

RYDE HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE 02 / 04

DATE: Wednesday 20 October 2004

TIME: 6.00 pm

LOCATION: Ryde Civic Centre – Level 5

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Councillor Terry Perram - Mayor
Representing City of Ryde
Councillor Nicole Campbell – Chairperson
Representing City of Ryde
Councillor Terry Ryan
Representing City of Ryde
Ms Jane Haydon
Representing Friends of the Hermitage
Ms Jennifer Minifie
Representing National Trust
Ms Jennifer Noble
Representing Brush Farm Historical Society
Mr Kevin Shaw
Representing Ryde District Historical Society
Ms Margarita Grunberg
Representing Putney District Progress Association
Mr Peter Bardos
Representing Meadowbank West Ryde Progress Association
Mr Phil Hunt
Representing Ryde Hunters Hill Flora and Fauna
Preservation Society
Ms Sue Weatherley
Group Manager – Environmental Planning
City of Ryde
Ms Angela Phippin
Local Studies Librarian, City of Ryde
Ms Meryl Bishop
Manager Strategic Planning, City of Ryde

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

APOLOGIES:

Mr Helge Sangkuhl
Representing Eastwood Community Association
Mr Patrick Sullivan
Representing Denistone Heritage & Environment
Preservation Group

MIN NO. 01 WELCOME

MIN NO. 02 Consideration and adoption of minutes 01 / 04

- Correction to the minutes – Patrick Sullivan representing Denistone Heritage and Environment Preservation Group and Councillor Terry Ryan – were an apology
- Julie Dawson – is not a member of this Committee
- Council staff is to be congratulated for the work undertaken on Brush Farm – including the endorsement of the Conservation Management Plan and the Brush Farm Estate Archaeology and Landscape Assessment.
- Minutes were presented to Council at the Committee of the Whole meeting on 20 October 2004

Noted

MIN NO. 03 Matters arising form the minutes

- Some residents living in the Outlook Estate are concerned about the draft LEP and draft DCP being prepared for the Estate. A report is be presented to Council on the draft LEP and draft DCP. It is also proposed to hold a series of workshops with the residents to work through the controls and provisions in the draft plan. This will occur in early 2005.

MIN NO. 04 Heritage Advisory Committee Responsibilities and Procedures

i) The Committee agreed to amend the Terms of Reference as follows:

- To promote the protections and conservation of Heritage items, properties located in a heritage conservation area and buildings structures, *places, sites* and elements that are of heritage significance (*words inserted*).
- To provide advice about potential heritage items (*new point*)

ii) Consideration and adoption of the minutes should adopt the following process:

- Draft minutes are checked by the chairperson
- Draft minutes and sent to the Committee members
- Draft minutes are presented to Council
- Minutes are adopted by the Committee at the next Committee meeting

iii) Heritage section is to be placed on Council's website. The information contained in this section would include:

- Heritage and history issues relating to the City of Ryde
- HAC responsibilities and procedures
- Meeting minutes
- Details on projects

MIN NO. 05 Update on Heritage Matters

i) Community Representative

The ad for the expression of interest will appear in The Weekly Times on 27 October 2004.

A copy of the ad was circulated at the meeting.

Nominations should be addressed to the General Manager and submitted to Council by 10 November 2004.

ii) Brush Farm House – Restoration works

- Council officers met with a representative from the Heritage Office regarding the development approval process Council will apply to undertake the restoration works on the house. Immediate and short-term works relate to the roof, weatherproofing, treatment for termites, internal structural repairs. Works are undertaken in accordance with the CMP. The approval process suggested by the Heritage Office are as follows:

- S60 applications submitted to the Heritage Office
- Integrated development application

The time frame for the lodgement of the S60 application is early 2005

- Council received \$50,000 funding from the Heritage Office, for undertaking the proposed works. An additional funding arrangement has also been made with the Department of Corrective Services.

- Council will apply for the funding to the Federal grants and funding programs. Applications close in February 2005.
- The Committee noted a letter from the Prime Minister – the Member for Bennelong received prior to the October election – supporting the restoration works to this significant property.
- Council staff will discuss the issue of possum's activity in building with Council's property services section.
- Brush Farm House / Estate is to be a standing item on the Committee agenda

iii) Hermitage

Council officers will write a follow-up letter to the Heritage Office regarding the state of disrepair of the Hermitage – in particular the owner is not undertaking appropriate action to maintain the buildings

MIN NO. 06 Work program

i) Information on Heritage matters

- Presentation – Heritage Legislative Framework. A copy of the presentation is attached.
- Future topics could include:
 - What makes a property a significant place
 - How is the impact of development on a heritage item/conservation area assessed
 - Community based heritage studies
- Committee members indicated that they would be willing to do presentations on various topics. Council staff will approach members individually on presentation topics. Note: The giving of a presentation is voluntary

ii) Heritage Tour

- The Heritage tour is to be held on 20 November 2004
- Committee members and Councillor's will be invited
- Access to Council properties and Riverview will be arranged

MIN NO. 07 General Business

i) Heritage Inventory sheets on issues such as owning a heritage item – draft copies will be circulated at the next Committee meeting

ii) War memorials

A small working group is to be established to work on a war memorial program to address issues such as:

- A heritage listing or some other method to protect the memorials. This was considered necessary when Council did not own the memorial.

- Memorials owned by Council should each have a maintenance Program
- Are there funding opportunities available to protect and/or upgrade the City's memorials.
- The work group will comprise:
 - Angela Phippin – Local Studies Librarian
 - Sue Weatherley – Group Manager, Environmental Planning
 - Councillor Nicole Campbell
 - Councillor Terry Ryan

Angela Phippin agreed to do a presentation on war memorials (meeting date to be determined). It was agreed that Council officers should write to organisations that have war memorials and invite them to the presentation.

- iii) Trees on North Ryde Community** are being removed, looped and researched further due to health issues surrounding the trees and public safety issues.
 Three opinions have been sought by Council to assess the trees and their future.
 It was thought that the plantings on the common would have occurred following World War II.
 The Committee members indicated that the trees were important for habitat reasons.
 The plan of management for North Ryde common should address these factors.

Next Meeting: 15 December 2004

Meeting Closed: 7.50pm

Attachments:

- **Heritage Advisory Committee – Responsibilities and Procedures – Adopted**
- **Presentation – Heritage Legislative Framework**