

## RYDE HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE 04 / 06

**DATE:** Wednesday, 16 August 2006

**TIME:** 6.30 pm

**LOCATION:** Ryde Civic Centre – Room 2 Level 5

### REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

#### COUNCILLORS

Councillor Terry Perram – (Observer)  
Representing City of Ryde

#### COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Ms Jennifer Noble  
Representing Brush Farm Historical Society

Mr Patrick Sullivan  
Representing Denistone Heritage & Environment  
Preservation Group

Mr Peter Bardos  
Representing West Ryde–Meadowbank Progress Association

Ms Margarita Grunberg  
Representing Putney District Progress Association

#### COUNCIL STAFF

Mr Glenn Ford - **Acting Chair**  
Manager Strategic Planning and Client Management –  
City of Ryde

Ms Angela Phippen  
Local Studies Librarian, City of Ryde

Mr Mario D'Alessio  
Heritage Advisor, City of Ryde

#### OBSERVER

Ms Elaine Chaine – Resident of Putney

**MIN NO. 01 APOLOGIES:**

Councillor Ivan Petch – Mayor  
Representing City of Ryde

Councillor Vic Tagg  
Representing City of Ryde

Councillor Nicole Campbell  
Representing City of Ryde

Councillor Terry Ryan  
Representing City of Ryde

Ms Jane Haydon  
Representing Friends of the Hermitage

Mr Helge Sangkuhl  
Representing Eastwood Community Association

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

Ms Margarita Grunberg  
Representing Putney District Progress Association

Mr Peter Mitchell  
Community Representative

Ms Jennifer Minifie  
Representing the National Trust of Australia (NSW)

Mr Kevin Shaw  
Representing Ryde District Historical Society

Mr Greg Blaxell  
Community Representative

Ms Sue Weatherley  
Group Manager – Environment and Planning

Ms Kate Higgins  
Strategic Planner – Heritage – City of Ryde

**MIN NO. 02 Consideration and Adoption of Minutes 03 / 06**

The minutes of the meeting 03/06 were adopted.

**MIN NO. 03 Feedback on Council resolutions regarding recommendations of the Committee arising from previous meetings**

**Proposed redevelopment of Royal Rehabilitation Centre Sydney (RRCS) site at Putney.**

The Mayor had invited Ms Elaine Chaine, a resident of Putney, to attend the meeting. Ms Chaine spoke to the Committee about her concerns

regarding the proposed demolition of buildings on the RRCS site, particularly Weemala, Moorong and the Nurses Annex.

The Committee resolved to recommend to the Council that:

- A thorough, independent investigation be undertaken of the historic and heritage significance of buildings on the RRCS site.
- A submission be prepared to the NSW Department of Planning and other relevant organisations such as the National Trust on the heritage significance of buildings on the RRCS site.
- The submission be publicised to draw attention to the heritage issues on the RRCS site.

#### **MIN NO. 04 Brush Farm and Brush Farm Park**

Mario D'Alessio, Councils' Heritage Advisor, made a presentation on Brush Farm and Brush Farm Park including implementation proposals for the Plan of Management. The Committee discussed the need for good communication between all interested parties, particularly Council staff in Parks and Environment and Planning in carrying out the Plan of Management. Concern was also raised to resolve any outstanding issues relating to the form and management of the park.

It was resolved that:

- The report by Mr D'Alessio be received and noted.
- A site visit to Brush Farm Park be arranged for all interested parties.

#### **MIN NO. 05**

Invitation from Bushland Environs Advisory committee held over until the next meeting of the Committee.

#### **MIN NO. 06**

Heritage Week Activities held over until the next meeting of the Committee.

#### **MIN NO. 07 Framework for a heritage fund**

Ms Jennifer Noble sought the Committee's consideration for an approach to assist private owners of heritage properties with preserving the heritage aspects of their properties. Ms Noble discussed some of the difficulties and costs involved in maintaining a heritage listed property.

The Committee resolved to recommend to Council that:

- A report be prepared regarding the former Heritage Trust Fund operated by Council and potential re-activation of such a fund to assist owners of heritage properties.
- A survey of other Council's be undertaken to ascertain the approach taken to providing financial support to heritage properties.
- The Committee receive advice on any project or proposals to update the list of heritage items and the heritage inventory for the City Of Ryde.

#### **MIN NO. 08 Reports from Community Representatives**

##### **a) Denistone Heritage and Environment Preservation Group**

Mr Patrick Sullivan presented advice on the development of planning controls for the proposed Denistone Character Area and the next steps. In general, the document previously presented to Council needs to be modified and simplified and a local plebiscite be undertaken to determine the extent of community support for the controls prior to further consideration by Council.

##### **b) West Ryde – Meadowbank Progress Association**

Mr Peter Bardos raised the concerns of his Association to the scale of the proposed development of railway land immediately adjacent to the Ryedale Road Conservation Area. The WR-MPA endorses the concerns raised by Council that the height, scale of the proposed development is inappropriate and the impact of the conservation area of Ryedale Road is unacceptable.

He requested that Council's submission to the Minister be put on the Council website and be widely publicised.

#### **MIN NO. 9 Other business**

##### **East Ryde**

Ms Angela Phippen, Council's Local Studies Librarian updated the Committee on recent community meetings regarding a name change for the suburb "East Ryde". The meeting was well attended and generally resolved to maintain the existing name for the suburb.

#### **MIN NO. 10 Next Meeting:**

Wednesday 25 October 2006 at 6.30pm.

**Meeting Closed:** 8:00pm