

RYDE HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE 01 / 05

DATE: Wednesday, 23 February 2005

TIME: 6.00 pm

LOCATION: Ryde Civic Centre – Level 5

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Councillor Nicole Campbell – Chairperson
Representing City of Ryde

Mr Patrick Sullivan
Representing Denistone Heritage & Environment
Preservation Group

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 Helge Sangkuhl
Representing Eastwood Community Association

Mr Phil Hunt
Representing Ryde Hunters Hill Flora and Fauna
Preservation Society

Dr Peter Mitchell
Community Representative

Mr Gregory Blaxell
Community Representative

Ms Angela Phippen
Local Studies Librarian, City of Ryde

Ms Meryl Bishop
Manager Strategic Planning, City of Ryde

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr Roy Newsome
Group Manager – Corporate Services, City of Ryde

Mr Pat Gunawardena
Property Services, City of Ryde

Mr Stephen Tyter
Property Services, City of Ryde

Ms Shellie Buckle
Web Co-ordinator, City of Ryde

MIN NO. 01 APOLOGIES:

Councillor Terry Perram - Mayor
Representing City of Ryde
Councillor Terry Ryan
Representing City of Ryde
Ms Jane Haydon
Representing Friends of the Hermitage
Ms Sue Weatherley
Group Manager – Environmental Planning
City of Ryde

MIN NO. 02 Consideration and adoption of minutes 03 / 04

- The Representatives present be amended to include:-
 - Dr Peter Mitchell
Community Representative
 - Mr Gregory Blaxell
Community Representative
 - Mr Patrick Sullivan
Representing Denistone Heritage & Environment Preservation
Group

MIN NO. 03 Matters arising form the minutes

- The Press are welcome at the Committee to report on and promote the activities of the Committee.
- The papers Northern District Times and The Weekly Times are to be invited to future meetings.

MIN NO. 04 Heritage Web Page

- The presentation on the contents of the proposed heritage web site was given by Shellie Buckle – Web Co-ordinator.
- A summary of the points raised by the Committee are outlined as follows:-
 - The content of the web page should not just relate to the built heritage.
 - The Top level menu should identify the “Hot Issues” eg. Brush Farm House.
 - A link be established to relevant DCPs eg. DCP 39, DCP 51 and DCP 52.

- Fact Sheets – the wording of the fact sheets should promote heritage issues surrounding heritage listed properties and development activities.
- Fact Sheets – suggested topics:-
 - What are your responsibilities.
 - How to place your property on a Heritage list.
- The wording used on the page needs to be targeted at the lay person - through the limited use of technical language.
- The News and Events should be linked to broader activities – eg. The Heritage Festival.
- The web page should highlight the existence of the Heritage Advisory Committee and a link be provided to Agendas and Minutes.
- A link be provided to the History Page.
- The page include a Q & A section (FAQ).
- The inclusion of an image gallery.
- A link is created to the Department of Environment and Heritage.
- Next Meeting 02/05 – A practice run on the use of the web is undertaken.
- Committee members provide Meryl Bishop with some information and text for the web page.
- The website is a standing item on the Committee's Agenda.

MIN NO. 05 Update on Heritage Matters

1). Brush Farm House and Estate

- Tanner Architects have been appointed to prepare the works program for the House.
- It is projected that works will commence in October 2005.
- Interim maintenance works are to be carried out as soon as practicable – including the installation of security.
- Tanner Architects will undertake stakeholder consultation as part of the work program project.

- A meeting is to be held with the Department of Corrective Services (DCS) to discuss the Department's contribution to the works (\$800,000) and the use of the house.
- Tanner Architects as part of the project is to identify and determine the appropriate uses for the building.
- Grants - \$50,000 has been received from the NSW Heritage Office. These funds will be spent in accordance with the work program. Federally, there are no funds or funding program currently available (Cultural Heritage Program). The program may or may not be refunded under the next budget.
- Council (in association with Tanner Architects) are aiming to do a presentation on Brush Farm House to the Prime Minister some time in April/May.
- Council has written to all State members seeking support and commitment to restoring the house.

Issues raised by the Committee

- Concern regarding DCS "exclusive" access to the house that may be required as part of the negotiated funding agreement.
- Representatives of HAC requested attendance at Council's meeting with DCS to discuss the future use of the building and the terms of agreement regarding their use of the House.
- Will Tanner Architects propose the restoration of the House as "Georgian" or "Victorian".

2). Heritage Festival – 9 to 17 April 2005

- It is proposed that on 16 April we hold the following:-
 - Open house at Riverview 10am to 12 noon.
 - Addington is open in the afternoon.
 - War Memorial Project is launched at Addington.

3). Anzac Day Celebrations

- Council has contacted the following clubs:-
 - Eastwood RSL – Peter Ward Smith.
 - Gladesville RSL – Lee Black.
 - North Ryde RSL – George Sachse.
 - Ryde Ex-Servicemen's Club – no contact made.

- The Clubs indicated that they are not doing anything out of the ordinary for this years celebrations.
- Discussions will be had with the Clubs about displaying information on the War Memorial Honour Board Project and the Anniversaries of the landing at Gallipoli and the ending of World War II.

MIN NO. 06 Work Program

- **Fact Sheets**
The draft Fact Sheets are to be placed on the draft web page – for next meeting.
- **Heritage War Memorial and Honour Board Project**
Expressions of interest to find a qualified person to undertake the Heritage War Memorial and Honour Board Project closed on 22 February 2005. The purpose of the project is to produce a comprehensive register of memorials of war within the City. The project requires the memorials to be identified, located, researched, transcribed and photographed.

Four submissions were received for the project. The project's working group (comprising Councillor Campbell, Councillor Ryan, Local Studies Librarian and Manager Strategic Planning) are to review the submissions on the following criteria:-

- Understanding of the project.
- Approach and methodology.
- Experience and expertise.
- Total cost of the project.

The project will be launched at Addington House on 16 April 2005.

MIN NO. 07 General Business

- Indigenous Heritage.**
Presentation given by Phil Hunt.

Issues raised by the Committee

- Is there an opportunity for the City of Ryde to join the indigenous heritage program being undertaken by Lane Cove, North Sydney, Warringah and Willoughby Councils.

Note: The position served 4 Councils with each Council contributing \$26,000 per annum. The 4 Councils have just signed up to the project for another 4 years.

- In Ryde – information on indigenous heritage is to be placed on the Heritage Web page.

The information and detail to be placed on the web should be guided by the Local Land Council.

- Phil Hunt and Peter Mitchell indicated they would assist with this process.

ii) 7-9 Rutledge Street, Eastwood.

For the next Committee meeting information is to be provided on the “Chain of Events” that lead on from the General Managers Report 19 October 2001 (Item 5) to the consent being granted for the demolition of the Church in July 2003.

iii) Significant Tree Register – Trees on Marsden Road.

The Urban Landscape Unit advised on 4 April 2005 that assessment of the issue had been completed and would be sent to Council in April for consideration.

iv) Brush Farm – Landscape and Archaeology Assessment Study.

The study will be presented to Council in April.

v) Federal Heritage Listing – Brush Farm House.

A nomination should be lodged for the listing of Brush Farm House – through the Department of Environment and Heritage.

vi) Attendance at Committee Meeting.

Jane Haydon – Friends of the Hermitage is unable to attend a number of the meetings this year due to existing engagements. An alternate from this organisation will attend when possible.

vii) Outlook Estate and Contiguous Areas.

Council’s Heritage consultant will re-commence this project.

MIN NO. 08 Next Meeting

- 13 April 2005

Meeting Closed: 8.30pm