

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**State Heritage Register Committee**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009  
Commencing at 12:15 am

Heritage Branch – Department of Planning  
Heritage Branch Library  
3 Marist Place  
Parramatta



**1.0 Attendance**

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**PRESENT** Gabrielle Kibble (Acting Chair)  
Michael Clarke  
Russell Couch  
Rosemary Annable  
Tina Jackson

**APOLOGIES** Sharon Sullivan (Chair)  
Ross Fitzgerald

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**  
**(Heritage Branch)** Cameron White  
Graham Williams  
Olwen Beazley  
Stewart Watters

**Opening – Welcome**

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**2.0 Declarations of Interest**

Nil

**3.0 Confirmation of Minutes**

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The Minutes of the June meeting were confirmed

**4.0 Action Report**

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Members were advised that meetings had been held with the owners of Raby at Leppington regarding the proposal to list the property on the State Heritage Register. (Listing resolution of 3 March 2004 as noted on the Action report summary,

page 13) Members were further advised that it is now proposed to present the SHR listing proposal to the October Heritage Council meeting.

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## **5.0 Minutes, reports and matters arising from HC Advisory Panels**

### Maritime Archaeological Advisory Panel

Tim Smith advised members of recent investigations in the Wingecarribee River at Berrima of the possible remains of canoes constructed by WWI German Internees at Berrima Gaol. Over 25 – 26 June 2009 a joint investigation by the Heritage Branch and Royal Australian Navy surveyors, using sidescan sonar, had detected seven anomalies in the river. Further investigation dives are to be undertaken.

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## **6.0 Presentations**

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### **6.1 Department of Commerce S170 Register**

Ms Mary Knaggs, Senior Heritage Officer, Government Architects Office, Department of Commerce, made a "Powerpoint" presentation to members which illustrated examples of the diverse range of heritage properties and artefacts in the custodianship of the Department of Commerce.

The presentation included views of the Morpeth Office, formerly the 19 century constructed Morpeth Railway Station on the closed East Maitland to Morpeth branch line. It was noted that this building is likely to be of State heritage significance.

It was also brought to the notice of the Members that a room in the Morpeth Office building includes an important collection of historical photographs of significant floods which have affected Morpeth and the surrounding district. The question was raised as to whether State Records were aware of this photographic collection.

## **7.0 State Heritage Register – Nominations Review**

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### **7.1 Former Wickham Public School, Newcastle. Reconsideration of draft nomination**

Following the March 4 2009 meeting of the SHR Committee, the Heritage Branch wrote to the Government Architect requesting comments as to the comparative architectural significance of the former Wickham Public School. A copy of the nomination document accompanied the request. The Government Architect in his reply had commended the nomination and noted that additional sources, which had been consulted, supported the view that the former Wickham Public School is likely to be of State heritage significance. The Agenda papers provided to Members included a copy of the Government Architect's comments.

Members considered the following recommendation

#### **That the State Heritage Register Committee:**

- 1. Advises the Heritage Branch about the likely level of heritage significance the Former Wickam School Newcastle.**

Members resolved that Wickam School, Newcastle is likely to be of State significance.

## **8.0 State Heritage Register – Notice of intention to List**

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Nil

## **9.0 State Heritage Register – Recommendation to Minister**

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## **10.0 State Government Heritage (Section 170 Registers/HAMS)**

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### **10.1 Department of Commerce s170 Register**

Following the earlier presentation (item 6.1) the Committee considered the endorsement of the Department of Commerce s.170 *Heritage and Conservation Register*, prepared by the Department's Government Architect's Office Heritage Group and the following recommendation.

**That the Heritage Council State Heritage Register Committee:**

- a. **Endorses the current Department of Commerce *s.170 Heritage and Conservation Register*;**
- b. **Requests the Heritage Branch to review and consider those items identified as State significant for possible listing on the State Heritage Register when in line with an identified theme;**
- c. **Recommends that the Department of Commerce publish their *s.170 Register* on their website; and**
- d. **Writes to the Managing Director, Department of Commerce congratulating the entity on its initiatives in implementing key strategic heritage actions under the *NSW Heritage Act 1977*, and in its approach to integrated heritage management.**

**11.0 Interim Heritage Orders**

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Nil

**12.0 Environmental Planning Instruments & Heritage Studies**

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NIL

**13.0 Matters for Consideration**

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**13.1 Priority Places Update**

At the June 2009 meeting, the Committee identified 13 Priority Places, from a list of 30, were to be progressed as part of the 2009/10 work program:

1. Parkes Radio Telescope	Parkes
2. Siding Spring Observatory	Warrumbungle
3. Ben Hall Track – 6 serial sites	Multiple regional
4. Sydney Town Hall	Sydney
5. Queen Victoria Building	Sydney
6. Royal Randwick Racecourse	Randwick
7. Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church	Surry Hills
8. Raby	Catherine Fields
9. Maryland	Bringelly
10 Oran Park	Camden
11 Australia Square	Sydney
12 Catherine Hill Bay	Cath Hill Bay
13 Luna Park Precinct	North Sydney

It was noted that it would not be possible to list them all in the years 2009/10.

In addition, the Committee identified 17 Priority Places that could be considered in subsequent years. It had been noted that several of these 17 places had been advertised as being under consideration by the Heritage Council for potential State Heritage Register listing, however, these properties required further investigations and discussions to further progress listing proposals.

The Committee requested that these 17 Priority Places be analysed to identify what the nature of the delays in processing these items are, and how many dedicated person days they would take to complete.

At this July meeting comment was made on the desirability of prioritising the remaining 17 items by preparing a priority list to be considered as resources permit. The Committee noted Sydney Hospital as a potential item in a Colonial Sydney theme.

An amendment to the curtilage of "Fernhill Cottage" was also mentioned as an example of one of the 17 items that might be deferred. The Committee agreed that old nominations, where best endeavours to list them had been unsuccessful, should be considered for deferral.

It was agreed by the Committee that a priority list for progression as resources permitted be identified by the Heritage Branch for consideration by the SHR Committee and that other items where best endeavours to list them on the SHR had been unsuccessful be identified for possible deferral.

#### **14.0 General Business**

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Nil

The meeting closed at 1:45 PM.

#### **Next Meeting of the Heritage Council State Heritage Register Committee**

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Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2009 Heritage Branch – Department of Planning  
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Minutes endorsed by the Heritage Council State Heritage Register Committee.	<hr/> Chair, State Heritage Register Committee Date:
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