

HERITAGE COUNCIL OF NSW MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Meeting Number 320

1st March 2006

NSW Heritage Office, 3 Marist Place, Parramatta



PRESENT Michael Collins (Chair), Sharon Sullivan AO (Deputy Chair), Jason Ardler (for Director-General Department of Environment and Conservation), Julie Bindon, Jacqui Goddard (National Trust of Australia [NSW]), Reece McDougall (Director Heritage Office), Peter Mould (Government Architect) John Robertson, Hewitt Whyman.

APOLOGIES Rosemary Annable, Janet Dore, Ross Fitzgerald, Chris Johnson (Department of Planning), David Logan, Rod Leaver.

ALSO PRESENT Murray Brown (Heritage Office), Michael Clarke, Maxwell Gray (Heritage Office), Susan Macdonald (Heritage Office) Rajeev Maini (Heritage Office), Susan McHattie (Heritage Office), Vincent Sicari (Heritage Office), Cameron White (Heritage Office).

1. Opening – Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting at 9.30 a.m.

2. Welcome to New Members and Introduction to the Heritage Council of NSW

The Chair welcomed those present to the first Heritage Council meeting of 2006 and also welcomed the five new members of the Council.

The Chair announced the Sharon Sullivan has accepted the appointment of Deputy Chair of the Heritage Council.

Members of the Heritage Council and Heritage Staff present at the meeting gave brief details of the current roles and background.

The Chair gave an explanation of the structure of the Heritage Council and its Committees and Panels and advised new members that the Heritage Office will be running an induction session in the week beginning the 20th March 2006.

2. Appointment of Chairs and Membership of the State Heritage Register, Approvals and Strategy Committees and appointment of Panel Chairs

Members considered a report which recommended that the Heritage Council appoint Michael Collins, Chair of the Heritage Council Approvals Committee, with seven members of the Heritage Council (along with the Deputy Director of the Heritage Office) to that Committee, and appoint Sharon Sullivan as Chair of the State Heritage Register Committee with six members of the Heritage Council to that Committee.

It also proposed to appoint Dianne Jones, representing the Australian Institute of Architects and the Assistant Director of the Heritage Office to the Approvals Committee and Michael Clarke representing Engineering Australia to the State Heritage Register Committee.

The report further recommended that the Heritage Council appoint Michael Collins as Chair of the Strategy Committee along with Sharon Sullivan and the Director of the Heritage Office as members.

Due to the end of terms of appointment of various members new Chairs are required to be appointed to the Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Panel and the History Advisory Panel. It was proposed to appoint Hewitt Whyman as Chair of the Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Panel and Rosemary Annable as Chair of the History Advisory Panel.

It was also recommended that the Heritage Council set the quorum for the Approvals Committee at six members, the State Heritage Register Committee at five members and the Strategy Committee at two members.

Resolved:

That the Heritage Council

- 1. agree that for Heritage Council members of committees appointed on an ex-officio basis allow these positions to be covered by a Deputy member where the member is not able to attend meetings as currently applies to Heritage Council meetings;**
- 2. appoint Michael Collins (Heritage Council Chair) as Chair of the Heritage Council Approvals Committee with Rod Leaver, David Logan, Julie Bindon, Janet Dore, Jacquie Goddard, Chris Johnson, Dianne Jones, the Government Architect (currently Peter Mould) or Deputy and the Assistant Director of the Heritage Office (currently Susan Macdonald) as members;**
- 3. appoint Sharon Sullivan (Heritage Council Deputy Chair) as Chair of the Heritage Council State Heritage Register Committee with Ross Fitzgerald, Rosemary Annable, Hewitt Whyman, John Robertson, Michael Clarke and the Director of the Heritage Office (currently Reece McDougall) or Deputy and the Director-General of the Department of Environment and Conservation (currently Lisa Corbyn) or Deputy as members;**
- 4. appoint Michael Collins as Chair of the Heritage Council Strategy Committee with Sharon Sullivan and Director of the Heritage Office as members;**

5. **set the quorum for the Approvals Committee at six members, the State Heritage Register Committee at five members and the Strategy Committee at two members; and**
6. **to appoint Hewitt Whyman as Chair of the Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Panel and Rosemary Annable as Chair of the History Advisory Panel.**

3. General Business

The Director of the Heritage Office welcomed the new members of the Heritage Council to their first meeting and outlined the role of the Heritage Council the functions State Heritage Inventory and Approvals Committees.

The Director also advised of the recently announced restructure of Government which now places the Heritage Office under the Department of Planning.

It was also noted that 2007 is the 30th Anniversary of the Heritage Act and that any suggestions which could be made on ways in which this could be marked and celebrated would be appreciated.

The Chair also advised members that it has been an aspiration for some time that the Heritage Council jointly meet with the Historic Houses Trust and the National Trust of Australia (NSW). It was noted that this meeting has now been organised for 5.00 pm on 16th May at the Historic Houses Trust which is hosting the meeting.

The Chair also advised that an invitation has been made to Minister Sartor, Minister for Planning, to address members at the June meeting of the Heritage Council.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 10.20 pm.

Michael Collins
Chair
Heritage Council of NSW
Date:

**Next Meeting of the Heritage Council
of NSW**
Wednesday 5th April 2006
Former Prince Henry Hospital Site