

HERITAGE COUNCIL OF NSW MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING

Meeting Number 329

4th April 2007



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, Tina Jackson (National Trust of Australia [NSW]), Chris Johnson (Department of Planning), David Logan, Reece McDougall (Director Heritage Office, Department of Planning), Peter Mould (Government Architect) from 9.30 am.

APOLOGIES Sharon Sullivan AO (Deputy Chair), Ross Fitzgerald, Hewitt Whyman, 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

The Chair opened the meeting at 9.05 a.m.

1.2 Confirmation and Timing of Agenda

The agenda was confirmed.

1.3 Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary Interests

Nil

Non Pecuniary Interests

Jason Ardler

Alps to Atherton Presentation

Conflicts of Interest

Nil

2.0 Confirmation of Minutes

2.1 Heritage Council Meeting of 7th February 2007

Members received a copy of the minutes.

Resolved:

that the Minutes of the meetings of 7th February 2007 be adopted with a correction to the name of the Naval Historical Society of Australia in the Chairs Report.

3.0 Reports

3.1 Chairs Report

The Chair advised members that on 22nd February he attended a presentation by Westfield in relation to the proposed Centerpoint development. The Executive Director and Brad Vale from the Heritage Office also attended. It was noted that the presentation was very thorough and was the result of a design excellence competition held by Westfield. It was noted that there will be a future presentation to the Heritage Council.

On the 8th March the Chair and the Executive Director attended the opening of the archaeological interpretation at the Woolworths Highland Market Place in Mittagong on the site of the former Fitz Roy Ironworks, the first ironworks in Australia. It was noted that Woolworths has contributed over \$3 million to the interpretation works.

On the evening of the 8th March the Chair attended the first of a series of four lectures conducted by Hawkesbury City Council. The series of seminars relate to various aspects of heritage and will assist owners understanding the heritage system and putting it into context.

The Chair also advised members that the Minister will be visiting the Planning Departments in each State of Australia.

Members also advised that the Chair and Executive Director will be attending the Heritage Chairs and Officials meeting at a unknown surprise location in Victoria.

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 advised members that the Heritage Office met with the Commonwealth Department of Environment & Water Resources (DEWR) on 20 March to discuss ongoing management issues relative to the M24 wreck site. The Heritage Office provided an insight into the archaeological features of the wreck site based on completed remote survey operations. These have included remote operated vehicle inspections by the Royal Australian Navy and Defence Maritime Services, the latter utilising a visiting US Navy deep sea submersible currently in Australia to recover the Blackhawk helicopter lost near Fiji. The wreck has revealed some secrets including the condition of the control room and likely presence of the two-man crew. Research conducted at the Australian war memorial has provided greater clarity regarding the location of unexploded scuttling charges within the archaeological wreck site. On 17 March the Executive Director presented Historic Shipwrecks Awards to the No Frills Divers team who located the wreck, at the International OZTek Technical Diving conference held at ATP. Tim Smith presented a paper on the work conducted to date.

It was noted that the Heritage Tourism Project, which arose from the 2003 Going Places Report, a report on natural and cultural heritage tourism in Australia, prepared for the Environment Protection and Heritage Council. Reports commissioned by the Heritage Council of WA and Tourism WA have highlighted the economic benefits of increasing heritage tourism. On this basis the Heritage Tourism Project continues towards the goal of providing an on-line searchable database of all tourist attractions and accommodation listed in on the State Heritage Register. The data is now being finalised and a test web page has been developed, with the ultimate aim of being displayed on the Heritage Office website. The Executive Director will present an update of the project to the meeting of the National Heritage Chairs and Officials in Melbourne on 11-13 April 2007. It will be recommended at the meeting that other states and territories use this project as a model to promote their heritage. The Executive Director advised that he will present a report to the June meeting on the project.

Members were advised that ownership of Tusculum, Potts Point, and Exeter Farm have been transferred from the Corporation Sole to the Historic Houses Trust.

It was further noted that the Executive Director met with representatives of the Saraton Theatre, to which a grant of \$250,000 was made by the Premier towards its restoration. It was noted that the conservation works should be completed by the end of the year and that a number of parties are interested in purchasing the site should the decision to sell the property be made by the owners.

Members were also advised that Griffith City Council has agreed to host the 2007 regional visit by the Heritage Council. It was noted that a paper in relation to the visit will be considered at today's meeting.

The Executive Director also advised that Sharon Sullivan AO, Richard Mackay AM and Dr Paul Adam have been appointed as Acting Commissioners of the Land and Environment Court.

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council note the report.

3.2.4 Business Manager Report

Members were advised that the Training Manager, Jacqueline Barker is preparing a training program of priority training for Planning staff, local government and state government agencies. A full report on this work will be provided to the June meeting.

Independent advice shows it is feasible for the Heritage Office to introduce work flow management for key Office processes, a project plan is being prepared for this project.

It was noted that Section 170 resource sharing program now includes workshop style meetings for agencies with similar portfolios to share experience, lessons and resources, and publication of agency documents.

Work is underway on service delivery and cost recovery in research and information services, and streamlining and cost recovery in development assessment as is consultation with Planning staff, local government and industry on incentives for heritage conservation.

Members were also advised that opportunities for joint projects have been identified with the regional operators of Tourism NSW.

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council note the report.

3.2.5 Media Highlights Presentation

Members were advised that there were 7 Media enquiries for the period compared with 28 enquiries for the equivalent period in 2005. These enquiries came from metro and local newspapers and centred on development applications. Items discussed were North Beach Pavilion at Wollongong; Wauchope Railway Goods Shed; Patrick White House at Centennial Park; Avoca Beach Cinema; the former Nora Heysen house 'The Chalet' at Hunters Hill and 'The Briars' at Wahroonga.

Other items which created media interest were the Launch of Fitz Roy Ironworks archaeology interpretation at Highlands Marketplace, Mittagong, the listing of Our Lady of Pompeii Catholic Church, Griffith, a Roman Catholic Church built by Italian immigrants at the beginning of World War Two which is the first item in the Griffith local government area to be listed on the State Heritage Register. The listing of the

Hermits Cave Complex, also at Griffith, on the State Heritage Register also received interest.

The protection of the M24 Japanese midget submarine wreck also received coverage. It was noted that the Community is kept informed through joint media releases by Commonwealth and State heritage agencies.

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council note the report.

3.2.6 Aboriginal Heritage Report – verbal presentation

Deferred until next meeting.

4.0 Matters for Consideration and Decision

4.1 Streamlining Listings Strategy Stage 2 – IHOs

The achievement of a comprehensive State Heritage Register (SHR) of the State's most important heritage items is a stated aim of the Heritage Council Strategic Plan.

Members considered a report which presents Stage 2 of the Streamlining Listings Strategy which has been developed to increase the rate at which items can be added to the register by streamlining the processing of interim heritage order (IHO), quasi-IHO requests and related matters. Streamlining this key function of the Listing Team will increase resources available for processing listings. This follows on from Stage 1 of the streamlining listings strategy that streamlined State Heritage Register nominations.

In a similar approach to the streamlining of SHR nominations, three actions are recommended for adoption by the Heritage Council as Stage 2 of the Streamlining Listings Strategy of using as a standard practice to respond to public inquiries, a Heritage Council Request Form, and an information sheet for IHO and quasi-IHO requests.

It was noted that the workload generated by IHO, quasi-IHO and other requests has a direct impact on the number of listings achieved on the State Heritage Register because investigating these requests is resource-intensive. Streamlining the processing of these requests will therefore increase listings on the Register.

Members were advised that that the measures will increase listings on the register by reducing the resources diverted for processing these requests. The strategy will also reduce the response time of the Office to IHO requests and improve community awareness of the parameters for interim heritage orders and the key role of local councils in local heritage management. Overall, this strategy will concentrate Listings Team resources on State listings and State significant heritage to maximum effect.

Members discussed the proposed request form and after considerable discussion suggested various changes in the way the form was prepared which included the introduction of threshold tests at the beginning of the form, the reduction to the amount work the applicant has to do for possibly no result and to advise the public of the clear purpose of the form.

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council requests the Heritage Office to review the form in light of comments made by members and bring back to the June Heritage Council meeting.

4.2 Heritage Volunteer Awards

Members considered a report which advised that at its April 2006 meeting the Heritage Council endorsed a proposal to present awards to nominees from previous years who had not yet received an award. As these nominations have been cleared it is now proposed to reinstate the normal call for nominations for the 2007 awards.

Members were advised that the NSW Government Heritage Volunteer Awards recognise the outstanding performance of individuals and community organisations that have significantly improved the profile of heritage management in their local communities, motivated and managed heritage projects, and promoted the value of heritage by significant means and through exemplary service.

It was noted that in addition to specifying the category and type of work the nominee has performed nominators are now asked to supply endorsements by two other people, preferably in organisations that are different from that of the nominator.

Assuming that the awards ceremony will continue to be held in mid-November it is important that the Minister's announcement is made as soon as possible after Easter this year. This will be immediately followed by the uploading of information and application forms to the Heritage Office website.

It was further noted that in accordance with the practice in previous years nominations will also be sought by letter from the Heritage Council's key partners, such as the National Trust, Historic Houses Trust, Royal Australian Historical Society, National Parks & Wildlife Service and Museums & Galleries NSW.

Members were advised that the ceremony itself is an enjoyable but low-key affair, preceded by a morning tea, with the Heritage Council Chair as MC and the Minister presenting the actual awards. The Jubilee Room at Parliament House has been an attractive and prestigious venue.

Members were also advised that two years ago it was agreed that recipients would be taken to lunch followed by a tour of a significant heritage precinct. This has been a program enhancement that has been particularly appreciated by recipients from rural areas, who are given an opportunity to see places and heritage practices they may not have encountered on previous visits to Sydney. Planning is underway for a

similar program of activities this year, possibly based around the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust properties on the North Shore.

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council endorse the proposed procedures for the 2007 NSW Government Heritage Volunteer Awards described in this paper.

4.3 Interpretation at the Highlands Marketplace, Mittagong

Members were advised that relics from various phases of operations at the site of Australia's first iron works are conserved in-situ in a 40m by 45m area within the basement level car park of the 2.6ha 'Highlands Marketplace', Mittagong. The site was part of the first commercial iron works in Australia, which operated intermittently between 1848 to the 1890s, and established the industry in this country. To date, this site represents the largest in-situ conservation outcome for historic relics in NSW. It also represents an almost \$3 million investment by Woolworths on archaeological investigations, architectural redesign, conservation and interpretation that has resulted in a feasible and valuable co-existence between conservation and sustainable commercial redevelopment.

Considerable debate has emerged over the place name for these in-situ state significant relics. Woolworths have used 'Fitzroy' in the headings on 11 temporary interpretative panels installed around the relics for the grand opening of the Highlands Marketplace on 8th March 2007, as well as in one completed interpretative panel and one way-finding sign within the Marketplace. However, Wingecarribee Shire Council and two local historians, Mrs Leah Day and Mr Tim M^cCartney, are arguing that the name 'Fitzroy' is incorrect and that only 'Fitz Roy' should be used on the basis of what they regard as historical accuracy. The iron works were named after Governor FitzRoy and accordingly there are three variations to the naming of the place. The question can also be asked whether 'FitzRoy' should be used, for a place named after the Governor. All three place names have merit for various reasons.

The need for Heritage Council advice on the most appropriate place name for this site for use in on-site public interpretation panels, and when it is listed on the State Heritage Register, has recently become evident. This paper presents positions on the use of Fitzroy, Fitz Roy or FitzRoy as the place name.

Members were presented with the cases put forward by each of the stakeholders.

Resolved:

That the Heritage Council:

- 1. having taken the advice of the Heritage Office and considered the views of the various stakeholders in this matter, considers the most appropriate solution for naming of the interpretative displays is as follows:**

- a) all interpretative display material should name the site as "Fitz Roy" and
 - b) an additional panel should be constructed which describes the debate regarding the naming of the site.
2. congratulate Woolworths on their commitment to conserving this State significant site within the new complex.
 3. request any nomination for listing of the site on the SHR to refer to the site as "Fitz Roy".

4.4 Appointment of the new Archaeology Advisory Panel

Members were advised that the term of the previously appointed Archaeology Advisory Panel ended on 31 December 2006. The Heritage Office called for *Expressions of Interest* for appointment to the Heritage Council Archaeology Advisory Panel in February 2007. The Heritage Office received 15 submissions, the majority coming from consultant archaeologists.

Members were advised that in summary the potential expertise sought included:

- an academic/tertiary sector representative, in order to create a connection between needs of the Heritage Office and the archaeology profession with a training institute;
- a developer/project manager in order to ensure that the practical implications of the Heritage Council/Heritage Office policy is considered at development stage;
- currently practising professional archaeologists with at least five years wide-ranging experience in historical archaeology field practice and experience in strategic policy;
- Heritage practitioners or archaeologists with local government experience, with at least five years demonstrated professional practice in the management of heritage items and archaeological issues;
- State, Interstate or Commonwealth government representatives with demonstrated experience in managing the heritage issues that arise in planning for major infrastructure services and/or other major Government Projects; at least 5 years experience in the strategic management of historic archaeological resources; and demonstrated experience in policy development;
- Other relevant experience was also noted within several criteria, such as experience in the in-situ conservation of archaeological sites.

The Heritage Office has reviewed the applications received and has nominated those individual candidates considered most suitable through the expressions of interest process for appointment to the new Panel. It is also considered desirable that the number of panel members be increased to nine (9) positions to allow additional skills to be recruited.

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council appoint the following (9) individuals to the Archaeology Advisory Panel for a 3 year term:

- a. Ms Jacqui Goddard – CHAIR
- b. Dr Peter Hiscock – Academic (currently teaching)
- c. Ms Penny Crook – Academic/Tertiary Sector with artefacts expertise
- d. Mr John Rayner - Development Project Manager
- e. Mr Peter Douglas – Historical Archaeologist
- f. Dr Edward Higginbotham – Historical Archaeologist
- g. Dr Mary Casey – Historical Archaeologist
- h. Ms Jillian Comber – Historical Archaeologist with Heritage Advisor experience
- i. Ms Liz Holt – Conservator with experience in archaeological site conservation

4.5 Heritage Council Regional Visit

Members were advised that at its last meeting the Heritage Council resolved to visit Griffith on the 6th and 7th September 2007 with a possible late departure on Wednesday 5th September. Griffith City Council informed the Heritage Office that it would be pleased to host the visit.

It has recently been announced that Friday 7th September is now a public holiday in Sydney as a result of the APEC Summit.

It is proposed that the Heritage Council move the date of its regional visit.

After discussion of the options it was agreed to move the meeting to one week earlier.

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council agree to hold its September regional meeting at Griffith on Thursday 30th August 2007 and Friday 31st August with a possible late departure on Wednesday 29th August 2007.

4.6 Australian Alps to Atherton (A2A) Connectivity Conservation Initiative and Presentation

Members considered a report and presentation by Ian Pulsford Manager Conservation on Private Land Strategies Program, Department of Environment and Conservation (NSW).

Members were advised that at the November 2006 meeting of the Environment Protection and Heritage Council of Australia and New Zealand (EPHC), the NSW

Minister for the Environment Bob Debus presented a proposal to establish an Australian Alps to Atherton (A2A) Connectivity Conservation Corridor.

It was noted that the proposal was keenly received and Environment Ministers from the Commonwealth, NSW, Queensland, Victoria and the ACT agreed to cooperate and to establish a working group to further develop the concept. A2A is a land use concept that aims to achieve landscape conservation connectivity for more than 2,800 km along the Great Eastern Ranges from the Australian Alps to Atherton Tablelands and beyond. This can be achieved through support of a vision, and leadership by Government and the community.

It aims to improve resilience of ecosystems and species to adapt to significant threats such as loss of critical habitats for plants and animals, climate change, changed fire regimes and invasion by pests and weeds. This can be achieved through better coordination and management of knowledge, tools, science, planning and funding - to increase awareness and improve connectivity conservation management across all land tenures.

The NSW Environment Trust Fund has allocated \$7 million over three years to establish the A2A Initiative in NSW. A business plan, communication and community involvement strategy, and collaborative research partnerships are key strategies required to implement the program.

The vision, objectives, principles and key messages for the first steps towards implementation of this ambitious and innovative program will be outlined. The program will investigate ways to integrate and harness the conservation benefits of a wide range of policies, partnerships and mechanisms including voluntary conservation agreements, stewardship payments, carbon credits, BioBanking, Property Vegetation Planning. It will build on lessons learned from other landscape scale conservation projects in Australia and internationally.

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council:

1. note the Minister's announcement;
2. note the presentation by Ian Pulsford, Manager Conservation on Private Land Strategies Program, Department of Environment and Conservation (NSW); and
3. discuss at a future meeting whether the Heritage Council wish to participate as a partner in the proposed A2A implementation program and how this might best be achieved.

5.0 Matters for Information or Noting

5.1 Braidwood after the Listing

Members were advised that in March, 2003, the then Minister, Andrew Refshauge, directed the Heritage Council to investigate the listing of Braidwood on the State Heritage Register. The Heritage Office engaged Palerang Council's heritage advisor,

Pip Giovanelli, to work with Council and Heritage Office staff to develop a development control plan (DCP) that would assist the Council to manage the significance of the town and its setting after the listing.

It was noted that two housing development applications affecting the outskirts of the township were lodged with Palerang Council in 2004 and sparked a high level of community interest and debate. The Heritage Office felt that, under these circumstances, the DCP process and the SHR listing should proceed in parallel, rather than sequentially as Council had at first suggested. A meeting with Council representatives, in January, 2005, endorsed this approach.

The DAs were referred by Council to the Heritage Office for comment. Both had considerable impact on the heritage significance of Braidwood in the form in which they were lodged with the council. The Heritage Office was able to ameliorate their effect on the heritage significance of the town through negotiation. Both DAs were subsequently approved by Palerang Council in their amended form.

It was further noted that following the State Heritage Register Committee's decision to consider the listing in March 2005 the Heritage Office commenced the most intensive community consultation process it has ever undertaken. This commenced with public meetings in April and ended 273 days later, far exceeding the statutory minimum requirement of 14 days, as well as exceeding the time allowed for community consultation for any previous nomination.

Members were also advised that a group of local owners formed a lobby group, Save Braidwood Inc., to oppose the listing. The Heritage Office engaged communications consultant Elaine Stewart to assist the community consultation process. In addition to numerous discussions with individual owners she organised sessions with business and farm owners and produced five editions of *Braidwood Matters*, an information leaflet distributed as an insert in 'The Braidwood Times'.

The Heritage Office and Palerang Council commissioned the Office of Rural Affairs to produce a rural community's impact statement on the likely impact of the proposed State Heritage listing on Braidwood. The statement concluded that there was likely to be a moderately positive effect caused by the listing itself. It also criticised the inadequacy of the consultation process undertaken by the Heritage Office.

In addition, Palerang Council commissioned a telephone survey of residents' attitudes to the listing, which found that:

- 71 per cent of respondents believed Braidwood and Its Setting needed heritage protection.
- 50 per cent agreed with the proposal to list Braidwood and Its Setting on the SHR.
- 71 per cent of respondents wanted the heritage management of Braidwood and its Setting to rest with Palerang Council, with advice from the Heritage Office.

At a special meeting on 21 December 2005 the Heritage Council heard presentations from John Durst (initiator of the SHR nomination) and John Mitchell, Greg Gilbert (representing Save Braidwood Inc), Howard Tanner, Anthony Davies, Rodney Royds and C/r Jim McLachlan (Mayor of Palerang).

The Minister for Planning met with representatives from Palerang Council, Save Braidwood and supporters of the listing in Braidwood on 11 January 2006. He announced his decision to list the town at Ryrie Park on 30 March. The listing was gazetted on 3 April 2006. The Braidwood development control plan was adopted by Palerang Council on 9 March 2006.

In the 12 months since the listing the Heritage Office has:

- provided \$20,000 for a Braidwood local heritage fund;
- commissioned the heritage advisor to undertake an audit of all properties within the listing curtilage (this will provide accurate information for the assessment of future DAs);
- offered to pay for the heritage advisor to spend additional time in Braidwood;
- provided \$20,000 for local tourism projects;
- commissioned Charles Sturt University's Western Research Institute to undertake an economic study to monitor the performance of key economic indicators (building approvals, tourist numbers, employment, etc) over the next five years. This project involves a local committee including at least one member of Save Braidwood Inc. At the time of writing the first instalment of this report is due for completion by the end of March;
- held three meetings with Palerang Council staff to discuss the processing of development applications and other matters of mutual interest (the most recent was on 28 March);
- produced a fact sheet to assist owners through the development approval process;
- developed a checklist for Palerang Council staff to use on all referrals to the Heritage Office;
- achieved Heritage Council approval to waive the requirement for applicants in owner-occupied houses to lodge s60 applications; and
- arranged for 50% of s60 fees for business DAs to be used to top up the Braidwood local fund

Members were further advised that although the community consultation period in 2005 gave rise to a considerable amount of opposition from the Save Braidwood group the Heritage Office has maintained a good working relationship with Palerang Council staff and members of the local community. There is anecdotal evidence that visitor numbers have increased and a general view that the listing has confirmed Braidwood residents' view that the special qualities of the town deserved official recognition of this kind.

Recommendation

that the Heritage Council note the report.

6.0 Reports from Heritage Council Committees and Panels

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Recommendation

That the Heritage Council note the reports.

7.0 General Business

Nil

8.0 Presentations 12.00

8.1 World Wars I & II: Survey of buildings, sites and cultural landscapes in NSW - Scott Robertson, Noni Boyd

Scott Robertson was introduced to members. Scott is the principal of Robertson & Hindmarsh Architects and Chair of the Australian chapter of DOCOMOMO, an international organisation promoting achievements in 20th century architecture. He has previously undertaken a study of interwar housing for the National Trust.

Scott presented the results of his study.

Members were advised that during the last decade there have been substantial demolitions of buildings erected during wartime in NSW, including the World War 1 hutted hospital in Randwick, World War 2 stores builds also in Randwick and the large arched stores at Rydalmere and all but two zones of Munitions Filling Factory at St. Mary's. Demolition of individual duration cottages is also occurring. The major demolitions are instigated by the government owners of the buildings and sites usually because of the impending disposal of the site to private developers rather than because of any need to upgrade the site for continuing Defence uses.

It was noted that of the wartime buildings which survive very few are still used for the purpose for which they were designed, Most have been adaptively re-used, and in some cases re-located, the result of a program of sale of surplus assets following the war. The continued adaptive re-use of these buildings should be encouraged.

It is primarily at aerodromes that wartime buildings such as Bellman Hangars are still being used for their original purpose because they are able to be used for light aircraft of similar size to the original wartime fighters and small bombers.

NSW retains some very rare examples of wartime buildings, including the World War 1 hutted hospital at Georges Heights. Such complexes are not simply rare at a state level but are rare internationally. Most of the hutted hospitals in the Northern Hemisphere have disappeared.

It was also noted that the study revealed some surprising findings, including a substantial section of the St Mary's Munitions filling Factory and the adjacent duration and permanent housing, evocative groups of pyramidal tank traps and substantial underground and semi underground bunkers and batteries. A number of the coastal batteries are located in National Parks and can be accessed by visitors, as at Port Stephens, Middle Head and Cape Banks with the attendant increase in vandalism through graffiti etc.

Members were also advised that the study did not seek to access to current Defence sites in the belief that those sites had already been assessed through the preparation of Conservation Management Plans and studies. However, the lack of published details concerning the heritage items on current Defence sites and the suppression of studies already carried out for Defence (eg the Drill Halls study) leads the study team to question the efficacy of the heritage management process at Defence sites, especially those sites deemed to be surplus to operational requirements.

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council note the presentation.

8.2 War at Home: movable collections survey – Sarah-Jane Rennie

Sarah-Jane Rennie was introduced to members. Sarah presented the results of her study, funded under the Heritage Incentives program to members.

Members were advised that the project War at Home identified moveable heritage material related to World War 1 and 2 sites located in NSW, focusing on collections held in Museums, associated local history/historical society archives and the local history collections of libraries. The project ran in cooperation with and in parallel to a project on built heritage in NSW related to World War 1 and 2 being carried out by John Robertson and Hindmarsh Architects.

It was noted that the project provided the opportunity to explore the impact of war on the communities and the environment of NSW. While the battlefield was overseas, there was a huge paid and volunteer workforce in Australia supporting the war effort. This was particularly the case during World War 2, where the threat of invasion was prominent in many of the activities carried out.

With the arrival of factories, military bases, airstrips and internment camps, the landscape of NSW changed at a faster pace than was ever possible in peace time. The entry of women into many male dominated roles had an equally dramatic effect on people's lives. The study looked beyond the official face of the war to draw out an understanding of what war meant to the local communities and individuals.

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council note the presentation.

Michael Collins
Chair
Heritage Council of NSW
Date:

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