

**MINUTES OF THE 303RD MEETING, WEDNESDAY 2ND JUNE 2004,
HERITAGE OFFICE, 3 MARIST PLACE, PARRAMATTA**

In Attendance

Michael Collins	Chair
Mary-Lynne Taylor	Deputy Chair
Elsa Atkin	National Trust of Australia (NSW)
Jason Ardler	for Director-General Department of Environment and Conservation
John Delaney	
Garry Fielding	Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources
Ross Fitzgerald	
Ian Jack	
Chris Johnson	Government Architect to midday
Diane Jones	
Megan Jones	
Reece McDougall	Director Heritage Office
Bruce Pettman	For Government Architect from midday
Sharon Sullivan	
Joan Templeman	Labour Council of NSW

Also In Attendance

Maxwell Gray	Heritage Office
Cameron White	Heritage Office
Vincent Sicari	Heritage Office
Murray Brown	Heritage Office
Susan Macdonald	Heritage Office

1 Opening – Welcome and Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting at 9:05 am and thanked the Mary-Lynne Taylor for Chairing the past two meetings.

Apologies

Rod Leaver

1.2 Confirmation and timing of Agenda

The agenda was confirmed.

1.3 Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary Interests

Nil

Non Pecuniary Interests

Nil

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Conflicts of Interest

Diane Jones	Item 4.1 Centrepont Tower - Member of the RAIA Heritage Committee
Chris Johnson	Item 4.1 Centrepont Tower – Member of the Central Sydney Planning Committee, the approval body for the project.

2.0 Minutes

2.1 Heritage Council Meeting 7th April 2004

Members received a copy of the minutes.

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council adopt the minutes of the meeting of 7th April 2004 with the amendment of the reference to the National Parks and Wildlife Service to the Department of Conservation.

3.0 Reports

3.1 Chairs Report

The Chair advised that in March he and the Director attended the Heritage Chairs and Officials meeting in Perth. He advised that it was an extremely good meeting, very well run and backed up with some excellent events and presented a good opportunity for networking. Members were advised that the forum is one which is growing in stature and relevance within the States and the Commonwealth and that the outputs are now starting to be delivered in a dynamic way.

Members were also advised that the Chair and the Director had a good meeting with Minister Beamer at which they discussed the Heritage Council's agenda.

In April the Chair represented the Heritage Council at the National Trust Heritage Awards lunch and launched the Heritage Icons project at the Roxy Cinema at Parramatta. Also in April the Chair had some meetings with the owners of 340 George Street, Sydney on which a IHO had been placed. It is one of a suite of buildings in the Martin Place / George Street precinct which was proposed for demolition and replacement with a sensitive building. As a result of these discussions, and an independent assessment, the IHO was withdrawn.

The Chair also had meetings with the Premiers Department and the Director in relation to the Eveleigh Workshop in an attempt to achieve a productive outcome which resulted in a report which was considered at the April meeting of the Approvals Committee.

In May there was a meeting of the Heritage Incentives Panel which has resulted in a report to be considered at today's meeting.

It was noted that the Director gave a number of radio interviews on the Icons Project.

The Chair also advised that he worked with the Assistant Director to finalise the financial Assessment Guidelines which is the subject of a report to be considered at today's meeting.

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that the Heritage Council note the report.

3.2 Directors Report

The Director advised that he and Murray Brown had a productive meeting with Holroyd Council in relation to Linnwood. It was noted that Holroyd Council now supports the proposal to sell off and develop section of the property to allow for funds to be generated for the essential conservation works for the property. It was noted that this proposal is also supported by the Friends of Linnwood.

In relation to the Icons Project there has been good press coverage and 142 nominations have been received on 62 items. The nominations were circulated amongst the members. It was noted that due to the interest that the nomination period is to be extended for a couple of months and additional press opportunities and to be examined especially in Sydney.

Staff Maritime Archaeologist Tim Smith participated in an important management workshop in Istanbul, Turkey on 17 May 2004. Organised by TINA – the Turkish Institute for Nautical Archaeology, the meeting discussed the need for ongoing management discussions surrounding the important AE2 submarine archaeological wreck site, located in 73 metres of water near the famous Gallipoli battlefields. Mr Smith is a Co-Director of the independent Australian archaeological project mapping the site – *Project AE2*, and attended in his private professional capacity with HO and corporate support. Mr Smith was able to address the significant ethical, archaeological and conservation implications for recovery options currently being canvassed for the site, and the need to undertake a more substantial archaeological assessment of the wreck. There was general agreement that interim protective measurements should be explored together with interpretive opportunities such as promoting the wreck as part of Turkey's "*Living Heritage*", perhaps through deployment of real-time video cameras over the site, options promoted by *Project AE2*.

Members were advised that there has been four nominations for National Listing including the whole of Haberfield, and Bradman's birthplace, the whole of the Kurnell Peninsula and Euralla in the Blue Mountains. Members noted the process of emergency listings which could cause problems in responding to the Commonwealth as the Minister has to make a decision with ten days of receiving an application.

In relation to the Merryweather Beach Pavilion at Newcastle it was noted that advice was received that the lease of the pavilion was limited to around 20 years under its current zoning and that Newcastle Council was reluctant to rezone the property. The Director advised that he met with the Mayor and General Manager and as a result it appears that they are now keen to find a solution to enable the building to be kept. It is therefore planned to propose that the Council enters into a heritage agreement, with a change in zoning, which would then result in being able to enter into a 40 year lease which would provide community support. For a heritage agreement to be in place it would require the listing of the building on the State Heritage Register and that this would be considered at a future meeting.

In relation to Bower Street, Manly there has been some productive talks with the owner who now is in favour of an adaptive reuse rather than demolition.

Members advised that there was a request for an IHO over the former Mine Managers residence at Broken Hill, which may be of State significance. Broken Hill Council has considered the development application and has resolved to approve its demolition. The property is

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currently owned by Southern Cross Care which wishes to demolish the property to allow for an upgrade of its facilities. The Heritage Office has received an undertaking from the owners not to proceed with demolition for a period of six weeks to allow for other options to be examined. It was noted that the Director and the Assistant Director will visit Broken Hill next week to talk to Southern Cross Care and Council to look at any alternative solutions which does not require demolition of the building.

The recommendation of the Ministerial Review Panel on the Dubbo Stores Base is due shortly and will be presented directly to the Minister.

The Director also had a very productive meeting with the executive of the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Natural Resources in relation to working together on future issues.

In relation to staffing issues the Communications & Events Officer position has been advertised and a letter of offer has been made in relation to the Business Manager.

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council note the report.

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

Nil

4.0 Matters for Consideration and Decision

4.1 Nomination of Centrepont Tower for listing on the State Heritage Register

Members were advised that representatives of Westfield Trust and of the Tower Apartments Owners' Corporation will make presentations to the Heritage Council concerning the heritage significance of the Centrepont Tower Building.

It was noted that the residents of the nearby Tower Apartments are opposed to the development and have nominated Centrepont Tower for listing on the State Heritage Register and requested that an Interim Heritage Order be made on the Centrepont site. Representatives of David Jones Pty Ltd, also opposed to the development, will attend as observers with the Tower Apartments representatives.

Material to be presented will be additional to that already presented for consideration by the State Heritage Register Committee and will focus on the heritage significance of the item.

Members were advised that completed in 1981, Centrepont Tower incorporates a number of engineering and structural innovations, such as the 56 seven-ton cables that anchor the turret and the 162 000 litre water ballast tank that suppresses sway in high winds.

Centrepont is a highly visible landmark of Sydney which can be viewed from many parts of the CBD and from suburbs in the Cumberland Plain. Centrepont is a widely recognised icon of Sydney and a tourist attraction.

Centrepont Tower owner Westfield Trust has lodged a revised Development Application (DA) with Sydney City Council to construct 2 residential towers on the "podium".

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The proposed new buildings will rise to approximately 25% and 45%, respectively, of the height of the tower.

The National Trust, Institution of Engineers and the 20th Century Heritage Society are among groups raising concerns with Sydney City Council over the plans.

The Heritage Office has engaged an external consultant, Stephen Davies, of City Plan Heritage to review information received from all parties and report on the matter of heritage significance of the structure. Stephen Davies outlined his report at the meeting.

Members also received presentations from both the proponents of the project and the objectors.

After considerable discussion of the presentations it was

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council:

- 1. notes the presentations in conjunction with its consideration of an independent report by City Plan Heritage commissioned by the Heritage Office;***
- 2. agrees that on the basis of rare technical achievement the Centrepont Tower structure may be found, after further investigation, to be of State heritage significance in accordance with Heritage Council criteria "C" and "F";***
- 3. seeks to explore with the owners and Sydney City Council potential listing of Centrepont Tower on the SHR including discussion of curtilage and management issues;***
- 4. seeks to be consulted and involved in discussions and negotiations with Sydney City Council and the owners to produce a design solution that does not compromise potential State heritage significance of the tower structure;***
- 5. defers further consideration under the Heritage Act to allow time for these discussions to occur.***

4.2 Design in Context: Guidelines for Infill Development

Members considered a report and presentation by the Assistant Director which presents the draft guidelines entitled *Design in Context: Guidelines for Infill Development* for Heritage Council consideration and endorsement. These Guidelines replace the 1988 version *Infill: Guidelines for the Design of Infill Buildings* and constitute Heritage Council policy on new development within conservation areas or precincts, within the curtilage of an identified heritage item or for development affecting an identified heritage item.

The Heritage Office and the Royal Australian Institute of Architects have jointly drafted the revised guidelines. The new Guidelines augment the existing version in line with comments made by the key stakeholders and provide a series of case studies to showcase best practice examples of the design criteria in practice. The intent being to reaffirm existing well established policy on appropriate development in a heritage context. The Guidelines also seeks to meet the stakeholder's frequently voiced request for greater certainty in the planning system through the provision of clear and authoritative policy on what parameters are used to assess appropriate development.

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It was noted that the Design in Context Guidelines assist in reaffirming existing Heritage Council policy on what is acceptable infill design. They are intended to meet the stakeholder's needs in providing greater certainty in the system by clearly articulating the parameters by which new development is judged. This will improve consistency in the planning process by helping achieve a common understanding on appropriate development in a heritage context.

Resolved:***that the Heritage Council***

- 1. note the report and presentation;***
- 2. endorse Design in Context: Guidelines for Infill Development subject to finalisation of editorial refinements;***
- 3. request the Heritage Office to proceed to publication when finalised; and***
- 4. congratulate the Heritage Office, the RAlA and in particular Susan Macdonald for the work in relation to this publication.***

4.3 Economic Assessment of Development Applications for Heritage Sites where there is a Conservation Deficit.

Members considered a report which presents the report prepared by Property Research Centre, University of Western Sydney entitled *Feasibility Guidelines for Heritage Development Applications*. It was noted that this report is the outcome of a research project commissioned by the NSW Heritage Office on behalf of the Heritage Chairs and Officials of Australia and New Zealand on the economic assessment of development applications where the conservation outcome was tied to the achievement of a certain level of development.

Members were advised that the purpose of this project is to establish a framework for the presentation of financial information relating to major developments affecting heritage places. It was noted that this is necessary because it is sometimes the case that a developer maintains that a certain level of development is necessary to facilitate the conservation of a heritage place. Currently there is no method for heritage agencies to assess this information and no agreed framework for its presentation. This development assessment process needs to be transparent and accountable, but at the same time it is acknowledged that financial information relating to a project may also be confidential.

It was further noted that the body of the report provides an excellent resource for developers, owners of heritage items and the public in explaining the development process. It is proposed to publish the document in some form. It is suggested that the report may need some minor repackaging and renaming. The template for a Financial Statement provides a potential tool that the Heritage Council could use to assist in determining certain relevant development applications. It is proposed that the Heritage Office trial the use of the template on 3 projects over the next 6 months in order to help develop the methodology then report back to the Heritage Council at the December meeting with a proposal for how to proceed.

Resolved:***that the Heritage Council***

- 1. endorse the report entitled Feasibility Guidelines for Heritage Development Applications,***

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- 2. note that the Heritage Office will seek opportunities to publish this document in hard copy and in the meanwhile will publish it electronically on the website,**
- 3. support the trial of the use of the Financial Statement template on a limited number of relevant projects over the next 6 months and request the Heritage Office to report back at the December meeting with the outcome of this trial and possible implementation plan,**
- 4. support the Heritage Office developing the methodology for implementing the process of including Financial Statements (where relevant) in the Heritage Council assessment process including the resourcing implications.**

4.4 CMP Regulation Administration – adoption

Members considered a report which recommended that the Heritage Council recommend to the Director that he adopt the policy on CMP reviewers and the guideline for preparing CMPs, and recommend that he have prepared a fee schedule.

It was noted that implementation of the amendments to the Heritage Regulation that allow for the outsourcing of CMP reviews submitted for Heritage Council endorsement has required the preparation of three documents. These are a guideline on preparing CMPs, a policy on engaging CMP reviewers and a schedule of fees for reviews. Two of these draft documents were tabled for members consideration.

It was also noted that recent amendments to the Heritage Regulation have been made to allow the Heritage Office and Heritage Council to keep abreast of the increasing level of CMPs being submitted for review and endorsement. The draft documents which will enable the regulation to be implemented have been prepared for the consideration of Heritage Council members and eventual adoption by the Director of the Heritage Office.

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council

- 1. provide to the Director of the Heritage Office any comments or advice on the draft documents titled Guideline for the Preparation of Conservation Management Plans Suitable for Heritage Council Endorsement and Heritage Office Policy on Conservation Management Plan Reviewers;***
- 2. recommend that the Director of the Heritage Office adopt the Guideline for the Preparation of Conservation Management Plans Suitable for Heritage Council Endorsement and the Heritage Office Policy on Conservation Management Plan Reviewers after taking account of any comments or advice received from the Heritage Council; and***
- 3. recommend that the Director of the Heritage Office have a schedule of fees prepared and adopted as soon as possible.***

4.5 Heritage Office Work Plan 2003-2004

Members considered a report which presents progress against the 2003-2004 Work Plan of the Heritage Office and the Heritage Council.

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It was noted that at its meeting in December 2001 the Heritage Council noted the increasing workload of the Heritage Office and its impact on the Office's limited resources. The 2001 staff survey also revealed that the main issues of concern identified by Heritage Office staff were the management of the increasing workload with existing resources and that senior level staff were involved in a large number of individual projects limiting the time available to manage their teams and the office generally. In 2002- 2003 management focussed carefully on developing a Work Plan that met the commitments of the Strategic Plan but was both achievable and provided for anticipated events that were likely to interrupt the general planned events. This included a 5-point action plan to address the outcomes of the staff survey & issues raised by the Heritage Council.

It was further noted that the resulting Work Plan, which was endorsed by the Heritage Council in August 2002, went some way to achieving this. However, it was recognized that some of the issues raised would take up to 3 years to address and that subsequent Work Plans should apply an equal rigor and discipline to programming.

The 2003-04 Work Plan was presented for noting end of year progress, was pared back further to reflect the 2003-2004 budget allocation, and was still a challenging one for the Heritage Office. Members noted the completion of a number of key tasks during 2003-2004 which included:

- the listing of a number of key heritage items such as the Sydney Opera House, Cronulla Sand Dune, and the Rocks,
- enhancement of the Heritage Advisors network,
- initiation of a Heritage Festival event,
- the Heritage Volunteers Awards,
- the cultural landscape charette,
- the sustainability background paper,
- the EPHC heritage tourism project,
- CMP regulation,
- new standard exemptions and exceptions for minor works, and
- the commencement of a number of key strategic projects that will bear fruit over the next financial year.

The proposed Work Plan for 2004-2005 is currently being developed and will be presented to the Heritage Council at the August 2004 meeting.

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council:

- 1. note final progress against the 2003 – 2004 Work Plan,***
- 2. note that the Heritage Office/Heritage Council Draft Work Plan 2004 – 2005 will be presented to the Heritage Council's August meeting.***

4.6 Special Project Groups

Consideration of this item was deferred to the August 2004 meeting.

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4.7 Aboriginal Heritage

It was noted by members that since 1996 with the launch of the NSW Government Heritage Policy, by Minister Knowles, Aboriginal heritage has become central to the considerations of heritage management issues by the Heritage Council. Critical to decisions made by the Heritage Council has been the advice of the Aboriginal Heritage Panel, initially chaired by Evelyn Crawford, and now chaired by John Delaney.

Members were advised that on the 24th May 2004, the Chair of the Heritage Council met with the Chair of the Aboriginal Heritage Panel, the Director and Cameron White from the Office to discuss opportunities to consolidate on the significant progress made by the Aboriginal Heritage Panel in assisting the Heritage Council and Heritage Office in the identification, assessment and management of Aboriginal heritage. It was noted that it is important to the functioning of the Panel is the diversity of skills brought to it by its various members. It was also noted that it is also important that the Panel brings together community representatives from around the State.

Members were further advised that at the meeting, it became apparent that there are opportunities for the Heritage Council to be briefed in more detail about the diverse work of the Aboriginal Heritage Panel, and issues of importance raised by its Chair. It is therefore proposed that a standing agenda item about these matters will be added to the agenda of Heritage Council meetings.

Resolution:

that the Heritage Council agree that a standing agenda item be added to the Heritage Council's meeting agenda on the work of the Aboriginal Heritage Panel, and issues of importance raised by the Chair of the Panel.

4.8 Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Panel Membership

Members considered a report which advised that the Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Panel meeting held in November 2003, a review of the structure of the Panel was held and it was agreed that further representation was required for the Sydney Metropolitan area, and that the Panel would benefit from including a representative who understood the issues and had an understanding of the cultural heritage values in the metropolitan area.

It was noted that the Panel has recognised the extensive experience and contribution to the conservation of Aboriginal cultural heritage both within the Sydney Metropolitan area made by Mr Allen Madden, the Cultural and Educational Officer with the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council.

It was further noted that the Heritage Office approached Mr Madden, who agreed to have his name put forward for the Heritage Council's consideration for appointment as a member of the Panel. The appointment of Mr Madden is therefore recommended.

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council appoint Mr Allen Madden as a member of the Aboriginal Heritage Advisory Panel.

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5.0 Matters for Information or Noting

5.1 Heritage Incentives Program

Members were advised that the Heritage Council's Heritage Incentives Panel met on 15 April 2004. Under delegation from the Heritage Council it considered and recommended 84 projects for funding. These have now been approved by the Minister. A full summary of these projects was provided to members.

It was noted that under Section 106 of the Heritage Act the Minister may make grants and loans to assist the conservation and/or promotion of heritage items. In the last 2 years Treasury has allocated \$2.3 million each year for this purpose. Following the special April 8 2004 NSW Budget this figure has now been assessed at a slightly lower \$2,275,620 per year. In addition \$70,000 is provided to the National Trust for Heritage Week and \$44,000 as a grant-in-aid. The total of these is \$2.39 million per year or \$4.78 million over 2 years.

At the August 2003 meeting the Heritage Council endorsed the priorities and procedures for a new works and studies program for 2004-2006. The Heritage Council also delegated to the Heritage Incentives Panel the power to make its recommendations direct to the Minister for these projects.

Consideration was under the following programs:

- Conservation or presentation work projects (assessed as part of an advertised program every two years and approved by the Minister on the recommendation of the Heritage Council's Heritage Incentives Panel)
- Thematic studies, education and promotional projects (assessed as part of an advertised program every two years and approved by the Minister on the recommendation of the Heritage Council's Heritage Incentives Panel)

Under these programs the Heritage Office recommended to the Heritage Incentives Panel on 15 April 2003 the funding of 72 of the conservation work projects and 11 study and promotional projects. The Panel made two changes to the recommendations. \$50,000 was recommended for Brush Farm project at Ryde and a reduction of \$20,000 was made in the offer for the Royal Hotel at Cassilis. As a result of these changes the Panel recommended 73 work and 11 study and promotional projects.

- Local history and archives projects processed through the Royal Australian Historical Society in a once a year calling.

For the last 13 years under this program funding has been provided to the Royal Australian Historical Society to run a small grants program for local history and archives. The program has been extremely effective. It has been supported for the last two years at \$45,000 per year. In 2002 45 projects were approved ranging in size from \$200 to \$3,000.

The Heritage Office has recently had discussions with the Society to target projects in this program that are directly in line with the primary objectives of the Heritage Office, especially in regard to the identification, assessment and listing of heritage items across the state. Ministerial approval was sought for one year's funding of this program at the current level of \$45,000 to bring it in line with other 3 year agreements with the Heritage Office that terminate on 30 June 2005.

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Resolved:

that the Heritage Council notes this report.

5.2 Cunningham Street, Haymarket, Archaeological Site and National Archaeology Week

Members were advised that the conditions of Excavation Permit No. 2002/S140/068 were varied in accordance with section 144 of the *Heritage Act, 1977*, due to the significance of relics from Sydney's early urban environment excavated during the archaeological investigation of Cunningham Street, Haymarket.

It was noted that as a result, the Applicant was required to hold a Public Open Day on 22 May 2004.

It was further noted that the Assistant Planning Minister, the Hon Diane Beamer MP, invited the public to share in the discovery of exciting historical archaeological relics that represented a hive of activity on the site over the last 170 years. The date of the Public Open Day accorded with National Archaeology Week (NAW) and was subsequently advertised as a NAW event.

Members were further advised that the site has revealed rare, and in some instances intact archaeological remains associated with the earliest occupation of the Haymarket area. Firstly, the relics suggest no effective demarcation between domestic areas where people also lived and those areas where serious industrial activity was undertaken. The site may also confirm, through the discovery of artefacts of Chinese origin, early occupation of the area by Chinese, as indicated in 1860s plans of the domestic structures. This site is providing evidence about the diverse ethnic makeup of Australia in the 19th century.

Resolved

that the Heritage Council notes this report.

6.0 Reports from Heritage Council Committees and Panels

- 6.1 Approvals Committee
- 6.2 State Heritage Register
- 6.3 Strategy Committee
- 6.4 Aboriginal Heritage Committee
- 6.5 Archaeology Advisory Panel
- 6.6 Fire Access Services Advisory Panel
- 6.7 History Advisory Panel
- 6.8 Maritime Advisory Panel
- 6.9 Movable Heritage Panel
- 6.10 Religious Property Advisory Panel
- 6.11 Technical Advisory Group
- 6.12 Interpretation Sub-committee

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that the Heritage Council note the reports.

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7.0 General Business

Nil

8.0 Presentations

8.1 Historic Houses Trust

The Chair introduced Peter Watts, Director of the Historic Houses Trust and invited him to address the members. Apologies were given for Jill Wran, Chair of the Historic Houses Trust who was unable to attend the meeting.

Members were informed on a number of projects currently being undertaken by the Trust.

It was noted that work on the Mint is proceeding and the project, although intended to be finished by the end of June, should be completed by the end of September. Delays were caused by a number of factors including the discovery of asbestos on the site during construction.

Members were advised that an interesting approach to the work was that a heritage architect was appointed to work under the contemporary architect because there was a major amount of new building work on the site. It was noted that as a result that there is a fascinating fusion between the new and the old which could be of world significance. Members were invited to inspect the finished result when complete.

A major conservation issue for the Trust at the moment is at Rouse Hill where there has been a long term commitment by government to acquire the Rouse Hill Regional Park, which surrounds Rouse Hill House and to extend this by an additional 70 hectares to the west but it appears that commitment seems to be changing and that the additional public space could be placed elsewhere. This presents an opportunity to deal with a very important opportunity to consolidate the open space in one location and further protect the curtilage of Rouse Hill.

Another area of interest is that the Trust Foundation presented the Trust with a gift to enable them to set up a fund called the Endangered Houses Fund. The Fund which currently has a target of \$3M currently has \$1M. The idea of the Endangered Houses Fund is to take the pressure of the Trust when it is often offered properties which are of no interest to the Trust. Occasionally properties come along which are of considerable interest or importance. The Fund will allow them to bring the property into the Trusts ownership, completing any necessary work, and passing them back into community ownership. The first acquisition under this program is currently under negotiation. Members were invited to nominate any buildings where the fund could provide a solution noting however that the Trust does not intend to be dealing with more than one or two properties at a time.

Like all other government agencies the Trust is being encouraged to do more in the regions. The Trust has had a project which has been going for a couple of years which is Newstead Homestead near Inverell, a property at which Tom Roberts stayed and painted. The Trust has been engaging with the Heritage Office, local branch of the National Trust, the owners and the community to attempt to find a resolution to current condition of the building. A plan of action has been prepared and some funding obtained from government. The Trust hopes to obtain further funding to the level of about \$200,000 to undertake the necessary urgent works. This has been an example of a good collaborative project and will provide a model for others.

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It has been suggested on a number of occasions that there should be a joint meeting between the Heritage Council, the Trustees of the Historic Houses Trust and the National Trust Council. The Trust feels that this meeting would be very useful and would be happy to host the meeting.

Members also received a briefing of the forward program of exhibitions and the Trusts aims.

The Chair thanked Peter Watts for his presentation.

Resolved:

to note and thank Peter Watts for his presentation.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 1.45 pm.

Michael Collins
Chair
Heritage Council of NSW
Date:

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9:00 am Wednesday 4th August 2004
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