

RYDE HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE 06 / 05

DATE: Wednesday, 14 December 2005

TIME: 6.35 pm

LOCATION: Ryde Civic Centre – Room 2 Level 5

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS

Councillor Ivan Petch – Mayor - **Chair**

Representing City of Ryde

Councillor Nicole Campbell

Representing City of Ryde

Councillor Terry Perram

Representing City of Ryde

Councillor Vic Tagg

Representing City of Ryde

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Ms Jennifer Noble

Representing Brush Farm Historical Society

Ms Jennifer Minifie

Representing National Trust

Ms Margarita Grunberg

Representing Putney District Progress Association

Mr Kevin Shaw

Representing Ryde District Historical Society

Mr Peter Mitchell

Community Representative

Mr Peter Bardos

Representing West Ryde–Meadowbank Progress Association

Mr Phil Hunt

Representing Ryde Hunters Hill Flora and Fauna
Preservation Society

Ms Jane Haydon

Representing Friends of the Hermitage

Mr Helge Sangkuhl

Representing Eastwood Community Association

Mr Greg Blaxell

Community Representative

COUNCIL STAFF

Ms Sue Weatherley

Group Manager – Environment and Planning

Mr Glenn Ford

Client Manager – City of Ryde

Ms Kate Higgins

Strategic Planner – Heritage – City of Ryde

Ms Angela Phippen

Local Studies Librarian, City of Ryde

MIN NO. 01 APOLOGIES:

Councillor Terry Ryan
Representing City of Ryde
Mr Patrick Sullivan
Representing Denistone Heritage & Environment
Preservation Group

MIN NO. 02 Consideration and adoption of Minutes 04 / 05

Minutes of the previous meeting of the committee were adopted with amendment of the heading of MIN NO.08 (i) to read "The Hermitage".

MIN NO. 03 Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting 04/05 and the meeting 05/05

i) Outlook Estate and Contiguous Area Consultation Process

- The Committee was advised that Council resolved at the Committee of the Whole meeting of 6 December 2005 that a draft local environmental plan be prepared to amend Ryde Planning Scheme Ordinance to list the proposed Denistone Conservation Area.
- The next step with regard to community consultation is to hold workshops for the preparation of the development control plan. Council at the COW meeting resolved that contributory buildings in the conservation area are not to be identified in the DCP and that the DCP is to be performance based.

ii) Section 170 Register – Heritage Properties held by Department of Corrective Services

Advice was provided to the Committee that the Department of Corrective Services has an Interim Heritage and Conservation Register that is being reviewed by the Heritage Section of the Department of Commerce. Brush Farm is not listed in the Interim Register and as the review of the Interim register is only of the existing items, it appears that Brush Farm will not be added to the Interim register in the immediate future. Council has sent the Heritage Section of the Department of Commerce a copy of Geoffrey Britton's Landscape and Archaeological Assessment.

iii) Brush Farm Plan of Management

Council's Parks Unit had intended that public consultation with stakeholders would occur at the same time as the exhibition of the draft-plan. Some concern was raised about this as the previous understanding was that the stakeholder meeting would occur prior to the draft plan being presented to Council and prior to it being placed on public exhibition.

MIN NO. 04 Heritage Matters

i) Brush Farm House

Progress report prepared by Roy Newsome Group Manager Corporate Services was noted. Council is also applying for a grant from the National Heritage Investment Initiative.

MIN NO. 05 Heritage Project and Work Program

i) War Memorial Project

The Committee was advised that a report to Council on this matter and follow-up work had been delayed due to lack of staff resources due to extended leave and resignations. This work will not commence until 2006. Angela Phippen advised that an application for funding for the data entry and photo scanning had been submitted. The Honour Boards have been inspected by a restorer and a quotation is awaited.

MIN NO. 06 Items raised by Committee Members

i) Curzon Hall

Development Application refused by Council at the COW meeting 6 December 2005.

ii) Council's Policy on Development adjacent to a State Heritage listed item in another council area but in the vicinity of sites in City of Ryde

A draft letter has been prepared by the Mayor regarding the agreement for a protocol of consultation and notification of Local Development Application on and near City of Ryde boundaries, particularly in the vicinity of identified heritage items. It is intended that this protocol include all adjoining Councils and not just Parramatta City Council.

MIN NO. 07 Actions

i) Listing of Brush Farm House on the Register of National Estate

The inventory sheet can be found at www.ahc.gov.au. Go to "The Register of the National Estate" then "search" the Register, then type in "Brush Farm". The inventory sheet appears to have been updated as the bibliography includes Geoffrey Britton's report.

ii) Harold Meggitt – Linseed Factory

Council's Parks Section has advised that the existing plaque mentions Meggitt's Linseed Oil Works. It was suggested that one way to commemorate the Linseed Works would be to name the wharf "Meggitt's Wharf". Consideration could also be given to interpreting the industrial history of the site.

iii) The Hermitage

The Committee was advised that The Hermitage property had been placed on the market for auction. The proposed auction did not proceed as the property was subsequently taken off the market. Verbal advice from the Real Estate Agent was that while there was interest in the heritage property and interest in the villa proposal, there was not sufficient interest in the combined development (where restoration of The Hermitage is required before the construction of new development) for the auction to proceed.

MIN NO. 08 Committee Projects for 2006

Possible HAC projects for 2006 are:

- Aboriginal places study (possibility to apply for funding)
- Methods for assisting owners of heritage listed properties
- Plaque for G. Blaxland in Eastwood Plaza
- Establishment of a Heritage Fund
- Blaxland Bicentenary celebration programme
- Register of existing (historic) survey marks
- Sandstone subdivision markers
- History of community groups
- Development of a local tourism strategy which would be linked to a heritage interpretation strategy.
- Categorisation of existing historical plaques.

MIN NO. 08 General Business

MIN NO. 10 Committee Chair

The current Chair, the Mayor –Councillor Petch, raised the option that the Chair of Committee could be a community representative rather than a Councillor. Councillor Petch requested that Committee members give consideration to this matter before the next meeting in February with a view to further discussion and a determination of the preferred approach at the next meeting.

MIN NO. 11 Next Meeting: Wednesday 15 February 2006 at 6.30pm

Meeting Closed: 8.00pm