

RYDE HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE 04/ 07

DATE: Wednesday, 22 August 2007

TIME: 6.00 pm

LOCATION: Ryde Civic Centre – Room 2 Level 5

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:
COUNCILLORS

Councillor Ivan Petch – Mayor - **Chair**
Representing City of Ryde

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Ms Jennifer Noble
Representing Brush Farm Historical Society
Ms Jennifer Minifie
Representing the National Trust of Australia (NSW)
Mr Kevin Shaw
Representing Ryde District Historical Society
Mr Peter Bardos
Representing West Ryde–Meadowbank Progress Association
Mr Patrick Sullivan
Representing Denistone Heritage and Environment
Preservation Group
Mr Greg Blaxell
Community Representative

COUNCIL STAFF

Ms Sue Weatherley
Group Manager – Environment and Planning
Ms Meryl Bishop
Manager – Urban Planning – City of Ryde
Ms Angela Phippen
Local Studies Librarian - City of Ryde
Ms Kate Higgins
Senior Strategic Planner– City of Ryde
Mr Garry Stanley
Heritage Advisor – City of Ryde

MIN NO. 01 Apologies

Councillor Terry Perram
Representing City of Ryde
Councillor Nicole Campbell
Representing City of Ryde
Councillor Vic Tagg
Representing City of Ryde
Councillor Terry Ryan
Representing City of Ryde
Mr Helge Sangkuhl

Representing Eastwood Community Association
Ms Margarita Grunberg
Representing Putney District Progress Association
Mr Phil Hunt
Representing Ryde Hunters Hill Flora and Fauna
Preservation Society
Mr John Hull
Representing Friends of the Hermitage
Ms Eleanor Chaine
Community Representative
Mr Peter Mitchell
Community Representative

MIN NO. 02 Consideration and adoption of Minutes 03 / 07

The minutes of the meeting 03/07 were adopted.

MIN NO. 03 Review of Committee's Terms of Reference

Reference was made to the Heritage Advisory Committee Draft Terms of Reference dated 1 July 2007. It was recommended that the following changes need to be incorporated:

- "Voting" this clause needs to be reviewed, the text after "unless..." be deleted
- "Proxy" this clause needs to be removed.
- Matters raised in "General Business" could be included in the Agenda.

MIN NO. 04 Conservation Management Plans for Willandra, Eastwood Town Hall, The Parsonage and Westward Cottage.

Kate Higgins tabled the four CMPs for the Committee's information. The CMPs have been placed on Council's web page in PDF format. Members of the Committee are invited to make comment on the CMP.

A copy of the draft CMPs for Willandra and Eastwood Town Hall, and the final CMPs for the Parsonage and Westward Cottage were given to the Ryde District Historical Society.

MIN NO. 05 Brush Farm Park Draft Plan of Management.

A lengthy discussion occurred on the Brush Farm Park Draft Plan of Management, and the Committee's involvement in reviewing and commenting on the draft plan that will be presented to Council and placed on public exhibition. A summary of the points raised by the committee members during this discussion include:

- Concern that the Committee had not viewed the other submissions received on the draft plan.
- The Committee's focus should relate to heritage matters. However it was noted that comments would also relate to correcting factual errors within the plan.

The Heritage Advisory Committee resolved to establish a sub committee known as "The Brush Farm Park Plan of Management Sub Committee" comprising Greg Blaxell, Jenny Noble and Jenny Minifie.

The outcome of the discussion was the following recommendation:

- a) The content of the Draft Plan
 - acknowledges the terraces as existing archaeological elements,
 - ensures the protection of the view cone from Brush Farm House, and
 - correctly categorises the Park's vegetation.
- c) The Brush Farm Park Plan of Management Sub committee review and comment on the Draft Plan of Management prior to it being reported to Council for public exhibition.

MIN NO. 06 Membership of Committees

It was agreed that letters are to be sent to Eastwood Community Association, and the Hunters Hill Flora and Fauna Preservation Group. The purpose of the letters is for the groups to name a replacement representative and an alternative representative.

MIN NO. 07 Heritage Fund – Consideration of applications

Six applications were received by Council for grants from the heritage assistance fund. Copies of the submissions were distributed to members by email, and a summary sheet was tabled by Garry Stanley, indicating that the total value of the proposed works is approximately \$12,250. The committee generally supported the applications and recommended that the grants as proposed in the applications be made and the funds unspent this year be rolled over to next years fund.

The suggestion that the fund be expanded to included heritage properties that are not listed was not supported because of previous decisions made on this initiative to fund only heritage listed buildings.

MIN NO. 08 Reports from Community Representatives

Kevin Shaw advised of the formation of a local community group of local clergymen who are interested in commemorating significant clergymen of the district. Two have been suggested:

- Samuel Marsden who could be memorialised at West Ryde.
- Reverend Henry the first parson who could be memorialised at Top Ryde.

Jenny Noble reported on issues associated with Brush Farm Historical Society.

- The Open Day for 1 September has been fully booked.
- Concern was expressed that the proper process had been undertaken with regard to the cutting down of two old dead trees on the terraces of Brush Farm Park. Sue Weatherly advised that Council's Client Managers had recently undertaken training with internal staff on dealing with DA procedures for Council owned properties.
- Jenny asked that the status of the landscape concept plan prepared by Geoffrey Britton be confirmed.

Peter Bardos, of West Ryde-Meadowbank Progress Association advised that new items are needed for their newsletter and would like to hear suggestions from Committee members.

Patrick Sullivan advised that the proposed preliminary draft controls for the Denistone Character Area are supported as they will ensure that future changes will maintain the character of the area, and noted that there will be a meeting on 24. September 2007, at Denistone Sports (Bowling) Club from 7 – 8.30 pm to present and discuss the controls.

Greg Blaxell reported that for History and Heritage week, nine local schools will be involved in activities at Brush Farm House with activity sheets and brochures to be sent back to schools. Other groups will be WEA, University of the Third Age, and the Horbury Hunt Group.

Jenny Noble expressed concern about the landscape detail and quality of the driveway outside “Riverview:” in Rutledge St. compromising its setting. It was agreed that heritage advisor would check with Terry Wilkinson regarding this matter,

Greg Blaxell raised concern about the rescuing of the steeple of St. Andrews church. Apparently no firm decision has been made about the site for the relocation.

Jennifer Minifie enquired about progress on the preparation of the local strategy and Comprehensive Local Environment Plan, with regard to the addition of new heritage items. An update would be provided at the next meeting.

MIN NO. 09 Macquarie University Heritage Interpretation Project

Greg Blaxell reported on the progress of this project. Two students are undertaking projects:

- Managing collections and sorting of items from the Brush Farm Historical Society collection
- Exhibition to be held at Brush Farm House on an aspect of its history.

Liaison has been maintained with Paul Graham and a procedure could be established to allow for the continuity of work after the completion of the current tasks at the end of this year.

MIN NO. 10 General Business

Sue Weatherly advised that the Draft Inner North Sub Regional Strategy is currently on public exhibition and that a submission could be made by a community representative.

MIN NO.11 Next Meeting: Wednesday 17 October 2007 at 6.00pm at Northern Suburbs Cemetery (Macquarie Cemetery) preceded by tour of Cemetery at 5.00pm

Meeting Closed: 8.05pm