

**HERITAGE COUNCIL OF NSW
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Meeting Number 348

3rd June 2009

Heritage Branch
Department of Planning
Parramatta



PRESENT Gabrielle Kibble (Chair), Sharon Sullivan (Deputy Chair), David Logan, Julie Bindon, Ross Fitzgerald, Tina Jackson, Rosemary Annable, Bruce Pettman (for Government Architect), John Neish, Russell Couch (for Director-General Department of Environment and Climate Change), Petula Samios (for Director General, Department of Planning), Tom Gellibrand (Department of Planning)

APOLOGIES Peter Mould, Danny Chapman

ALSO PRESENT Heritage Branch Staff: Tim Smith, Vincent Sicari, Colleen Klingberg

1.1 Heritage Council Meeting Opening – Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting at 9:00 am. The Chair welcomed new members John Neish representing the National Trust and Tom Gellibrand representing the Department of Planning.

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 1st April 2009

Members considered minutes of the meetings of 1st April 2009.

Resolved:

That the Heritage Council of NSW

- 1. adopt the minutes of 1st April 2009.**

3.0 Reports

3.1 Chairs Report

The Chair advised that John Neish is the new representative of the National Trust of Australia (NSW). Tom Gellibrand, who is the new Deputy Director General, Plan Making & Urban Renewal replaces Chris Johnson who has left the Department. The members formally noted the contribution of Chris Johnson to conservation of Heritage in NSW in role at the Department.

The Chair advised the members that Jason Ardler had now left the Department of Environment and Climate Change and is now working for the Department of Aboriginal Affairs in Nowra. It was noted that Jason had been on the Heritage Council and the Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Panel since 2000 and the members formally noted his contribution to conservation of Heritage in NSW and forwarded on their best wishes.

The Chair advised that both Jason Ardler and Chris Johnson will be joining the members for lunch at the August meeting to provide members an opportunity to thank them for their work.

The Chair advised that she had spoken with the Hon. Lord Mayor Clover Moore MP regarding the need to place both the Town Hall and the Queen Victoria Building on the State Heritage List. The Chair advised that the proposal is supported by the Lord Mayor and that she had given a commitment to the Lord Mayor that the Heritage Council and the Heritage Branch will work closely with Sydney City Council in achieving the best outcome for the ongoing management of the items.

The Chair advised that she went to Maitland on 29 May with Petula to attend the opening of the Maitland Gaol. The restoration project has previously received funding and the work that has been carried out makes it a very intriguing place to visit.

The Chair also recently went to visit Trades Hall and found it extremely interesting; the project to restore the Union Banners has been provided funding from our program this year. The Chair advised that the Heritage Council has been invited to hold a meeting at Trades Hall. This will also provide an opportunity for the members to have a tour.

Resolved:

That the Heritage Council of NSW

- 1. notes the report;**
- 2. formally thank and record the Heritage Council's appreciation for the contribution of both Chris Johnson and Jason Ardler to the heritage of NSW.**

3.2 Director's Report

Petula Samios presented her report.

State Heritage Listings - The following listings have been endorsed by Minister Keneally and are awaiting waiting for advice from Minister's Office on when media launch will take place to time with Gazettal.

- The Great North Road between Mount Manning and Wollombi
- Balgownie Migrant Hunts

- Binnawee Homestead and Outbuildings

The request for an Interim Heritage Order for the Belmont North Nissen Huts Precinct has not been endorsed by the Minister. The Minister decided that the single Nissen hut that is being adaptively conserved by the Historic Houses Trust is a representative example of a Nissen Hut that adequately represents the significance of the precinct and therefore no further action will be taken under the NSW Heritage Act.

Giant Slide - On 22 April a request was received by the Heritage Council for urgent listing of the Giant Slide at the Royal Easter Show. This request was prompted by the Royal Agricultural Society NSW asking the owner to remove the Slide from the showground. Following discussions with the owner and with the Royal Agricultural Society NSW the Heritage Branch undertook a heritage assessment of the Slide. The assessment revealed that although the item had significance under criterion (f) rarity and under criterion (d) social or community significance, that the community significance was rather tenuous and it was hard to separate it from the amenity/utilitarian value. There was however a petition in support of the Slides retention (18,000 signatures). As a result of this assessment, the state significance of the Slide has been identified as low and a recommendation made to the Minister not to include it on the State Heritage Register.

Heritage Act Review – Members were advised that the Bill has been introduced to Parliament with the Minister giving her Agreement In Principle Speech on the 13th May 2009. Since that time effort has been put into public consultation about the Bill. Key stakeholders have been notified by the Minister's Office. Copies of the Bill, Minister's Press Release, Government Response to the Review and the Minister's speech have been placed on the Heritage Branch Website. The Heritage Advisors Network has been notified of the Bill. Briefings have been given to the Heritage Council, MPs, the National Trust (and invited stakeholders) and the Royal Australian Historical Society.

The members were advised that speeches and debates were occurring in both the lower and upper houses of parliament this week.

M24 Japanese Midget Submarine - A media release issued by the Chair of the Heritage Council (23 April) requested public recollections of the impact that the 31 May 1942 Japanese submarine attack had on their lives. To date 34 responses have been received. The media release attracted national exposure. The stories will be added to the *M24 Midget Submarine Web site Exhibition* that is currently under construction. Tim Smith led another major remote camera survey at the wreck site on 19 May supported by the Royal Australian Navy. The Federal Minister for the Environment, the Hon Peter Garrett MP, will make a formal announcement on the listing of the wreck site under the Commonwealth *Historic Shipwrecks Act 1976* in Sydney on 31 May 2009. Heritage Branch staff will attend the annual Navy HMAS *Kuttabul* Memorial Service at Garden Island also that day.

AE2 plaque unveiling, Garden Island - Gabrielle Kibble, with Petula Samios and Tim Smith, attended the unveiling of a plaque to the Australian submarine *AE2* wrecked at Gallipoli during the 1915 Anzac landings. The plaque was unveiled by Minister for Defence Science & Personnel, Mr Warren Snowden MP, at a traditional naval event at Garden Island on 22 April. Tim Smith is the Director-Maritime Archaeology of the *Submarine Institute of Australia* expedition delivering policy guidance and archaeological survey at the wreck site.

Maritime Archaeology - members were updated on the current projects being undertaken by this team including survey work on Major Lockyers Wharf in the Parramatta river at Ermington, Wreck of the Buster on Woolgoolga Beach near Coffs

Harbour and work on locating Berrima Watercraft in the Wingecarribee River, Berrima. Members were advised that Major Lockyers Wharf is a substantial archaeological feature that it is under consideration for possible listing on the SHR under the Convict heritage theme.

EPHCSC and EPHC Meeting Hobart - The Environment Protection Heritage Council Standing Committee met in Melbourne on 17 April attended by Tim Smith. Petula Samios attended the 22 May Environment Protection Ministerial Heritage Council in Hobart. The NSW heritage paper seeking endorsement of the Heritage Chairs and Officials of Australia & New Zealand (HCOANZ) priority national heritage cooperation projects was confirmed.

National Trust Corporate Breakfast 2009 and Currawong announcement - The first National Trust Corporate Breakfast for 2009 was held on Wednesday 29 April at the Intercontinental Hotel, Sydney. Speaking to the topic: "Committing to our Heritage: a Balancing Act for Political Parties", The Hon. Kristina Keneally MP, Mr Brad Hazzard MP & Ms Sylvia Hale MLC took the floor and put their points forward. The Minister for Planning, Kristina Keneally, took the opportunity to announce that she was refusing the proposed residential development at Currawong, situated in picturesque Pittwater.

NSWP Stakeholder Workshop - Sydney Harbour Plan of Management
The Heritage Branch has joined an expert panel of NPWS (DECC) undertaking a review of the Sydney Harbour National Park *Plan of Management*. Tim Smith attended the first meeting on 22 May.

New Structure at Department of Planning – ED and DDG
The Department of Planning recently announced its new structure. The Heritage Branch is now reporting to Neil McGaffin Executive Director, Planning Operations who reports to Tom Gellibrand Deputy Director General, Plan Making and Urban Renewal. This new reporting regime places Heritage wholly within a planning and land use context and ensures better and stronger relationships with the regional planning teams and LEP making.

NSW Heritage Grants – an update on the recent approvals by the Minister for the 2008-9 and the 2009-11 programs was provided to the members.

Planning Reform - At a recent briefing in the Department, changes to Part 4 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act were discussed. Members were advised it is apparent that there will be some impact on the process the Branch follows for assessing IDAs and that the Branch is continuing this discussion with the relevant Departmental officers.

National Trust Heritage Awards – members were advised that three awards had been received for the work by the Heritage Council and Heritage Branch. The Heritage Council awards were for the two publications Salt Attack and Rising Damp in Historic and Older Buildings, and New Uses for Heritage Places – Infill Guidelines. The Heritage Branch award was for Managing the Missing Midget Submarine.

Cowra POW Camp Site – members were advised that Cowra Shire Council have received a proposal for a residential rezoning and subdivision adjacent to the Cowra POW Camp site which is listed on the SHR. The Heritage Branch has met with Council on the site to work through the issues which include setting, landscape, open space, subdivision layout, road configurations, dwelling design and location and Aboriginal heritage matters (scar trees and stone artefacts etc).

Cowra Council has requested the proponent to provide additional justification and a review of the original heritage impact statement to provide an assessment of the

impact the amended layout will have. Cowra Council has also budgeted \$40,000 to prepare a Master Plan & Management Plan of the "Peace Precinct" (including the POW Camp site, the Japanese Garden, Sakura Drive and the war cemeteries) which will include an Interpretation Strategy.

Members noted with interest the work that has been carried out at Major Lockyer's Wharf (1828) and possible listing associated with the convict theme. It was also noted that this could also apply to Wollongong Harbour and Queen St Wharf in Parramatta.

3.2.1 Matters approved under Delegation (Listings team)

Members noted the report.

3.2.2 Matters approved under Delegation (Conservation team)

Members noted the report.

3.2.3 Heritage Council Meeting Action Report

Members noted the report.

3.3 Members Reports

The members advised that a review of the Environment Protection Biodiversity and Conservation Act has commenced, the review hopes to standardise the series of requirements for management plans of National Listed sites accommodating the requirements of the different acts affecting these sites.

Resolved:

That the Heritage Council of NSW

- 1. notes the reports**

4.0 Matters for Consideration and Decision

4.1 Original 'Keyline' System, North Richmond

The members received a report from the Heritage Branch requesting advice on how it wishes to proceed on matters concerning the significance and conservation of PA Yeomans' original Keyline system found on two properties in North Richmond known as "Yobarnie" and "Nevallan".

The members were advised that a portion of the property, "Yobarnie", in Hawkesbury LGA, is currently the subject of a Development Application (D A) for a seniors living village and nursing home. A heritage assessment lodged with the DA was referred for Heritage Branch comment by Hawkesbury City Council seeking the Branch's view of the property's heritage significance.

The proponent envisages application for release and rezoning of the remainder of the property for residential development at a future date.

It was on the Yobarnie property that Percival (P.A.) Yeomans, a retired mining engineer, first developed the "Keyline" system of soil improvement, erosion control, water storage, cultivation and irrigation on undulating topography, which was

subsequently adopted by farmers in almost every country in the world. The site has a system of dams, channels and contours which were utilised to capture and manage the water on the site. The system was developed at a time when soil erosion was a major issue across Australia.

The Heritage Branch has received representations requesting urgent protection of the entire Yobarnie property on heritage grounds following the advertisement of the Development Application.

The members received a presentation on the site and the development proposal by Mark Regent the Project Manager, Buildev Group, Stephen Davies and Stephanie Barker of Urbis, Heritage Consultants for the owner. Also in attendance were representatives from Hawkesbury City Council, Mr Matt Owens, Director City Planning and Dr Donald Ellsmore, Heritage Advisor who were available to answer questions from the Heritage Council if required.

The following outlines the presentation received:

It is agreed that there is historical significance at both Yobarnie and Nevallan sites. The System was developed on both Yobarnie and Nevallan in 1940s – 1950s. Nevallan contains Yeomans home and was the farm visited by the public when it was operational. Only 183 ha is owned by Buildev (approx 70% of the 270ha former holding) not the entire former Yobarnie site. The Yobarnie Keyline system is functionally compromised due to multiple land ownership and interrupted contours and it is believed it can't be restored to its functional operation. It is believed that the existing dams have safety issues; dam failures in mid 1980's and 2007.

In the case of the Yobarnie Site the Keyline System Contours are interrupted in over 16 locations from physical work and property boundaries. Also the downstream drainage system in existing urban area has deficiencies and that the proposed urban residential development provides opportunity to improve overall drainage in the catchments.

They advised that an Interim Heritage Order on the site is premature, believing it is not required as the developer is prepared to work cooperatively with Hawkesbury Council, the Heritage Council and Heritage Branch and other agencies believing that integrated retention and interpretation solutions are achievable.

They advised that a Site Suitability Certificate was issued by Department of Planning in March 2008 and that the proposed development for a seniors living proposal is able to retain dam and incorporate contour design features. They believe that residential development provides best opportunity to accommodate interpretation of the site.

In conclusion the members were advised by the presenters that there is no ability to consolidate the former landholding and notwithstanding consolidation, the land would still remain economically unviable for agriculture. The land is economically unviable for agriculture with or without the Keyline system and that adaptation in this case requires a non-agricultural use. Any restoration solution would be financially unrealistic and that reinstatement is not achievable, so a heritage outcome would be part conservation and interpretation

The members thanked the presenters for attending and providing the information. The presenters left the meeting.

The members discussed the site and agreed that both the Yobarnie and Nevallan are sites of potential State Significance. Concerns were expressed that the significance of the site had not been identified earlier in the process prior to development

applications being submitted for approval. It was agreed that without a full assessment, the actual significance could not be fully determined. It was discussed that in the evolution of the Keyline system the site is of possible National significance due to its huge leap in changing the way soil erosion was managed. In its time it was an extremely important site.

The members agreed to recommend to the Minister that an Interim Heritage Order be placed on the Yobarnie and Nevallan properties but excluding the area of the current DA application for Seniors Living. The members requested participation of the Heritage Council in discussions on the current and future Development Applications for the sites. The members requested that further research on the significance of the sites to be carried out as outline in the following resolution.

Resolved:

That the Heritage Council of NSW:

- 1. Finds that both Yobarnie and Nevallan are potentially properties of State significance;**
- 2. recommends an Interim Heritage Order be placed on the Yobarnie and Nevallan properties but excluding the area of the current DA application for seniors living and requests participation of the Heritage Council in discussions on the DA;**
- 3. considers that any development on the land must be undertaken in such a way that does not compromise the key State heritage values of the sites;**
- 4. requests the Heritage Branch to carry out further research to assist the Heritage Council to determine if the site should be considered for listing on the State Heritage Register and advise the implication for future management and interpretation;**
- 5. requests that a Conservation Management Plan be developed.**

4.2 Liverpool TAFE College (former Hospital) – Notice of Intention to Consider Listing

The members received a report on the proposal to prepare a Notice of Intention to list the item known as Liverpool TAFE College (former Hospital) at College Street, Liverpool.

Members were advised that the proposed item meets all of the seven Heritage Council criteria for listing on the State Heritage Register. The site also comes under the current Convict Theme listing program.

The site is a complex of early colonial, convict-built hospital buildings, dating from the 1820s. The main Colonial Georgian building is thought to be one of the finest colonial buildings remaining in the country today. The site also contains rare archaeological remnants of the first 1810 hospital.

Members were advised that the nomination of the item was considered by the State Heritage Register Committee at its July 2007 meeting and it was agreed that the site had potential State significance. Discussions with the Department of Education, the current owner had taken place and further discussions regarding exemptions will continue. The Department of Education had indicated support of the listing.

The members discussed the proposed Notice of Intention to Consider Listing and agreed that it should proceed.

Resolved:

That the Heritage Council of NSW:

- 1. considers the item known as "Liverpool TAFE College (former Hospital)" at College Street, Liverpool, defined in accordance with the curtilage shown at Annexure B may be of State heritage significance;**
- 2. in accordance with section 33(1)(a) of the Heritage Act, will give each person that it considers to be an affected owner or occupier written notice that it is going to consider whether or not to recommend the listing of the item concerned (a Notice of Intention to Consider Listing); and**
- 3. in accordance with section 33(1)(b) of the Heritage Act, within 14 days after notice of intention to consider listing is given, will cause a notice of intention to consider listing to be published in a newspaper circulating in the area in which the item is situated, inviting submissions on the listing, specifying a date as the closing date for the receipt of submissions of 30 days after the publication of the newspaper notice and the manner in which submissions may be made.**

4.3 No Item – Matter Withdrawn

4.4 Heritage Grants Panel recommended new members

Members were advised that at the Heritage Council meeting on 1 April 2009, a review of the Heritage Grants Panel and its membership was presented. The Council agreed to receive recommendations from the Heritage Branch for the following two new positions:

- A senior state government employee with grants management and heritage property management expertise from Historic Houses Trust or Arts NSW
- An Australia ICOMOS NSW Executive Committee member – as a representative of the peak body of professional heritage practitioners.

The members were advised that the Heritage Branch had approached Kate Clark, Director of the Historic Houses Trust NSW and Susan McIntyre, President of Australia ICOMOS to fill these positions. Both had accepted the nomination.

The members discussed the proposed appointments and agreed to the appointment of the two new Heritage Grants Panel members for a three year term.

Members noted that John Neish abstained from this decision due to the National Trust being a recipient of Heritage Grants administered by the Heritage Council.

Resolved:

That the Heritage Council of NSW

- 1. Approves the appointment of Kate Clark, Director of the Historic Houses Trust NSW as a member of the Heritage Grants Panel, for a three year term, as a senior state government employee with grants management and heritage property management expertise.**
- 2. Approves the appointment of Susan McIntyre, President of Australia ICOMOS as a member of the Heritage Grants Panel, for a three year term, as a representative of the peak body of professional heritage practitioners.**

4.5 Ex-Manly Ferry, "M.V. Baragoola" – Notice of Intention to Consider De-Listing: Extension of advertising period

Members received a report advising that in accordance with section 33 and 38 of the Heritage Act, the Heritage Council under Delegation to the Director, Heritage Branch (13 May), gave its Notice of Intention to Consider De-Listing the Baragoola ferry. A public consultation period was initiated on 16 May 2009 for the standard statutory period under the Heritage Act 1977 of 14 days. The advertising period was due to end on 1 June 2009. There has been considerable public interest in the de-listing proposition which has attracted written comment to the Heritage Branch. In response, an extension of three (3) weeks has been made to the current advertising period, under Delegation on 26 May, to close on 22 June 2009.

When listed, the M.V. Baragoola was identified as providing rare evidence of the large ferry system which stimulated the growth of suburban Sydney, the development of its recreational patterns, and the formation of its popular urban culture. It is a surviving example of a characteristic twentieth century Manly steamer demonstrating evolution of technology for fast double-ending navigation in deep-sea conditions.

The present owner of the MV Baragoola historic ferry has written to the Heritage Branch to seek Heritage Council consideration to de-list the vessel from the State Heritage Register. The owner, Adrian Thompson ("They Group" Pty Ltd.) purchased the vessel in November 2008 and contends that the vessel is beyond salvation and no longer warrants listing as an item of State heritage significance, due to its poor condition and lack of integrity.

A visual inspection by the Heritage Branch in December 2008 confirmed the deteriorated condition of the vessel. This report was substantiated by an independent professional naval architectural assessment conducted in February 2009. This condition survey was instigated at the request of the Heritage Council.

The Heritage Branch has identified that de-listing the vessel may be warranted due to the advanced deterioration of original fabric and the amount of change that would be required to sustain the item, affecting its original listing on integrity grounds. De-listing would not compromise future potential projects aimed at reconstructing the vessel with substantive replacement of materials. It would mean that Heritage Council approvals would not be required for future works.

The members discussed the extension of the advertising period and agreed that this extension should ensure that the public has had adequate time to make submissions.

Resolved:

That the Heritage Council of NSW

- 1. notes this report;**
- 2. notes the extension of the period of Notification of the Intention to Consider De-Listing the Baragoola ferry under section 33 and 38 of the Heritage Act, until 22 June 2009;**
- 3. notes that a special meeting to discuss this item will be held on the 1st July 2009.**

4.6 Guidelines for Archaeological Management Plans (AMPs)

Members received a report on the Guidelines for the Preparation of Archaeological Management Plans that have been prepared by Heritage Branch staff with the input of the Archaeology Advisory Panel in 2008-2009. A copy of the document was also received.

Members were advised that archaeological issues have increasingly played a significant role in a number of major works projects considered by the Heritage Council. Specific sites such as the Government House Site, Port Macquarie (2001), Quadrant (2002), the KENS Site (2003), the Parramatta Justice Precinct (2006-2007) and others, have highlighted both the problems and opportunities within the current systems and practices related to archaeology. Difficulties have, at times, led to less than ideal outcomes for significant archaeological heritage items, and deterioration in the perception of archaeology by the property development industry.

Members were advised that the guidelines had been prepared to assist those who commission, prepare and use Archaeological Management Plans. The guidelines explain an appropriate scope of works, timeframe and the support requirements needed for a useful and viable Archaeological Management Plans. The guidelines will ensure that Archaeological Management Plans provide the information required to assist in determining the identification, significance and appropriate management of sites and items in the study areas. They also encourage consistent standards and approaches.

The members discussed the guidelines and made comments for noting by the Heritage Branch. The members noted that the document should be updated to reflect upcoming legislative changes. The members agreed that the document was well written and supplements Archaeological Zoning Plans and agreed to the publication of the document. The members also complimented Siobhan Lavelle, staff of the Heritage Branch and the Archaeology Advisory Panel on preparing the document. It was also noted that the document would also be of benefit to other states and territories and copies should be distributed via the Heritage Chairs and Officials Australia and New Zealand network.

Resolved:

That the Heritage Council of NSW

- 1. approves the proposed publication of the Guidelines for the Preparation of Archaeological Management Plans following incorporation of Heritage Council comments;**
- 2. recognise the exceptional work by the Heritage Branch staff and the Archaeology Advisory Panel on the document.**

4.7 Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Panel recommended new members

The members received a report recommending the appointment of four new members to the Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Panel for a three year term. The members were advised that the Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Panel exists to provide advice and strategic direction to the NSW Heritage Council on issues pertaining primarily to Aboriginal cultural heritage as it relates to the Heritage Act 1977. Since 1997 there has been an Aboriginal Representative on the NSW Heritage Council and similarly the Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Panel was developed in order to provide community or grass roots level advice.

Members were advised that new membership is required to maintain the skill level of the Panel due to the recent resignation of Rob Bryant and a number of vacant membership positions. To fill these positions applicants were selected through an Expression of Interest process and have demonstrated their experience and ability to provide advice in relation to Aboriginal heritage. Members were advised that in selecting the recommended applicants, also taken into consideration was the gender balance necessary to create an advisory panel that has the capacity to deal with both men's and women's heritage issues.

Members discussed the proposed applicants and agreed to endorse the recommendation to appoint the new members for a term of three years. It was agreed to make the appointments retrospectively to enable the new members to be paid for the meeting attended on the 21st April 2009.

Resolved:

That the Heritage Council of NSW

- 1. approves the appointment of Adell Hyslop, Trevor Close and Paul McLeod as a members of the Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Panel, for a three year term, as an Aboriginal community members with heritage expertise effective from 21st April 2009.**
- 2. approves the appointment of Dawn Smith, as a member of the Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Panel, for a three year term, as an Aboriginal community member with heritage expertise.**

5.0 Matters for Information or Noting – Nil Matters

6.0 Reports from Heritage Council Committees and Panels

6.1 Approvals Committee

The members noted comments from the Approvals Committee in regards to the lack of pre-consultation occurring on matters being received for approval including applications submitted by other State Agencies. Members were advised that there are examples of proposals being assessed and amended by local government design review panels with no regard given to earlier Heritage Council advice, thereby causing problems for applicants. It was agreed that Petula Samios would discuss ways of improving systems with Tom Gellibrand.

- 6.2 State Heritage Register Committee
- 6.3 Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Panel
- 6.4 Archaeology Advisory Panel – Nil Report
- 6.5 Fire Access Services Advisory Panel – Nil Report
- 6.6 History Advisory Panel – Nil Report
- 6.7 Maritime Archaeology Advisory Panel
- 6.8 Technical Advisory Panel
- 6.9 Religious Property Advisory Panel – Nil Report
- 6.10 Heritage Grants Panel – Nil Report

Resolved:

That the Heritage Council of NSW

- 1. notes the reports**

7.0 General Business

7.1 LEPs and Heritage Studies

The members discussed the current mechanisms used to include items identified in Heritage Studies in the Local Environmental Plans (LEPs) being prepared by Local Councils. It was noted that there has been some difficulty in getting the information gathered in the studies to be included in the LEPs. Also, members noted that the quality of the studies can vary greatly as they are dependant on resources available to a Local Council.

The members were advised that a standard LEP would have schedule of items of significance and that the level of significance would not be indicated other than an asterix for items listed on State and World lists. The Heritage Branch has been advising local Councils to forward their Heritage Studies to the Branch if there are items of potential State significance so that action can be taken by the Branch if required for the protection of a possible State significant item.

The members agreed that further discussion is required to determine the best mechanism to progress the listing of potential State significant items identified in Heritage Studies whilst managing a Thematic Listings Program.

Resolved:

That the Heritage Council of NSW:

- 1. notes the need to have a further discussion is required on managing the quality of Heritage Studies, the use of the information collated in the study and how it gets integrated into planning**

There being no further items the meeting closed at 12:05pm.

Annexure A
Agenda item: 4.1
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Site Location Map for Yobarnie & Nevallan, North Richmond

