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<b>Venue:</b>	Meeting Room, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde	
<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2018	
<b>Time:</b>	6.00pm	Started at: 6.00pm      Closed at: 8.10pm
<b>Chair:</b>	Councillor Gordon	
<b>Meeting Support (MS):</b>	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
<b>Staff Convenor:</b>	Lexie Macdonald, Senior Coordinator – Strategic Planning	
<b>Circulation:</b>		

**Committee Role:**

The primary role of the Heritage Advisory Committee is to provide advice to Council about the preservation and enhancement of items and places within the City of Ryde that are of natural, indigenous, cultural, social, aesthetic or historic significance.

**Committee Members as per the Terms of Reference**

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x		Councillor Gordon	Chairperson	City of Ryde
	x	Councillor Clifton	Delegate	City of Ryde
x		Ms Lyn Langtry	Community Representative	Ryde-Hunters Hill Flora and Fauna Preservation Society
	x	Mrs Betty Willis	Community Representative	Ryde District Historical Society
x		Kim Phillips	Community Representative	Ryde District Historical Society
x		Dr Peter Mitchell	Community Representative	
x		Ms Suzanne Marks	Community Representative	
	x	Ms Beth Kosnik	Community Representative	
x		Ms Cate Fisher	Community Representative	
x		Toni Courtellis	Community Representative	
		Rose Torossian	Community Representative	
x		Doris Carrall	Community Representative	
		Linda Evans	Community Representative	
x		Jim Vaughan	Community Representative	

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x		Dyalan Govender	Manager – City Planning	City of Ryde
x		Lexie Macdonald	Senior Coordinator – Strategic Planning	City of Ryde
x		Michael Edwards	Heritage Advisor	City of Ryde
x		Angela Phippen	Local Studies Librarian	City of Ryde
x		Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde

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1.	<b>Present – As above. In addition Councillor Kim was in attendance as an observer.</b>	As noted.
2.	<b>Apologies – As above.</b>	As noted.
3.	<b>Confirmation of Heritage Advisory Committee Minutes</b>	Noted.

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<p>There were no minutes to confirm as this is the first meeting of the newly convened Heritage Advisory Committee.</p>	
<p><b>4. Welcome and Introductions</b></p> <p>Councillor Gordon as Chair welcomed all present.</p> <p>The members of the Committee introduced themselves as follows:</p> <p>Dyalan Govender:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has previously lived in Ryde but has no expertise in heritage matters.</li> </ul> <p>Kim Phillips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President of Ryde District Historical Society.</li> <li>• Main interest to capture items and record the history of Ryde.</li> </ul> <p>Angela Phippen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local studies librarian and has an interest and passion for many aspects of history and in particular Ryde’s history.</li> </ul> <p>Jim Vaughan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President Brush Farm House Historical Society.</li> <li>• Genealogist and member of Historic Houses Association of Australia.</li> <li>• Has a general interest in history, particularly social history.</li> </ul> <p>Clr Peter Kim:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wants to promote and protect heritage in Ryde</li> <li>• Has recently discovered the joys of history.</li> </ul> <p>Cate Fisher:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Became interested in history and joined the committee when she was working to restore a heritage listed house she owned in Eastwood.</li> </ul> <p>Peter Mitchell:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Previous involvement in history at Macquarie University</li> <li>• Has been responsible for much of the research and work on the walking trail booklets</li> <li>• Bennelong and his burial site and the boat sheds at Putney are major interests</li> </ul> <p>Suzanne Marks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is a descendant of James Patton and has an interest in the history of the local area.</li> </ul> <p>Lyn Langtry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was a high school history teacher.</li> <li>• Was responsible for Council forming this committee over twenty years ago.</li> <li>• Represents the RHHFFPS on this committee and has an interest in natural history.</li> </ul> <p>Doris Carrall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has looked after Addington for ten years.</li> <li>• Has had a love of heritage since she was five years old.</li> </ul> <p>Michael Edwards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has background in Planning and Heritage and is Heritage Advisor to City of Ryde Council.</li> <li>• Is a 7<sup>th</sup> generation convict descendant</li> <li>• Has close family ties to Ryde area.</li> </ul>	<p>The information was noted.</p>

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	<p>Lexie McDonald</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is passionate about protecting the history of Ryde</li> <li>• Prepares heritage lists as part of her job at Ryde</li> <li>• Has been a heritage officer in previous employment</li> </ul> <p>Toni Courtellis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has a particular interest in Willandra and art.</li> </ul> <p>Clr Christopher Gordon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deputy Mayor</li> <li>• Has an interest in heritage and is a music composer by profession.</li> </ul>	
5.	<p><b>Code of Conduct</b></p> <p>Dyalan explained the obligations of all committee members under Council’s Code of Conduct.</p> <p>A written complaint can be made if any member feels an item under the Code of Conduct has been breached.</p> <p>The committee can provide advice to Council but has no delegated power to direct staffing or Council resources.</p> <p>If any member feels they have a conflict of interest, this should be declared prior to discussion on the relevant item.</p>	The information was noted.
6.	<p><b>Adoption of Terms of Reference</b></p> <p>Lexie explained the relevant sections of the Terms of Reference unique to this committee.</p>	Suzanne Marks and Peter moved and seconded adoption of the Terms of Reference. Unanimous
7.	<p><b>Presentation – Bennelong’s grave site</b></p> <p><b>Joseph Adam addressed the committee and was joined by Des Madden via phone hookup</b></p> <p>At the end of 2017, a property at 25 Watson St Putney came onto the market. The property may contain the site of Bennelong’s grave.</p> <p>Joseph Adam has sought support from John Howard and John Alexander to purchase the property.</p> <p>He has also enlisted help from Peter King – former head of UNESCO and Heritage Commission.</p> <p>After investigation and discussion between various parties, Premier Berejiklian has advised the sale agent that the contract for sale must be updated to reflect the possible heritage site involving Bennelong.</p> <p>It is hoped the state government may purchase the property and then carry out necessary investigations on the site.</p> <p>Des Madden then addressed the committee via phone hookup. His father is an Eora elder.</p> <p>Des detailed the actions of his father and his belief that the site is likely to be the resting place of Bennelong.</p> <p>Des is happy to pursue the matter and is pleased to have the support of the Premier and Council.</p>	<p>An interview with Christopher Pyne regarding this subject will be made available to the committee.</p> <p>The Committee supports the concept of a working party.</p> <p>The Committee offers to support a notice of motion to Council to protect, acknowledge and investigate the possible burial site of Bennelong.</p> <p>City of Ryde Offices to be considered as the venue for any meetings, should the working party proceed.</p>

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<p>It has been noted that the Bennelong was buried with one of his wives and his nephew. If any future investigation identifies a grave with three bodies then it is very likely the grave is that of Bennelong.</p> <p>Peter King has agreed to chair a bi-partisan working group including the Mayor or his representative, Member for Bennelong, Member for Lane Cove, Eora representatives and others should it be required. Other members of the committee would include Jody Orcher, Des Madden, Professor Shane Houston, Dr Peter Mitchell, Joseph Adam and possibly Adam Madden.</p> <p>If the government does not fund the full purchase of the property, it will be asked to contribute some funding to be augmented by funds raised through crowd funding.</p> <p>Peter Mitchell has noted that it is difficult to identify the exact burial site of Bennelong as there is no written proof to suggest that the graves are definitely in the area near the property for sale.</p> <p>Dr Mitchell asked - Is it possible to state that the burial site is in the general area as records do not identify the site with any accuracy? Would this satisfy the Aboriginal community?</p> <p>Mr Adam sought a letter of support from Council to provide to the Premier.</p> <p>For such a letter to be provided, Council will need to pass a motion which would offer to protect, carry out investigation and acknowledge the site as the burial site of Bennelong.</p> <p>Council would need to be aware of future financial implications such as maintenance, etc in agreeing to support this project.</p>	
<p><b>8. Bennelong – update from Council</b></p> <p>Lexie updated the group on relevant legislation in relation to the possible burial site of Bennelong.</p> <p>The property currently for sale, is listed as an archaeological site in Council’s LEP and on the AHEMs register. This gives it protection under National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.</p> <p>Under S.83 of the Act, Aboriginal objects are property of the crown. This includes remains.</p> <p>S.86 sets penalties for harming or desecrating Aboriginal objects.</p> <p>If an Aboriginal Impact Heritage Permit is to be sought, there is a comprehensive process to follow.</p> <p>To conduct test trench excavation, a permit would be required and it would be a protracted process.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p>
<p><b>9. Matters of Interest</b></p> <p><u>Rising Tide Walking Tour App</u></p> <p>Michael gave a follow up on the work done by Canada Bay Council re the walking trail along the river front. Postcards promoting the walking tour are available and can be obtained from the library.</p> <p><u>Gladesville Heritage Walking Trail – publication of new booklets</u></p> <p>Michael provided copies of the booklet to the committee members and asked committee members to take a bundle for distribution to their interest groups and networks.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p><u>Gladesville Heritage Walking Trail/clock tower launch event</u></p> <p>A joint event to recognise the restoration of the clock tower and publication of the booklet is to be arranged.</p> <p>The proposed date of the launch is 16<sup>th</sup> March for a morning tea time event.</p> <p>Further details to be provided as they become available.</p> <p>Michael updated the group on the restoration work carried out and the decision which lead to the original design being implemented when the tower was restored.</p> <p>Michael has since found photographic evidence from 1947 that shows the original engineers design was not followed – contrary to what was previously thought (though speculated) when the tower was first constructed. The restoration does however, reflect the original design and is similar in the approach taken with the completion of the spires of St Mary’s Cathedral, which was undertaken quite some time after its initial completion.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>10. Report from Council –</p> <p><u>Interim Heritage Order – 330 Rowe Street Eastwood</u></p> <p>A DA was recently received which involved the demolition of the c1908 building and the construction of a child care centre at the above address.</p> <p>The property had been identified in a 2009/10 Heritage Study, however the resolution of Council at that time resulted in the property not being heritage listed.</p> <p>An IHO was placed over the property following the recent DA for demolition.</p> <p>A Planning Proposal is currently with the Department of Planning and Environment for a ‘gateway approval’ to place the proposal on public exhibition involving the heritage listing of the property under Schedule 5 of Ryde LEP 2014.</p> <p>Members of this committee are encouraged to write in support of the proposed heritage listing when the Planning Proposal is on public exhibition.</p> <p><u>2018 Heritage Study</u></p> <p>Michael advised that in December 2017, Council resolved to undertake a new shire-wide heritage study, providing \$100,000 to fund the study.</p> <p>The study will examine items and places of potential heritage significance up to WWII (c1939). Council will soon be seeking consultants to carry out the work.</p> <p>The Chair – Clr Gordon made special mention of the work of Mayor Laxale in bringing a Mayoral Minute to Council which resulted in the approval to conduct the Heritage Study. This was noted by the Committee.</p> <p>The Community has made it clear they want to see heritage protected.</p> <p>The Committee is asked to provide suggestions / nominations as to places and items they believe should be listed. Items do not need to be properties but can reflect and represent a style, example etc. Archaeological sites can also be listed. It was noted that precincts can also be considered, not just single properties.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>Committee members to be advised with the Heritage Order is placed on exhibition so they can support same.</p> <p>The work of Mayor Laxale in securing funding for a heritage study was noted with thanks.</p>
<p>9. <b>Report from Community Representatives</b></p> <p><u>Ryde District Historical Society</u></p> <p>On 17<sup>th</sup> February 2018, the Society held a scanning day. Around 300 images of</p>	

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<p>school photos, family photos etc were created.</p> <p>The Society is working on a “Ryde histories” series. Booklets of 20 – 30 pages are being written and people are encouraged to write articles if they wish. Suburbs will be written up as will monuments etc. Purchase price \$10.00.</p> <p>Approximately ten booklets will be produced covering local suburbs.</p> <p>The Society has applied for a Federal Centenary of Armistice grant which will be used to write a book on the thirty war memorials, cenotaphs, honour boards etc in the local area.</p> <p>Ryde Library has applied under the same grant for funding to publish a book on homes which were named after battles, ships or people killed in WW1.</p> <p>Both books to be launched November 2018.</p> <p>It was also noted that a pilot project is to be undertaken by the Department of Veterans Affairs to record the war memorials in the local area etc as archaeological records and architectural records.</p> <p><u>Brush Farm House Historical Society</u></p> <p>Little news as the organisation has falling membership.</p> <p>Difficult to attract members or speakers.</p> <p>Open days will be held in June and September 2018.</p> <p>Jeremy Nance is the new contact at Council.</p> <p><u>Ryde Hunters Hill Flora and Fauna Society</u></p> <p>Lyn Langtry had left the meeting so no report was provided.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>9. <b>General Discussion / Other Business</b></p> <p><u>Heritage Festival</u></p> <p>On 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 Michael will talk about ‘looking after your heritage house’ and dispel some of the myths on the subject. He will have ‘10 top tips’.</p> <p><u>Funding from Office of Heritage and Environment – Heritage Near Me</u></p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> round of grants are now open and close on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Funding from \$10,000 to \$100,000 per application is available. Applications can be made by owners of heritage items.</p> <p>Last year State Government provided \$2.8 million through the grants so all present are encouraged to apply.</p> <p><u>Display of art works</u></p> <p>Clr Gordon advised that at the Mayor’s suggestion, he has viewed many of the art works held by Council including black and white photos of the area.</p> <p>A selection of items, including some of these historic photos will soon be displayed in Council’s offices.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>11. <b>Next Meeting:</b></p> <p>The next meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018</p>	<p>Noted.</p>