

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
State Heritage Register Committee**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2009  
Commencing at 12:45

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



**1.0 Attendance**

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**PRESENT** Sharon Sullivan (Chair)  
Michael Clarke  
Russell Couch  
Gabrielle Kibble  
Rosemary Annable  
Ross Fitzgerald  
Tina Jackson

**APOLOGIES** Nil

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE  
(Heritage Branch)** Tim Smith  
Graham Williams  
Olwen Beazley  
Bronwyn Hanna  
Mary Ann Hamilton  
Stirling Smith

**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 April meeting were confirmed

**4.0 Action Report**

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Tim Smith advised members of the Premier's general interest in the announcement of State Heritage Register listings.

Rippon Grange. It was noted that a visit to the site would be arranged. Further details to be advised.

Ben Hall sites. Members were advised that there had been much public interest in the listing proposal.

The Committee was advised of the advertising of the proposal to delist the former Manly Ferry "Barragoola" from the State Heritage Register and the circumstances which had led to the proposal.

Raffins Mill Portland. Further discussions were to be undertaken with the owners.

The issue was raised as to the desirability of the institution of a form of heritage award as an encouragement and recognition of exemplary works of care and maintenance undertaken by the owners of heritage items. The example of Curran Curran was cited.

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

**NIL**

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## **6.0 Presentations**

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### **6.1 State Heritage Register – Thematic Listing Program – Update**

A "powerpoint" presentation was made to the Committee on the key achievements of the Program to date following the Minister's February public launch of the Program.

The Chair of the Heritage Council, Gabrielle Kibble advised that she had spoken with the Lord Mayor of Sydney regarding the Program, however, there was a need to discuss the proposed listing of the Cenotaph, under the World Wars I & II theme, with the Lord Mayor.

The Committee was advised that it was proposed to submit the nominations of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church Surry Hills, the Port Macquarie Archaeological site, and the Yooroonah Tank-traps (near Armidale) to the meeting of the Heritage Council this coming August.

Gabrielle Kibble advised that she had written to the Vice Chancellor, Australian National University, regarding the potential listing of the Sidings Springs Observatory, in association with the forthcoming International Year of Astronomy.

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The Committee was advised that there had been no community nominations received under the Thematic Listing Program to date.

The question was raised as to the timetabling of the gazettal of items under the Governor Macquarie theme, that is whether items approved in 2009 be held for announcement in the 2010 Bi-centenary year.

Members agreed that no Governor Macquarie sites were to be announced until 2010 and that the Port Macquarie archaeological site listing was not to be commenced until Members had inspected it at the September regional visit.

Members also commented on the desirability of a Heritage Council publication to celebrate the 2010 Governor Macquarie Bi-centenary. Such a publication could be similar to the periodical Newsletter in format.

Gabrielle Kibble also advised the Committee of her receipt of a letter of support from the former Chair of the Heritage Council, Mr Michael Collins, for the Thematic Listing Program themes.

The question of the State Heritage Register listing of Commonwealth-owned sites had been raised in previous meetings. The Assistant Director of the Heritage Branch, Tim Smith, advised that legal advice provided to the Branch seemed to indicate that such listing would not be a problem; however discussions would be needed with the Commonwealth authorities for each such listing proposal.

## **6.2 Governor Macquarie Theme - Bathurst visit – Update**

The Committee was given a “powerpoint” presentation on the meeting between Heritage Branch representatives, the Heritage Advisor for Bathurst Council and other interested parties to identify potential sites for inclusion on the State Heritage Register under Macquarie Theme. The sites identified were potential archaeological sites.

It was generally noted in the discussion that some items may lend themselves to entries in a projected 2010 publication on Macquarie, mentioned above, although items were not necessarily of a status for State Heritage Register listing

## **6.3 Lockyer’s Wharf, Parramatta – Potential Convict Theme – Update**

Members were given a “powerpoint” presentation showing early plans of the wharf and photographs of the wharf remains and artefacts, taken during a recent community investigation of these remains.

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

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### **7.1 “Peroomba” 9-15 Harrington Avenue, Warrawee (Ku-ring-gai) Listing Request**

The matter of ‘Peroomba’ was first brought to the Committee’s attention at the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> March 2009. Mr Clive Lucas, of Clive Lucas, Stapleton & Partners Pty Ltd, had requested a listing of ‘Peroomba’, a property at 11 Hastings Avenue, Warrawee. The house was intact from the Inter-War Period, retaining its fixtures and fittings and was on the market. The significance of this property, whether it is at a State or local level, had yet to be determined.

At this June meeting the matter was further reviewed. The question was raised as to whether the property is listed on the Ku-ring-gai Local Environmental Plan (LEP). The house is not currently listed by council.

The committee agreed that there was not enough information on the significance of the property and further information should be sought from the nominator, Clive Lucas.

It was agreed that the Director should consult with the Department’s Regional Planning Team regarding the status of LEP preparation for the area. It was also agreed that following these discussions, the Director of the Heritage Branch could write to Council regarding its potential for listing as a local item.

### **Recommendation**

#### **That the SHR Committee:**

- 1. Advises there is insufficient information to reach a conclusion about the significance of Peroomba and invite the nominator to submit that information if desired.**

### **7.2 Young Community Arts Centre (former Young Public School)**

The Committee was advised of a draft nomination submitted to the Heritage Branch by a community group for the former 1880s Young Public School which is now used as a local history museum and community centre.

The nomination also made mention an element of the museum collection that may be of State significance this being the ‘Roll Up’ banner associated with the Lambing Flat riots of June 1861. Members viewed photographs of the former school and the ‘Roll Up’ banner.

The Committee acknowledged and concurred with the Heritage Branch view that whilst the former school buildings have historical and aesthetic significance for their contribution to the development of the Young township they did not meet the threshold criteria for establishing State heritage significance

The Committee agreed that the nomination for the Lambing Flat riot "Roll Up" banner be brought forward for further State significance consideration.

## **Recommendation**

### **That the SHR Committee:**

- 1. Advises that the Young Community Arts Centre is considered to be an item of local heritage significance, while the 'Roll Up' banner associated with the Lambing Flat riots is of potential State heritage significance.**

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

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### **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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Nil

### **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 Glen Davis Shale Oil Works**

Members viewed a "slide show" of historic and recent photographs of the Glen Davis Shale Oil Works site as an introduction to the discussion.

The Committee considered a report undertaken by Simon Wiltshier of Hughes Truman Pty Ltd, prepared following the Committee's 2008 request for a condition assessment. The report presented for the committee's consideration the structural assessment of the site and requested the committee's decision on whether or not to proceed with the listing process.

It was noted in the meeting that the site's current owners have an interest in the heritage significance of the site and that public tours of the site are given on a fairly regular basis.

Comment was made during the discussion on the management of the site as a ruin and public safety and liability issues, matters that may prove difficult for the owners to manage without assistance.

Comment was also made on the possibility of extending the area of the listing nomination to include the adjoining village site in addition to the works site. The possibility of a staged listing was mooted.

The Committee agreed on option 2 (a) of the recommendation, detailed below, and that consideration be given to assistance to the owners on public liability issues.

## **Recommendation**

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

- 1. supports the listing the site on the State Heritage Register on the basis it be maintained as a ruin, and recorded. This recording could be achieved through archival photographic recording or through a 3D scan of the site and may require financial assistance from the Heritage Council's funding program.**

## **13.2 List of proposed items under the Priority Places Category**

The Committee considered the report and list for the prioritising of items nominated for State Heritage Register listing under the Priority Places category (formerly the "Icons" category)

The Committee broadly agreed with the proposal to prioritise action on progressing items on list A. It was noted that actions had been commenced on a number of the A list nominations, such as the Ben Hall Track. It was agreed to initially progress A list items 1 to 11, 13 and 22.

It was considered that the nomination for Fairbridge at Molong (A list item 23) required further information before it could be considered further.

The three colonial landscape study properties, Raby, Maryland and Oran Park were mentioned in regard to whether the former Minister had made any announcement on these in association with the listing of Collingwood at Liverpool. Comment was also made by the Chair on the desirability of listing Raby, Maryland and Oran Park together due to their association as colonial landscape properties.

It was also noted that there are issues unique to A list nomination No. 26, the First Church of Christ Scientist, Darlinghurst.

The Committee requested more information on items 12-21 and 23-30 in relation to the time needed to complete the nominations.

**Resolved**

**That the State Heritage Register Committee:**

- 1. Endorses the list of items at List A (Annexure A) to form the basis of an ongoing work plan under the Priority Places category;**
- 2. Agree to the deferral of items under List B and**
- 3. Agree to the deferral of items under List C.**

**14.0 General Business**

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Nil

The meeting closed at 3:20 PM.

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

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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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