

RYDE HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE 03/ 08

DATE: Wednesday 18th . June 2008

TIME: 6.00 pm

LOCATION: Level 6 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

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Ms Jennifer Noble
Representing Brush Farm Historical Society
Mr Greg Blaxell
Community representative
Ms Margarita Grunberg
Representing Putney District Progress Association
Mr Peter Mitchell
Community Representative
Mr John Hull
Representing Friends of the Hermitage
Mr Peter Bardos
Community representative
Ms Eleanor Chaine
Community representative

COUNCIL STAFF

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

MIN NO. 01 Apologies

Councillor Vic Tagg
Representing City of Ryde
Councillor Nicole Campbell
Representing City Of Ryde
Mr Kevin Shaw
Ryde District Historical Society
Mr Patrick Sullivan
Denistone Heritage & Environment
Preservation Group

Ms Diane Openshaw
President, Brush Farm Historical Society
Helge Sangkuhl
Eastwood Community Association
Ms Jennifer Minifie
Representing the National Trust and the Hunters Hill
Flora and Fauna Preservation Society.
Ms Meryl Bishop
Manager – Urban Planning – City of Ryde

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

Jenny Noble pointed out that the minutes did not state that the HAC recommends appending the Britton Report to the Plan of Management of the Brush Farm Park and Lambert Park. This proposal was supported by the Committee

The minutes of the meeting 02/08 were adopted.

Jenny Noble expressed concern about the correctness of these minutes before going to Council. Sue Weatherley suggested that they be circulated as a draft before being presented to Council.

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

Garry Stanley reported that the owner of 136-138 Rowe St. Eastwood, An Art Deco style shop, and heritage item, has completed the painting of the exterior of the building in the agreed colours. The work has been inspected and is considered satisfactory, and payment of \$2500 from the fund is recommended. With this payment approximately half the Heritage Assistance fund for 07-08 has been expended to date.

MIN. No. 04 Brush Farm House

Five tenders have been received for the construction of the landscape curtilage and are currently being assessed. A recommendation will be forwarded to Finance and Audit Committee 24 June. It is anticipated a start mid July with a September completion.

Greg Blaxell raised concerns about public access during that period, particularly during History Week and the 7th. September tour.

Greg also expressed concern about the temporary wall in the gallery which covers the fireplace, in that it diminished heritage value of house, and that it had possibly not been cleared by Heritage Office.

Tenders for the provision of Business Planning Services for Brush Farm House have been received and the preferred consultant has been listed. A recommendation will be forwarded to the Executive Team this week.

The gallery space is almost booked out from August - December 08 with a variety of exhibitors. The House continues to be hired out for a number of uses.

A Development Application is being prepared for the temporary marquee and toilets at the rear of Brush Farm House.

MIN. NO. 05 Work on Council owned heritage properties

An update of the schedule of works affecting heritage items owned by the City was presented. The most significant work recently undertaken was at Willandra where the clearing of the olive plantings along the northern and western boundaries of the site have been completed. A quote has been received for the complete replacement of the picket and paling fences. Modifications to scope are being undertaken to meet the budget.

MIN NO. 06 Heritage Review

Garry Stanley reported that Council had started a review of Heritage Items for inclusion in the Comprehensive Local Environment Plan to be completed by December 08. Items in the existing schedule of the LEP, and items proposed by staff and the HAC in 2003. The HAC can still nominate items for consideration.

Councillor Perram raised concern about listing of private properties, and stressed the need for one on one consultation with property owners for proposed new listings of private dwellings.

The Mayor, Councillor Ivan Petch raised concern about removing Conservation areas from the LEP. Sue Weatherly outlined The Department of Planning was not supportive of new Conservation Areas as it considered that they prevented development. the proposed revision to the E P and Assessment Act with regard to Exempt and Complying which will reduce time for assessment. This will not apply to heritage items and Conservation areas.

MIN. NO. 07 Reports from Community Representatives

John Hull expressed his continuing concern about the security at the Hermitage as access is easy and vandals have broken in causing more damage.

Sue Weatherly reported that Council officers met with an officer from the Heritage Office Friday 13.06.08 to inspect current state of repair of the house.

HAC wants Ryde Council to take a firm role with the Heritage Office.

The Mayor, Councillor Ivan Petch will prepare a Mayoral Minute which will recommend that the Heritage Office exercise its statutory authority in regard to insisting that the owner undertakes urgent repairs to secure the building.

Greg Blaxell has been approached by Northern District Times to write a story about the house including current actions by the HAC and Council.

MIN NO. 08 Heritage Interpretation for Weemala (at Ryde Rehabilitation Centre)

Councillor Ivan Petch, Mayor has suggested that a plaque be incorporated in the redevelopment of the Ryde Rehabilitation Centre which needs to recognise the persons who donated the land as well as acknowledgement of grant.

The Heritage Study did not identify buildings on the site, but did recognise the significance of the landscape. In the redevelopment, the possibility of keeping the buildings was explored.

The draft Statement of Commitment, from the Environmental Assessment report, Commitment 13, states that a detailed design proposal interpreting the heritage of the site is to be prepared before completion of construction. In Council's submission to the Department of Planning it is recommended that the applicant prepare an interpretation plan.

That interpretation plan be prepared by a suitably qualified expert and to the satisfaction of the Council or in accordance with Heritage Office guidelines.

The interpretation signage use Councils standard suite of signs.

That the interpretation include a photograph of Weemala,

The committee also requested that an archival record be made of the Buildings on the site.

MIN NO. 09 General Business

Brush Farm Park Plan of Management

An application for funding to have the survey of the terraces and the view will be made to the Heritage Office in July 08.

Lambert Park works are part of the Archer Creek work and will not effect Brush Farm Park.

The draft of Foreshore Heritage Study has been received and will go to Council as soon as possible.

Angela Phippen reported that the library has arranged for Ryde valuation cards 1916-1925 and sewerage diagrams from the late 1920s to be digitized and be available on DVD in about 6- 8 weeks. This information can also include house names and will be invaluable in researching house histories.

It was noted that the burial and cremation register for Macquarie Park Cemetery and the Catholic section of Field of Mars Cemetery are already on line.

MIN NO.10 Next Meeting: Wednesday 20th. August 2008 at 6PM
Civic Centre, Ryde.

Meeting Closed: 8.05 pm.