

**NOTES OF HERITAGE REFERENCE COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 12.00PM**

ONLINE MEETING

- Present: Councillor J Anderson (Chairperson) (Roseville Ward)
Melika Aljukic (Australian Institute of Architects)
Joanne Martens (Community member)
Councillor M Smith (Deputy Chairperson) (St Ives Ward)
- Staff Present: Antony Fabbro (Manager Urban and Heritage Planning)
Vanessa Holtham (Heritage Specialist Planner)
Olivia Turner (Student Heritage Planner)
- Others (As observers):
Present: Lorna Watt (Ku-ring-gai Historical Society)
Zeny Edwards (Local Historian and Community member)
- Apologies: Robert Moore (National Trust)

The Meeting commenced at 12.00 pm.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Nil

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmed the following:

- 7 July 2020 (File: CY00413/8 [2020/194035](#))

MINUTES OF HERITAGE REFERENCE COMMITTEE

File: CY00413/8

1. Member update – Community and KHS Vacancies

Lorna Watt, President of Ku-ring-gai Historical Society, and Zeny Edwards, local historian and community member, were introduced to the committee as prospective members pending the formalization of their membership. It was noted that as they were not official members of the committee, and were not bound by the code of conduct, they would be obliged to leave prior to the final item on the agenda where a confidential matter was raised.

2. Revised Heritage Strategy – Including Priorities.

No further comments on the heritage strategy were raised at this time. During other business it was suggested that the issue of interface with Heritage Conservation Areas be noted as a priority or consideration in the Heritage Strategy.

3. Proposed Heritage Listings – Areas and Items for Consideration.

The committee considered each of the proposed heritage listings compiled by Council staff, with nominations stemming from both inside and outside the organisation. The committee generally agreed with the recommendations proposed by staff however in some cases requested further information. It was suggested that University students could be engaged to assist with archaeological studies. The committee also discussed the potential listing of former Prime Minister Billy Hughes' house. Further research will be undertaken into this matter; Lorna Watt noted that KHS has information in this regard.

The committee discussed the potential listing of Rofe Park, Turramurra, which was put forward by a representative of the Friends of Mimosa Rofe Park and Sheldon Forest. The committee discussed that the park is included within a Greenweb and Biodiversity protection zone and that a heritage listing could not really offer any additional protection.

4. Heritage Conservation Area Update – Inclusion of C20th Development.

The committee sought clarification on the nature of website updates and the use of the terms “contributory,” “detracting” and “neutral.” It was explained by staff that the updates allowed a case-by-case assessment of the contribution of properties in conservation areas rather than the automatic dismissal of buildings, which do not belong to the Key Development Periods often referenced in the former statements.

Committee members raised the issue of interface in relation to Heritage Items and Conservation Areas and queried how this is being addressed in future strategic planning. Staff outlined that the interface studies previously carried out were feeding into current and future strategic planning instruments. It was noted that ensuring appropriate interface between Heritage Items/Conservation Areas and surrounding development should be a priority of Ku-ring-gai's Heritage Strategy.

5. Council Website Updates.

The committee noted the changes and were encouraged to look further at the updates to the Heritage pages of Council's website.

6. Interim Heritage Order – 6 Springdale Road Update.

The proposed listing of 6 Springdale Road, Killara is proceeding to the Ku-ring-gai Local Planning Panel on 21 September 2020.

7. Other Business

After the departure of the observers, the confidential matter of a property nominated 207 Eastern Rd Wahroonga, by a group of architects for an Interim Heritage Order. A preliminary heritage assessment was for the property provided to the committee, outlining the potential significance of the property. The committee viewed the current real estate listing and images, which note that the dwelling is currently on the market advertised as a property with the potential to "sub-divide, develop or build your dream home (STCA)." The committee were in support of further research into this property, noting this should take place in a timely manner, and no objections were raised to the potential pursuit of an Interim heritage order.

The meeting closed at 1.30 pm.

The next meeting is TBC.