

**HERITAGE COUNCIL OF NSW
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**

Meeting Number 339

7TH May 2008

Heritage Branch, Department of Planning
3 Marist Place
Parramatta



PRESENT Gabrielle Kibble AO (Chair), Sharon Sullivan AO (Deputy Chair), Rosemary Annable, Petula Samios (for Director General, Department of Planning), Peter Mould (Government Architect), Chris Johnson (Department of Planning), Tina Jackson (National Trust of Australia [NSW]), David Logan, Julie Bindon

APOLOGIES Hewitt Whyman, John Robertson, Chris Johnson, Ross Fitzgerald, Jason Ardler (for Director-General Department of Environment and Conservation)

ALSO PRESENT Cameron White (Heritage Branch), Colleen Klingberg (Heritage Branch), Vincent Sicari (Heritage Branch)

1. Opening – Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting at 9.00 am.

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 Matters for Consideration and Decision

2.1 State Heritage Register Listing Strategy & Work Plan

Members were presented with a draft two year State Heritage Register listing strategy for endorsement, following consideration of the matter by the State Heritage Register Committee at the April meeting. A draft listings work plan was also submitted for endorsement.

Members were advised that the State Heritage Register Committee has, over a sustained period expressed a desire to compile the State Heritage Register in a more strategic manner. Previously the main source of nominations submitted for the Committee's consideration has been the community. Individual nominations have been considered in a somewhat ad-hoc manner.

The Committee has recommended the preparation of a two year listing strategy identifying themes and regions to prioritise the assessment of State Heritage Register nominations. Community nominations complying with this strategy will be sought. Non complying nominations would generally not be considered as a matter of priority, apart from cases of threat or where a listing was of strategic importance.

At its last meeting, the Committee also requested the Heritage Branch to prepare a listings work plan to address:

- The assessment of nominations on hand (approx. 450);
- How to implement the listings strategy on a thematic and regional basis; and
- The review of SHR items which were formerly Permanent Conservation Orders to ensure such items are of State heritage significance and are adequately documented.

Members discussed the following key points regarding the proposed strategy:

- The Heritage Council will still be able to recommend a listing outside of the thematic-regional priorities.
- There is a need to deal with the nominations backlog, and ability of the Branch to respond to emerging issues.
- Listing nominations will be identified in a Heritage Branch work plan.
- The work plan will include review of items formerly subject to PCOs.
- The work plan will require resourcing.
- The Ministers endorsement of the thematic-regional approach will be sought.
- The Heritage Council will seek/prepare nominations on one theme at a time in sequence.
- A theme would operate state-wide not restricted to a region.
- Background studies will be required to be prepared by the Branch for each theme to assist nominators.
- The Minister is to be advised of the following aspects of the work plan:
 - Items formerly subject to a PCO will be reviewed;
 - Listing/thematic priorities are Macquarie sites, sites associated with convicts, Aboriginal heritage and World War 1 & 2 sites;
 - Nominations of "icons" – important sites not listed on the State Heritage Register will be considered; and
 - The number of nominations on hand will be reduced.
- There needs to be a mechanism to refer locally significant items (as they arise from assessing nominations) to councils for LEP listing.
- In the submission to the Minister the Heritage Branch is to advise of the need for specific resources to carry out the work.

Resolved:

That the Heritage Council of NSW:

- 1. endorses the content of the Two Year State Heritage Register Listing Strategy as outlined in the report; within the workplan the Heritage Council considers the priorities are sites associated with Governor Macquarie, sites associated with convicts, Aboriginal heritage and World War 1 & 2 sites;**
- 2. endorses the Listings Work Plan as an initial statement of intent;**
- 3. requests that the Minister be briefed on the strategy and the work plan;**
- 4. The Heritage Council recognises that this is a targeted approach that will require specific resources and supports the allocation of heritage conservation funds up to \$50,000.**

2.2 Part 3A Major Project: Currawong, Pittwatter

The members discussed the upcoming public Ministerial Review Panel hearing in Mona Vale on 4 June 2008 and the opportunity to present at this meeting in regards to the proposed development at the site. The members agreed that the site has both cultural and natural heritage issues that require consideration when reviewing proposed development.

The Heritage Council has been requested to provide comment on the Part 3A application that is being considered by the Department of Planning for:

- a residential development of 24 new lots;
- the adaptation of existing farm house;
- the upgrading of 9 existing cabins;
- the provision of community open space; and
- the addition of 11.38ha of land to the National Park.

It was agreed that the Approvals Committee should discuss the proposal in depth at its meeting today and provide the principles to the inquiry on behalf of the Heritage Council.

Resolved:

That the Heritage Council of NSW:

- 1. Delegates to the Director, Heritage Branch the preparation of advice on the major project application for Currawong;**
- 2. determine not to make a public presentation at the Ministerial Review Panel hearing on Currawong at Mona Vale on 4 June 2008;**
- 3. Requests an update on the matter at its meeting in June 2008.**

2.3 General Business

Nil

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 10.00am.

Next Meeting of the Heritage Council of NSW

Wednesday 4th June 2008
Heritage Branch, Department of Planning
3 Marist Place, Parramatta