and listings.

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council:

- 1. in accordance with the State Heritage Register (SHR) Nominations Acceptance Policy endorse the new:**

- (a) State Heritage Register Nomination Form; and
 - (b) Guideline for Nominations to the State Heritage Register.
2. direct the Heritage Office to release 1(a) and 1(b) as follows:
- (a) post the new form and guideline on the Heritage Office website;
 - (b) remove the existing guideline and form from circulation for SHR nominations;
 - (c) produce a Macintosh compatible version of the form; and
 - (d) publish the new guideline with a professional design layout.

4.7 Heritage Council Meeting Dates 2007

Members were advised that in 1998, the Heritage Council, under s. 21A of the Heritage Act, established two delegated Committees, namely the Approvals Committee (which deals with applications under the Heritage Act and the Register Committee (which deals with proposed listings on the State Heritage Register) to deal with the statutory business of the Heritage Council.

Since the commencement of 1999 the full Heritage Council has focused on strategic and policy matters whilst the Committees have concentrated on the legislative business relating to approvals and recommendations to the Minister for listing on the State Heritage Register.

At its meeting of the 2nd November 2005 the Heritage Council resolved to continue this arrangement.

In recent years the Heritage Council has resolved to hold meetings of the Heritage Council on a bimonthly basis, commencing in February each year, and to hold monthly meetings of the State Heritage Inventory Committee and the Approvals Committee, also commencing in February each year. Meetings have been held on the first Wednesday of the month, February to August and October to December in Parramatta. Regional visits have taken place in September.

In view of the Heritage Council's resolution of the 2nd November 2005, to continue to hold separate meetings of the Approval Committee and the State Heritage Register Committee in association with or alternating with full Heritage Council meetings, it is proposed that the pattern of the meeting schedule for the Heritage Council and Committees, established in recent years, be continued in 2007.

A regional visit is proposed for the September meetings of the Approvals and State Heritage Register Committees. The Regional visit has been scheduled for Thursday 6th and Friday 7th September 2007. The location of the regional visit has yet to be determined.

Resolved:

that in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice the Heritage Council adopt the proposed meeting dates, times and locations for 2007 as set out in the attached schedule provided.

4.8 Aboriginal Heritage Panel

Members were advised that in 2006 Hewitt Whyman was appointed to the position of AHAP Chair. Members were further advised that at the AHAP meeting on the 7th September 2006 the Panel recommended that a new position of Deputy Chair be created and endorsed Evelyn Crawford to fill the position. It is proposed that this position of Deputy Chair will serve as Acting Chair in cases of absence of the Chair. Ms Crawford was present and accepted the nomination. The Panel requests that the Heritage Council accept this recommendation.

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council approve the request from the Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Panel that Ms Evelyn Crawford be appointed to serve as Deputy Chair and Acting Chair of the Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Panel (in absentia) as required.

5.0 Matters for Information or Noting

5.1 Commemoration of State Arms Centenary

The Heritage Council commemorated the centenary of the grant of the NSW Coat of Arms with several events during October 2006, as reported here.

Members were advised that the Heritage Council resolved in October 2005 to mark the forthcoming centenary with an event or events during October 2006. The principal event is the online exhibition, titled 'How Brightly You Shine', on the Heritage Office website which went online on 25th October. The site received on average 110 visitors per day.

Other events have included publication of a 'photo-essay' in the October edition of Heritage NSW, preparation of an article on the public heraldry of the Armidale Dumaresq region for the Heritage Council regional meeting of 4th October, published on HO website (as a download from the Heraldry page) on 16th November; with a similar paper to be prepared for all future regional visits.

Complementary events have included an exhibition in the Premier's Corridor, Parliament House, of photographs and artefacts bearing Royal and State Arms, prepared by the Parliamentary Archives, a presentation by Stephen Szabo (Heraldry Australia) of a session at the RAHS Conference on local and municipal heraldry and emblems, a lecture by Stephen Szabo (Heraldry Australia) on heraldry in Australian history as a History Week 2006 event, and the preparation and e-publication of an Archives-in-Brief by State Records NSW

It was noted that a key event in October was the changeover of the Royal Arms with the State Arms in the Legislative Council chamber, and an afternoon tea hosted by the President of the Legislative Council and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly on 11th October to mark the centenary and the first public viewing of the newly installed Arms. Members of the Legislative Council conducted a debate prior to

installing the new Arms in that chamber, and a similar debate is expected in the Legislative Assembly.

It was further noted that the discussions and debates that have taken place around these various centenary events have tended to focus on the NSW Coat of Arms in its own right – what is it, what does it symbolise, where did it come from, and so on, rather than reconsider old arguments of Royal Arms vs. State Arms. There has been some level of discussion about how a society chooses and uses its symbols, and whether NSW has a distinct cultural and social identity within a wider Australian identity.

Members were advised that some attention is also now being paid to physical representations of public coats of arms – Royal, State, municipal, corporate, even Commonwealth, with regard to both their symbolism and their craftsmanship, rather than as merely decorative elements. The identification and works of individual heraldic artists has begun to receive some appreciation, and some assessment of their heritage values.

Both of these outcomes indicate the value of the centenary commemorations.

Bruce Baskerville stated that since the Exhibition has been online he has been receiving 2-3 inquiries per week about heraldic matters, including requests for permission to use the State Arms, people wanting to register their personal Arms, and people seeking advice on the design and use of coats of arms. He commented that there is a potential revenue stream for the Heritage Council if it was able to pursue these matters, and the Chair asked Bruce to prepare a business case to investigate this potential.

The Chair thanked Bruce Baskerville for his work on this project which lifted the profile of the Heritage Council.

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council:

1. notes this information report; and
2. requests that a Centenary presentation to be shown at February 2007 meeting.

5.2 Section 170 Govt Heritage Forum – Outcomes

Members considered a report which summarised the outcomes of the 15 November 2006 State Government Heritage Forum run by the Heritage Office, Department of Planning. The 2006 Forum, this time held at Taronga Zoo Mosman, was well attended. It acted as a catalyst for promoting compliance by agencies of timeframes for completion of *Heritage Asset Management Plans (HAMS)* by 2006, and *Heritage & Conservation Registers* by 2009 (Section 170 Registers). Evaluation of the November event has raised future event planning issues such as frequency, format, cost recovery options, and resource sharing and promotion opportunities.

It was noted that the annual forum is a pivotal event in promoting to agencies the requirements of s.170 of the *Heritage Act* (State Government management of heritage assets), and the policies and reporting requirements of the Heritage Council of NSW. It also serves an important role in bringing together agency heritage and asset staff in an environment that promotes contact, discussion and shared purpose.

Last year, two forums were held in October and November which focussed on the release of the *State Agency Guide* (distributed to CEO's in January 2005), and the requirement to complete *Heritage Asset Management Strategies* (HAMS) by 2006. Both events were well received, run at the Heritage Office, Parramatta, and were the first regular Heritage Office Forums since 2000.

Members were advised that the outcomes of the 15 November 2006 Forum were positive and the event will be a useful springboard for future interagency exchanges. A significant positive outcome was the value of hosting the event outside of the Heritage Office premises, at agency venue. This provided the opportunity for the agency to showcase its heritage management activity, achievements, and to raise 'real life' issues regarding application of the s.170 provisions of the *Heritage Act*. Of special note was the hosting at a heritage site which was seen to add value. The majority of respondents reported the zoo as 'excellent' in this regard.

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council of NSW:

1. notes this report on the outcomes of the 15 November State Government Heritage Forum;
2. recommends that the Heritage Office continue to seek opportunities to promote activities undertaken by agencies under s.170 of the Heritage Act, as detailed;
3. agrees that future Forums could be run on a limited cost recovery basis to offset Heritage Office expenditure and resource commitments; and,
4. notes the ongoing compliance by agencies with s.170 of the Heritage Act.

5.3 Report on Local Government Workshop

Members were advised that the Heritage Council's Local Government Working Party held a workshop on 17th December 2006 to discuss local government heritage management and develop an action plan to improve the current system.

The Workshop was attended by approx. 30 people from local government, partner organisations such as the RAIA, Local Government Association and the Property Council. Local Government attendees included strategic planners, development assessment officers, elected representatives, heritage officers and advisors. Officers from Victoria and Tasmania also attended.

The Heritage Council Working Party is due to meet in early December 2006 to discuss the outcomes of the workshop and develop an action plan.

The workshop addressed four main topics which corresponded to the four most commonly identified issues in the submissions to the Productivity Commission which were the governance and structure of the heritage system, heritage incentives, supporting the system – policy and guidance and the interface between heritage management and the planning system.

It was noted that the workshop was partially successful in achieving this and useful in identifying which actions may be most practically applied. The Heritage Council working party will now develop an action plan to bring to the Heritage Council in 2007 for consideration.

The Chair thanked those Heritage Council members who participated in the workshop.

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council note the report.

5.5 Productivity Commission

Members were advised that the Productivity Commission released its final report on the Inquiry into the 'policy framework and incentives for historic heritage' in August 2006. A copy of the overview report was provided to members.

It was noted that the NSW Heritage Office played two roles in relation to this project. Firstly as coordinator of NSW Government submissions and responses, and secondly as project manager of a joint project of the Heritage Chairs and Officials of Australia and New Zealand. Michael Collins chaired the joint project group of the Chairs and Officials.

The Chairs of the States and Territories have agreed on a position statement in response to the Productivity Commission, a copy of which was also provided to members.

Each State will decide how to promulgate this information augmenting it with case studies if required.

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council notes the briefing provided.

- 6.0 Reports from Heritage Council Committees and Panels**
- 6.1 Approvals Committee**
- 6.2 State Heritage Register Committee**
- 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 Archaeology Advisory Panel**
- 6.9 Technical Advisory Panel**

6.10 Religious Property Advisory Panel

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council notes the reports.

7.0 General Business

Nil

8.0 Presentations

Nil

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 12.10 pm.

Michael Collins Chair Heritage Council of NSW Date:	Next Meeting of the Heritage Council of NSW Wednesday 7th February 2007 NSW Heritage Office 3 Marist Place Parramatta
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