

**MINUTES OF THE 306TH MEETING (SPECIAL), THURSDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2004,
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BOURKE**

In Attendance

Michael Collins	Chair
Mary-Lynne Taylor	Deputy Chair
Jason Ardler	for Director-General Department of Environment and Conservation
John Delaney	
Garry Fielding	Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources
Ian Jack	
Diane Jones	
Megan Jones	
Rod Leaver	
Reece McDougall	Director Heritage Office
Bruce Pettman	For Government Architect
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
Robert Alder	Heritage Office
Bronwyn Hanna	Heritage Office
David Nutley	Heritage Office

1 Opening – Welcome and Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting at 9:05 am.

Apologies

Sharon Sullivan
Mary-Lynne Taylor
Ross Fitzgerald
Elsa Atkin

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

Nil

2.1 Section 170 Guidelines

Members considered a paper which recommended that members provide comments on the final draft of the Section 170 Guidelines which has been reviewed to include the comments of State agencies.

It was noted that the State Owned Heritage Management Principles and Heritage Asset Management Guidelines set out the framework for State agencies to identify, conserve, maintain and manage heritage assets under its ownership and control.

Members were advised that the Principles and Guidelines clarify the roles, responsibilities and expectations of state agencies and the Heritage Council while encouraging greater strategic planning and management of heritage assets. Members were further advised that the State Government should lead by example.

This draft of Guidelines and Principles has been developed over the last eighteen months and involved an extensive consultation process with State agencies.

It was further noted that the final draft of the document will be considered at the October meeting, with a covering report outlining details of the planned implementation process. It was also noted that the Guidelines will be reviewed after the first 12 months of operation and that more work needs to be done in the financial implications.

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council:

- 1. notes the tabled draft of the State Owned Heritage Management Principles and Heritage Asset Management Guidelines, prepared in accordance with Section 170A of the Heritage Act, 1977; and***
- 2. provides any further comment to the Heritage Office for incorporation into a final draft, prior to tabling at its October 2004 meeting.***

2.2 Volunteer Awards

Members were advised that volunteering is a fundamental part of heritage conservation work in Australia. Heritage work is particularly attractive to seniors, the fastest growing sector of the Australian population. Many of the projects funded through the Heritage Incentives Program would not be possible without the involvement of volunteers.

It was noted that the NSW Government Heritage Volunteer Awards recognise the outstanding performance of individuals and community organisations that have fulfilled the following assessment criteria:

- 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.

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At its October 2003 meeting the Heritage Council approved criteria by which an assessment of nominations could be made to reduce the impact of the Awards on Heritage Office resources and create a fairer and more competitive process. These criteria and processes were further refined and approved at its February 2004 meeting.

This year's program was announced in a media release by the Assistant Planning Minister, Hon Diane Beamer on 7 June Arrangements have been made for Minister Beamer to present the awards in the Jubilee Room at Parliament House on 28 October.

It was also agreed that a previous recipient of a Heritage Volunteer Award should be co-opted to assist the committee. This year Rae McLintock, manager of volunteer guides at Government House, and a recipient of one of the 2003 awards, agreed to assist the panel in this capacity.

Members were advised that the assessment is based on the quality of the nominee's contribution to heritage conservation as reflected in the nomination; the spread of nominees across categories and types of work; and geographical representation.

In February it was agreed that 20 awards would be presented to bona fide volunteers. One special award is available each year in the 'volunteer work by professional employees' category.

It was agreed that the judging panel's nominations would be submitted to the Heritage Council for endorsement.

The Strategy Committee met as the judging panel for this year's awards on 24 August. Although 20 had been proposed as the total number of awards to be presented in any one year the panel decided that it would be unfair to cull any of the worthy recipients who had been nominated this year. Accordingly it is recommended that all 27 nominees are presented with an award in October.

Members also agreed to the presentation of a special lifetime achievement award.

Members also thanked Murray Brown for his excellent work on the awards program.

Resolved:

that the Heritage Council:

- 1. approve the 27 nominations judged as worthy of the award by the Strategy Committee;***
- 2. approve the presentation of a special lifetime achievement award;***
- 3. recommend to the Minister that 28 NSW Government Heritage Volunteer Awards are presented this year;***
- 4. instruct the Heritage Office to amend the nomination forms in future to encourage the nomination of groups as well as individuals and to include a 'cultural heritage' category in the heritage categories and a 'management' category in the type of work categories;***
- 5. attend the 3rd Annual NSW Government Heritage Volunteer Awards ceremony at Parliament House on 28th October 2004.***

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2.3 Former RAAF Stores Depot Dubbo

Members were advised that the Ministerial Review Panel found that the whole site of the Former RAAF Stores Depot at Dubbo should be listed on the State Heritage Register. The Minister has adopted this recommendation and the site has since been listed. The Rabaul Stores building, three of the five Igloo Stores, the double Bellman Hangar, the earth-covered communications bunker, the road pattern, a substantial portion of the remnant forest and the railway spur lines should be conserved in situ.

It was noted that the two Igloo Stores (4 and 5) and two single Bellman hangars not scheduled for in situ conservation should be relocated and conserved. The removal of these four buildings will not reduce the significance of the site sufficiently to impact on its inclusion on the State Heritage Register. The other ancillary buildings may be relocated and conserved if a new use can be found for them, and if their condition permits.

Members were advised that the Heritage Office has held site discussions with the applicant/owner and agreed that the best vehicle to ensure the conservation and sympathetic redevelopment of the site is a heritage agreement that runs with the land.

Consequently, a Heritage Agreement is being developed with the owner which will guarantee the retention and conservation of the items; and ensure the preparation of a Conservation Management Plan to guide the future conservation and management of the site and form the basis of any subsequent development proposal.

Members were further advised that the development includes construction of a bulky goods retail precinct along Cobra Street and including the adapted Rabaul Store. The double Bellman Hangar and Igloos 1 and 2 would be auxiliary buildings to this bulky goods retail use. A separate residential precinct of detached houses and common property infrastructure would be built over the centre and south-west of the site.

Resolved:

the Heritage Council recommends that the Minister enter into a Heritage Agreement for the conservation of the former Dubbo RAAF Stores Base consistent with Part 3B of the NSW Heritage Act, 1977, using the principles contained in Annexure B as the basis of that agreement.

General Business

Members thanked Adell Hyslop and Samira Boney for their work in relation to the outstanding success of the visit to Brewarrina yesterday.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 10.30 am.

Michael Collins
Chair
Heritage Council of NSW
Date:

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Next Meeting of the Heritage Council of NSW

9:00 am Wednesday 6th October 2005

Heritage Office 3 Marist Place Pattamatta