

MINUTES OF HERITAGE REFERENCE COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 5 AUGUST 2021

Present: Councillor J Anderson (Chairperson) (Roseville Ward)
Councillor M Smith (Deputy Chairperson) (St Ives Ward)
Mr Robert Moore – National Trust
Ms Lorna Watt – Ku-ring-gai Historical Society
Mr Michael Gunn – Australian Institute of Architects
Ms Zeny Edwards – Local Historian and Community Member
Vacant – Community Member

Staff Present: Manager Urban & Heritage Planning (Antony Fabbro)
Mardi Pistachia – Events Coordinator
Melanie Morson – Manager, Visitor Experience and Events
Emily Jacobsson – Student Urban Planner
Heritage Specialist Planner (Vanessa Holtham)

Others Present: Councillor C Szatow - Ku-ring-gai Council

Apologies: None

The Meeting commenced at 12:00PM

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Michael Gunn declared an interest in the Railway Station upgrade item via email.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of Heritage Reference Committee

File: CY00413/9

Meeting held 24 June 2021 - 2021/244848

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes were taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the Meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Presentation from Manager Events - Heritage Festival Summary

File: CY00413/9

Vide: GB.1

Council's events staff addressed the committee in relation to success of the events associated with the inaugural Ku-ring-gai Heritage Festival.

HRC suggested that additional/alternative advertising medium be considered to reach the older generation, particularly for events appealing to this generation.

HRC members involved in the walking tour received an inundation of interest. Whilst offering additional walking tours would be ideal in future, this involves extensive preparation as well as consideration of 'crowd control' and the security of properties being opened to the tour attendees.

2 Torokina Avenue, St Ives

File: CY00413/9

Vide: GB.2

The committee discussed the possible significance of the dwelling and some members offered to provide additional information following the meeting.

However, due to the approved demolition, HRC suggested that staff explore Council's delegations in relation to heritage protection in the first instance.

Post meeting note: Committee members provided supplementary information in relation to the dwelling, which was very useful.

Council staff later received advice, which revealed that as a result of the approval of the demolition of the dwelling in 2020, Council would be unable to invoke an Interim Heritage Order under its current delegations. The only process to further heritage protection would be via the Minister.

The instigator of the request has indicated that they will independently pursue an avenue of heritage protection via the Minister.

Requests For Heritage Listing - Moonview and Horse Trough

File: CY00413/9

Vide: GB.3

More information needs to be gathered in relation to Moonview. HRC suggested having conversation with Environmental staff in relation to this item.

HRC agreed that the horse trough is unique and relatively rare. It is synonymous with the equine history of St Ives.

HRC support the proposed heritage listing; its retention in-situ and interpretation. Council staff to arrange for a specialist to advise on conservation of the trough.

Glengarry Preliminary Heritage Assessment

File: CY00413/9

Vide: GB.4

HRC agreed that Glengarry is a special place and also agreed that a further understanding of the extent of building fabric and Girl Guide precinct is required. A physical exploration of the site should be undertaken.

Railway Stations Update - Killara, Roseville, Pymble and Wahroonga

File: CY00413/9

Vide: GB.5

HRC noted Council's comments to TfNSW in relation to the proposal for Killara station however picked up a typographical error, where 'substantially' was noted as 'sustainably'. HRC would like to see the community have input in the proposal.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Mayor sent acknowledgement/thank you letters to Joanne Martens and Melika Aljukic for their commitment to and involvement in the Heritage Reference Committee

The Mayor noted that positive feedback continues to be received in relation to the refurbishment of the Council Chambers.

HRC discussed the Heritage Act Review comments, which are publicly available on the website. Comments focussed on current problems with the administration of the Act, not the Act itself.

HRC discussed glass recycled and whether this was being investigated by Ku-ring-gai.

Staff to circulate upcoming dates for HRC. Next meeting scheduled for 16 September 2021.

The Meeting closed at 2.15pm