

RYDE HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE 02/ 08

DATE: Wednesday 16th. April 2008

TIME: 6.00 pm

LOCATION: Level 5 Civic Centre Ryde

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS

Councillor Ivan Petch – Mayor - **Chair**
Representing City of Ryde
Councillor Terry Perram
Representing City of Ryde
Councillor Terry Ryan
Representing City of Ryde
Councillor Vic Tagg
Representing City of Ryde

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Ms Jennifer Noble
Representing Brush Farm Historical Society
Ms Margarita Grunberg
Representing Putney District Progress Association
Mr Peter Mitchell
Community Representative
Mr. John Hull
Representing Friends of the Hermitage
Ms. Jennifer Minifie
Representing the National Trust and the Hunters Hill
Flora and Fauna Preservation Society.
Mr. Richard Wright
Representing Ryde District Historical Society
Community representative
Peter Bardos
Community representative
Eleanor Chaine

COUNCIL STAFF

Ms Sue Weatherley
Group Manager – Environment and Planning
Angela Phippen
Local Studies Librarian – City of Ryde
Mr Garry Stanley
Heritage Advisor – City of Ryde

MIN NO. 01 Apologies

Councillor Nicole Campbell
Representing City of Ryde
Community representative
Greg Blaxell
Ryde District Historical Society
Mr. Kevin Shaw

MIN NO. 02 Consideration and adoption of Minutes 01/ 08

The minutes of the meeting 01/08 were adopted.

MIN NO. 03 Heritage Fund – consideration of one new work

Garry Stanley reported that the owner of 94 Winbourne Rd. West Ryde will be applying for funding for a new corrugated iron roof and guttering for their Victorian style dwelling (heritage item) On the submission of this last application the fund is now fully subscribed.

The attached sheet details the works and payments made to date.

MIN. NO. 04 National Trust Heritage Festival 5th. – 20th. April 2008

Two walking tours were held during the festival.

- Open day at Ryde Village on the 5th. April
- Open day at Brush Farm House on the 12th. April

Brochures for each were produced, attached, and both events were fully booked and were considered a success by the organisers and participants.

MIN. No. 05 Brush Farm House Curtilage Update.

The last version of the landscape plan 'H' was circulated, and a copy will be emailed to members. The most significant changes are the relocation of the western footpath, to reflect required grades, the incorporation of a small area of turf east of the hall, and the correct size of the fig tree south of the house shown.

A sample of the revised recommended gravel path, a combination of loose gravel over an epoxy base was presented. The sample has been endorsed by the Heritage Office.

Jeff Dearden has reported that version 'H' of the landscape plan, which incorporates all issues raised by the stakeholders is now with the Heritage Office for their approval.

The approval will allow for the submission of the draft concept plan to be presented to the Committee as a Whole for approval.

Tenders can then be called for the approved landscape works.

MIN. NO. 06 Brush Farm Park, Plan of Management update

Sue Weatherley reported that supplementary information providing details on the resources required to implement the action / recommendations within the Plan of Management is to be prepared and will be reported to Council with the final draft anticipated to be early August. Jennifer Noble has requested that the Britton report be appended to the CMP.

Peter Mitchell requested that a small grant be applied from the Heritage Office to have an archaeologist identify and map the vineyard terraces.

Jennifer Minifie suggested that an oral history project be undertaken for people who worked at the Estate, in its various activities with a possible exhibition to follow. It was also suggested that this could be broadened

to include the whole of Ryde, but it needs to be well structured. There is grant money available about May. It was suggested that Angela Phippen might prepare a proposal.

MIN NO. 07 Brush Farm House Use Update

Garry Stanley reported that the house is currently being used as an Art gallery. For this purpose the Wallematta Room has a temporary plasterboard wall installed which covers windows and fireplace, and other rooms on the ground floor now have hanging rails. There is currently a schools art exhibition installed.

The three interpretive panels have been installed in the rear corridor of the house.

A Mayoral Reception for the Central Darling / COR Advisory Committee was held on the evening of Wednesday the 2nd. April with approximately 150 people in attendance.

The Committee resolved that Council consider a bi-annual; Autumn -Spring community food wine and music festivals specifically associated with the history of Brush Farm House. The event would utilise the newly completed curtilage and possibly the lower Parkland. Possible first one in Autumn 2009.

Update on uses to be presented at next meeting.

MIN NO. 08 Willandra landscape Update, Eastwood Town Hall update

Garry Stanley reported on the proposed landscape works including replacement fencing to Willandra, and the recently completed painting and fenceworks to Eastwood Town Hall. Data sheets on each project were prepared and distributed to members of the Committee.

MIN. NO. 09 Parramatta River Heritage Study, update

Sue Weatherley thanked the Committee who provided comment on Stage 1 of the Report. Kate Higgins and Elizabeth Red are meeting with the consultants regarding feedback on stage 1 Report, and to discuss the steps required to finalise Stage 3; Significant Assessment, Interpretation framework and Management Recommendation. The Committee will be provided with the draft final document for review.

MIN. NO. 10 Reports from Community Representatives.

Peter Bardos expressed concern about works being undertaken in areas adjacent to Parramatta River before recommendations had come from the River Heritage Study. Sue Weatherley explained that funding had come from a grant and it was impossible to schedule. High on priority list of works were a path at Meadowbank Park. Jenny Noble expressed the need for more appropriate finishes to various places around the City.

John Hull reported on recent sales and ownerships of the Hermitage

Since the CSIRO buildings were demolished. There are currently two owners, and no activity on the site. He is concerned that the building is being demolished by neglect, and the site needs to be cleaned up. Legal advice is being sought whether DA is lapsed. Council will ultimately assess this determination. Owners are seeking modifications to consent which total restoration. Heritage Office is not in a position to act at present.

Peter Bardos. reported that Greg Blaxell recently spoke to the Meadowbank Progress Association. Concern was expressed about the removal of the industrial building at 37 Nancarrow Rd. Meadowbank as a heritage item. Council will present three options for the Constitution / Railway Rd. public domain on the 30th. April.

MIN NO. 11 General Business

11.1 Sue Weatherley reported on the Gladesville Town Centre and Victoria Rd. corridor – potential listing of properties. The 2004 Paul Davies Heritage Study proposed a Conservation area and 6 additional heritage items. Each property owner was consulted and the outcomes of the consultation were reported to Council on the 15th. April. The outcomes were;

- Properties not to be listed, but listed as contributory items in the Draft Development Control Plan:

142-145 Victoria Rd. (1930s commercial building)

1B Western Crescent (Former rectory associated with Christ Church)

6-8 Western Crescent (Jordon Hall)

- Properties to be listed

329 Victoria Rd. (Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, early 20th. century church and school)

334 – 336 Victoria Rd. archeology associated with Osgathorpe House (Only part of the site).

- Properties not to be listed.

328 Victoria Rd. (Former Cinema)

11.2 Garry Stanley reported that there was a meeting with Public Works and Parks on Tuesday the 16th. to discuss proposed works to the listed Eastwood Park and the listed Grandstand. Concern was expressed for the Croquet Club building maintenance. Consideration to be given to the use of this building as a possible venue for the HAC meeting, in warmer weather.

11.3 Sue Weatherley reported that Meryl Bishop has established an internal group comprising representatives from units across Council dealing with buildings and parklands that have heritage significance or are listed. The first meeting will be held late April early May.

11.4 Jenny Noble reported that History Week will be on the 6th – 13th September, and registration of events are required. Garry Stanley suggested that an exhibition on the landscape of Brush Farm could be held at BFH to coincide with the completion of the curtilage works.

- 11.5** Councillor Terry Ryan expressed concern about the steeple of St. Andrews Church Eastwood. The church was not listed and the current DA for the site will lapse. It was suggested that the steeple could be relocated to St. Andrews clubhouse.
- 11.6** The Committee resolved that the steeple has some heritage significance and is to be considered to be re-used on another site.
- 11.7** Jennifer Noble expressed concern about land for sale in Marsden Rd. opposite the rear of BFH in Parramatta LGA and the potential impact that any development might have on BFH.

MIN NO.12. Next Meeting: Wednesday 16 June 2008 at 6PM
Civic Centre, Ryde.

Meeting Closed: 8.10 pm