

Item 1. In Attendance

Ian Jack (Chair)
Jason Ardler
Joan Templeman
John Delaney
Michael Collins
Reece McDougall

Apologies

Ross Fitzgerald

Also in Attendance (NSW Heritage Office)

Dianne Jones
Megan Jones
Rod Laver
Susan Macdonald
Bruce Pettman
Megan Jones
Garry Fielding
Cameron White
Bronwyn Hanna

Item 2. Declarations of interest

Ian Jack

Conflict of Interest

12.1 Captain's House at Bourke – IJ wrote the history component of the local heritage study that includes it.

Item 3. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held 4 August 2004 were noted and adopted.

Item 4. Action Report

The action report was noted.

Item 5. Minutes, reports and matters arising from HC Advisory Panels

Nil.

Item 6. Presentations

Nil.

Item 7. SHR – Notice of intention to List

Nil.

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Item 8. SHR – Recommendation to Minister

8.1 Evatt House, Wahroonga

Bronwyn Hanna spoke to the matter. The owner of the property does not support the proposed listing on the State Heritage Register. A copy of the heritage consultant's submission outlining the objections to the listing submitted on behalf of the owner has been attached to the Heritage Office's report for consideration by members. The submission contends that the place does not reach the threshold of State heritage significance. The Heritage Office is recommending that the place is of State heritage significance, and has appended a detailed response as to how the item met the criteria for Historical Association, following the Criteria B Guidelines written by the History Panel and endorsed by the Heritage Council.

Members agreed that that the consultant's report raised issues that warranted consideration. Following consideration and discussion of the matter, the recommendation was supported.

Resolved

That the Heritage Council State Heritage Register Committee:

- 1. in accordance with section 33 (1)(d) of the Heritage Act 1977 advises the Minister that the item, Evatt House, 69 Junction Road Wahroonga, is of State heritage significance as shown in the plan at Annexure B;**
- 2. recommends to the Minister, in accordance with sections 32(1) and (2) of the Heritage Act, that she directs the listing of the item, Evatt House, 69 Junction Road Wahroonga, on the State Heritage Register if she considers the item is of State heritage significance; and**
- 3. in accordance with sections 33 (1)(e) of the Heritage Act 1977, gives notice of its decision to persons notified under section 33(1)(a).**

Item 9. Section 170 Registers

Nil

Item 10. Interim Heritage Orders

10.1 Status Report

The status report was noted with the following verbal advice provided by the Heritage Office:

- a) Peberdy House, Tenterfield – the Interim Heritage Order has now lapsed. It is understood that the site has been cleared in preparation for the planned supermarket development which retains and reuses Peberdy House. As at this time, the Heritage Office does not have evidence to suggest the house is of State heritage significance warranting further consideration for listing on the State Heritage Register.

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- b) Bower Hall, Manly - negotiations are continuing with the owners regarding options to retain and adaptively reuse the building.
- c) Lachlan Vintage Village – in accordance with the recommendations of the Heritage Council, a briefing note recommending the revocation of the Interim Heritage Order has been referred to the Minister for consideration.

Item 11. Environmental Planning Instruments & Heritage Studies

11.1 Status Report

The status report was noted.

Item 12. Matters for Consideration

12.1 Captain's House, Bourke

Bronwyn Hanna spoke to the matter. The Heritage Office has received a request for the making of an Interim Heritage Order over the Captain's House or Lynwood, at Bourke. The building is a timber cottage constructed in the 1890s with riverine historical associations and may be of State significance.

Vacant for eight years, the house was recently acquired by Bourke Shire Council which proposed initially demolition, then removing the house to another location some blocks away as part of flood mitigation works. The levee bank which protects the town from the river in flood closely abuts the cottage, and Council has advised of the need to raise the height of the levee in the event of a major flood. Most recently, Bourke Council had also expressed concern that the river was moving closer to the house, undermining the levee bank, and had proposed that the house could be shifted just a few metres away from the levee bank to an adjoining block of land also owned by Council.

Bourke Council has recently authorised its Director of Environment, Paul O'Brien, to conduct further research with Council's heritage advisor Jillian Comber concerning these issues. The Heritage Council planned to visit the house in the afternoon and would also be able to consider the various options in situ.

It was noted that the Heritage Office had allocated \$31,000 to stabilise the building but that this grant hadn't been accessed at this time, possibly because of the flood mitigation issues. Members supported the option of extending the time available for Council to take up the funding, subject to normal approvals.

Members agreed of the importance engaging with Bourke Council to explore management options as part of the broader consideration of the building's heritage significance.

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Item 13. General Business

13.1. Icon Nominations Project report

Murray Brown spoke to the matter. He reported that 385 Icons nominations had been processed by the Heritage Office so far, and expected there would be close to 400 nominations from the community when the counting was finalised. A number of the nominations were unlikely to reach the threshold of State heritage significance, while other nominations had been made for places already listed on the State Heritage Register. An initial review by the Heritage Office has indicated around 78 nominations may be of State heritage significance. Detailed consideration has not been given to large precinct nominations at this time due to resource limitations of the Heritage Office.

Murray Brown reported that Heritage Council Member Mary-Lynn Taylor had offered the assistance of a group of 50 or 60 planning law students at the University of Sydney to prepare detailed nominations based on the Icon submissions. Members placed on record their appreciation for the offer, and Heritage Office staff advised of plans to hold a training session for the students. Members noted the importance of ensuring the students had a thorough understanding of the Heritage Council's assessment criteria and other relevant skills needed to prepare a nomination.

13.2. Listing of Sydney Town Hall on the SHR

The Director informed Members that he had commenced, under delegation, the listing process of the Sydney Town Hall on the State Heritage Register.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, the 6th October 2004, Heritage Office library, 3 Marist Place Parramatta.