

RYDE HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE 01 / 06

DATE: Wednesday, 15 February 2006

TIME: 6.30 pm

LOCATION: Ryde Civic Centre – Room 2 Level 5

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS

Councillor Ivan Petch – Mayor - **Chair**
Representing City of Ryde
Councillor Terry Ryan
Representing City of Ryde
Councillor Terry Perram
Representing City of Ryde (Observer)
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 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
Mr Patrick Sullivan
Representing Denistone Heritage & Environment
Preservation Group

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 Nicole Campbell
Representing City of Ryde
Mr Peter Bardos
Representing West Ryde–Meadowbank Progress Association

MIN NO. 02 Consideration and adoption of Minutes 06 / 05

Gregory Blaxell's name to be spelt correctly.
Department of Commerce not "Commence".

MIN NO. 03 Denistone Heritage Conservation Area

The Department of Planning has instructed the City of Ryde not to proceed with the draft local environmental plan to list the proposed Denistone Conservation Area in Ryde Planning Scheme Ordinance (RPSO).

Community consultation for the preparation of a DCP for the area is underway. From this consultation, it appears that a character area may be more acceptable to the community than a heritage conservation area. An option proposed by the Denistone Heritage and Environment Preservation Group was to break the larger Denistone Conservation/Character Area into several smaller areas.

This matter will be reported back to Council once the current the community consultation process for the DCP is complete.

MIN NO. 04 Section 170 register – Heritage properties held by Department of Corrective Services

As the Department of Corrective Services appears not to be listing the Corrective Services site with its Brush Farm remnants in its s170 Register, one option is for Council to amend its RPSO listing to include the expanded curtilage recommended by Geoffrey Britton. The Department of Corrective Services would then be advised of this.

MIN NO. 05 Brush Farm Plan of Management

A draft Plan of Management has been sent to The Brush Farm Historical Society for their comment. A stakeholders meeting is to be held on the 27 February 2006. The draft plan will be presented to Council and be placed on public exhibition after this meeting.

MIN NO. 06 Brush Farm House

A progress report prepared by Roy Newsome Group Manager Corporate Services was tabled. Council has applied for a \$500,000 grant from the National Heritage Investment Initiative.

Roy Newsome is to be invited to the next HAC meeting to present the progress of the work on Brush Farm House.

MIN NO. 07 Brush Farm Estate curtilage

The Landscape and Archaeology Assessment for Brush Farm Estate prepared by Geoffrey Britton, recommends that the current listing for Brush Farm be amended to include an area that more accurately describes the extent of extant resources associated with the former Estate. The Corrective Services site, part of Lambert Park, and the bowling club form part of this larger area but are not currently listed as heritage items.

The following properties would need to be listed as heritage items in Ryde Planning Scheme Ordinance in order to include all properties within the heritage listed curtilage recommended by Britton:

- the Corrective Services site, being lot 2 DP800471,
- part of Lambert Park, being lots 24 and 25 DP27511,
- Brush Farm Bowling Club, being lot 758 DP752035,
- Scout Club, being lot 177 DP752035

MIN NO. 08 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.

The creation of an electronic searchable database of the war memorials will proceed if there is money in next year's Council budget for this work. It is anticipated that the information will be placed in the library catalogue.

A quote of \$14,000 has been received for restoration of the Honour Boards held by Ryde Library. Other quotes are to be obtained. It is important that the restoration work is carefully done in accordance with good conservation practice and that the heritage values of the boards are not lost through inappropriate work.

MIN NO. 09 Curzon Hall

Council's refusal of the development application is currently being appealed by the applicant.

MIN NO. 10 Notification of development in other LGAs adjacent to the boundaries of the City of Ryde

A letter has been sent by the Mayor to neighbouring Mayors regarding the agreement for a protocol of consultation and notification of Local Development Application on and near the City of Ryde boundaries, particularly in the vicinity of identified heritage items.

MIN NO. 11 Harold Meggitt – Linseed Factory

In order to commemorate and interpret the industrial history of Banjo Patterson Park it is proposed to recommend to Council that the remaining wharf extending into Glades Bay be named "Harold Meggitt Wharf". It is also recommended that an interpretation panel with a potted history be located at the wharf. It is requested that funding be allocated in the appropriate section of Council's budget for 2006-2007 to carry out this work.

It is also proposed to publicly exhibit the artefacts from the old linseed factory that Council holds. Options for exhibition places include, Gladesville Library (in the foyer or in the lounge area) and Rockend Cottage (anteroom in a glass case). Exhibition options are to be discussed at the next meeting.

MIN NO. 12 The Hermitage

The City of Ryde has again approached the owners about tidying up the property. The grounds have been tidied in part but maintenance work is still required on the building. The NSW Heritage Office to be written to about this matter.

MIN NO. 13 Blaxland Bicentenary Celebrations

Gregory Blaxell outlined the programme of events for the celebrations and spoke about the book providing a short history of Blaxland's life. The events on the 11th April, include the unveiling of the Blaxland Plaque in Eastwood Mall to which school children have been invited, and a book launch and dinner at Brush Farm in the evening. The City of Ryde will be providing schools with a copy of the book plus a short unit of syllabus related work related to Blaxland. The Mayor suggested that Roseanne Gallo, Ryde's Citizen of the year, should be invited to be involved in the celebrations.

MIN NO. 14 Chairing of the Committee

After much discussion about the implications of having a community representative rather than a Councillor as Chair of the Committee, it was decided by a show of hands that the structure of the Heritage Advisory Committee should remain as it is at present. This means that a Councillor (in this case, the Mayor) remains as the Chair of the Committee.

It is noted that Gregory Blaxell objected to this decision and requested that his objection be so recorded.

MIN NO. 15 HAC Projects for 2006

A list of possible heritage projects was tabled, and the following projects recommended for 2006

- Register and mapping of existing survey marks
- Register and mapping of existing sandstone subdivision markers
- Establishment of a \$15,000 local heritage fund to assist owners of heritage listed properties
- Heritage awards program (Refer to the Access Committee awards program as a model)

A report expanding on and recommending these projects is to be prepared for Council.

MIN NO. 16 Northern Sydney Health Oral History Project

The Executive Unit of the Macquarie Hospital has requested a grant to go towards their oral history project. The Committee does not a budget allocation and so cannot make a grant. However, Council's IT Section is to be approached to see if they have "Dragon" software that could be lent to the researchers.

MIN NO. 17 History of Park Names

A table of park names and their history is currently being prepared by the City of Ryde's GIS section (Chris Walker). The table lists the name of the park, when the name was assigned and the source of the name. It was proposed that the table, when completed, be placed on Council's website. It was recommended that the suburb name of the park be included and that the asset number be deleted.

MIN NO. 18 Reports from Community representatives

No reports made at this meeting, with the exception of the Denistone Heritage & Environment Preservation Group regarding the proposed Denistone Conservation Area.

MIN NO. 19 Boyd Pottery Works

An archival recoding is currently being prepared.

MIN NO. 20 Next Meeting: Wednesday 5 April 2006 at 6.30pm (Note: A list of proposed meeting dates for the remainder of 2006 was tabled.)

Meeting Closed: 8.55pm