

MINUTES OF HERITAGE REFERENCE COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 22 JUNE 2023

- Present: Councillor K Wheatley (Chairperson) (Wahroonga Ward)
Councillor S Lennon (Deputy Chairperson) (Gordon Ward)
Mr Robert Moore – National Trust
Ms Lorna Watt – Ku-ring-gai Historical Society
Ms Zeny Edwards – Local Historian and Community Member
Mr Chris Bluett- Community Member
- Staff Present: Manager Urban & Heritage Planning (Antony Fabbro)
Team Leader Urban Planning (Craig Wyse)
Heritage Specialist Planner (Claudine Loffi)
Heritage Research Assistant (Kerrily Sullivan)
- Others Present: Councillor J Pettett - Ku-ring-gai Council
Councillor A Taylor- Ku-ring-gai Council
- Apologies: Mr Michael Gunn – Australian Institute of Architects

The Meeting commenced at 12:00 PM

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interest was declared.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

NOTING OF MINUTES

Minutes of Heritage Reference Committee

File: CY00413/11

Meeting held 27 April 2023

RESOLVED

The confirmed minutes were noted, as circulated by email for confirmation following the 27 April meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Heritage Home Grants 2023/2024

File: FY00674

Vide: GB.1

The Committee reviewed and discussed the 16 submitted applications. The Committee recommended that Council proceed with funding conservation works for 13 properties, as recommended in the presentation, conditional upon some variations or further approval to achieve appropriate conservation of significant heritage features. The Committee recommended Council consider waiving fees for minor works applications.

The Committee provided detailed recommendations for each application to conserve the significance of historic building features by retaining, restoring or matching original details and colours. Discussed issues with proposed works included the retention and salvage of original French Marseille terracotta tiles in relation to the application for 17 Bobbin Head Rd, Pymble. The importance of using traditional colour schemes for painting to respect and enhance the historic building style, materials and features was also discussed, as opposed to contemporary fashions currently for monochrome or sharp white and dark grey. This related to the applications for 11 Young St, Warrawee and 3 Frances St, Lindfield. The Committee also recommended closely matching the curved window glass of 37 Fiddens Wharf Rd, Killara.

The Committee supported offering the maximum grant allowed for all eligible applications because of available funds for the number of applications. The Committee noted that commenced or completed works are not eligible for grants.

Some grant increases were recommended above the quoted costs up to the maximum of \$5,000 on a dollar-for-dollar basis, to cover further works required to conserve the subject features. The Committee noted the final sum reimbursed by Council following completion of works is half the expended receipted costs for the approved conservation works, as verified by Council staff, up to this maximum limit approved by Council. For certain properties, the Committee considers further works may be required to repair the underlying cause of damage or related elements to the subject building feature. These include the corroded steel window frames at 37 Fiddens Wharf Rd, the drainage issue causing the masonry and mortar damage at 28 Lord Street, the potential water damage to the roof framing behind the cladding at 29 Richmond Ave, and the roof cladding profile and bougainvillea affecting the drainage for the original garage roof at 12 Lightcliff Ave, Lindfield.

The Committee resolved not to recommend three applications for a grant because they are ineligible. One grant for 22 Highland Avenue, Gordon, is ineligible because it is seeking retrospective funding for already completed works that cannot be considered under the Heritage Home Grant guideline. Two grants are ineligible because they propose to repair contemporary features that are not heritage listed on Council's local plan and have no heritage significance, relating to 56 Middle Harbour Road, Lindfield, and 1 Field Place, Wahroonga.

RESOLVED

That the Heritage Reference Committee recommend the distribution of heritage home grant funding for 2023/2024 to Council, and associated conditions.

Street name review - Narelle Avenue

File: S03211

Vide: GB.2

The Committee discussed the history of this issue for spelling the street name with a single or double 'r', the further reports and research on the spelling of this street name, the associated person and house. The author of the historic research was available for questions.

RESOLVED

That the Committee receive and note this report and recommend Council maintain the existing spelling for Narelle Avenue and the existing heritage item name spelling for the house at No. 3-5 Narelle Avenue.

OTHER BUSINESS

CSIRO Site, Bradfield Road, Lindfield

The Chair raised a recent community request for listing consideration of this site. The Committee noted some aspects of the site's history, Commonwealth ownership and planning framework. The Committee was advised that there is no existing heritage assessment or heritage listing for the site, and that Council has made no resolution to investigate this site for heritage listing at this time.

RESOLVED

That the Committee note the community request and that Committee members provide available information on the history or significance of this site to Council staff.

Angophora tree removal, Gordon Recreational Reserve, Werona Ave

A member tabled community correspondence on this matter addressed to Councillors and specific Council staff.

RESOLVED

That the Committee receive and note the correspondence to be considered by the appropriate team in Council.

The Meeting closed at 1:30PM.