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Venue:	Meeting Room, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde	
Date:	Wednesday, 16 th June 2021	
Time:	5.30pm	Started at: 5.33pm Closed at: 7.10pm
Chair:	Councillor Christopher Gordon	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
Staff Convenor:	Naomi L'Oste-Brown Senior Coordinator – Strategic Planning	
Circulation:	HAC Members	

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	Deputy Chairperson	City of Ryde
x		Mrs 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	Linda Evans	Community Representative	
		Jim Vaughan	Community Representative	Brush Farm Historical Society

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x		Michael Edwards	Heritage Advisor	City of Ryde
	x	Angela Phippen	Local Studies Librarian	City of Ryde
x		Linda Smith	EA to Mayor and the Councillors	City of Ryde
x		Naomi L'Oste Brown	Senior Coordinator – Strategic Planning	City of Ryde
x		Dyalan Govender	Manager – Urban Strategy	City of Ryde

Details**Action**

1.	Present: Those present are as above. Councillor Gordon provided an acknowledgement of Country.	Noted
2.	Apologies: Apologies as above.	Noted.

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<p>3. Confirmation of Heritage Advisory Committee Minutes and matters arising.</p> <p>The minutes from the meeting of 21st April 2021 were confirmed.</p> <p>A correction to Item 7 – report by Ryde District Historical Society is required.</p> <p>The minutes quote that research is being undertaken on 2,000 soldiers. The correct number is 10,000 soldiers.</p> <p>The minutes refer to a book being prepared. This is incorrect. The research will be used for an online data base, but it will not be the basis of a book.</p>	Noted.
<p>4. Update on Council owned Heritage Items</p> <p>Michael Edwards provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council owned heritage items include: Willandra, Addington, The Parsonage, Brush Farm House, Eastwood Town Hall. - Approximately two years ago the roof of Willandra needed replacing. - Because the works had been left unattended for a considerable period, with only 'bandaid' fixes in the interim, the extent of deterioration had significantly increased, as had the cost of remediation. - Following the decision to repair the roof, Council resolved that in future it wanted to be pre-emptive with regard to works required to maintain its heritage buildings - GML Heritage Consultants (GML) were engaged to review all properties and existing Conservation Management Plans (CMPs) for each heritage properties owned by Council - Michael Edwards together with GML agreed on a standard template for the CMPs and new comprehensive CMPs have been completed for each of the Council-owned heritage items. The new CMPs provide a uniform and consistent approach to the identification and ongoing management of the heritage items, with recommendations specific to each item. - Michael also requested GML to produce a 'heritage handbook' for each property. The 'heritage handbook' is effectively a condensed version of the CMP and a user-friendly quick reference guide, which can be used by a lay person who does not have particular skills in heritage, planning etc. - Council is commencing maintenance works at various sites including Willandra, Addington, Brush Farm House and the old Eastwood Town Hall 	Noted
<p>5. Update on Ryde Local Heritage Assistance Fund 2021 – next steps</p> <p>Michael Edwards and Naomi L'Oste-Brown addressed the committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The first round of grants has been completed and all applicants – successful and unsuccessful – have been advised. - Funds have been paid to those people who received funding - 150 enquiries were received in round one. - 38 applications resulted from these enquiries and 12 applicants received funding. - \$68,109.00 has been spent of the \$500,000 available. - A media release is being prepared to promote the grants allocated and raise the profile of the grants - The next round of grants will be available in January 2022. - These applications will be considered in March 2022. 	Noted
<p>6. Ryde Heritage Hub – Group discussion for next session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two years ago the Ryde Heritage Hub was launched at the Ryde Bowling Club 	Noted

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Workshops were to be held there to help owners of heritage properties with upskilling, information etc - Different specialists were to be brought in for workshops, discussions etc to allow collaboration between owners and specialists - COVID and the heritage study have slowed the use of the site - Would be good to get the hub up and running and to tie this into the Ryde Local Heritage Assistance Fund - Important to understand the significance and heritage of each heritage property that people own. - The hub could be used to help people understand the heritage of their home - The Ryde District Historical Society and Council’s Local Studies Librarian could be used to help people understand how they can research the history of their home and to maintain it in a suitable manner - The Ryde District Historical Society through Kim Philips, advised is happy to supply the information it has and also to work with owners to investigate and research properties for the benefit of both the owners and the Society - Details to be provided when confirmed with staff and the Ryde District Historical Society - probably a Saturday. 	
7.	<p>Update on Macquarie Ice Rink Local Heritage Listing and Brush Farm Bowling Club Heritage Assessment</p> <p>Naomi L’Oste-Brown provided the following update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft legislation regarding the listing for the Macquarie Ice Rink is with Parliamentary Counsel for finalisation. - It is considered that the heritage listing is imminent. - Brush Farm Bowling Club was recently offered for sale and has been purchased by the Lebanese Maronite Church - The zoning of the site will preclude certain land uses being realised on the site and because the site is situated within the existing Brush Farm Heritage Conservation Area, the provisions of clause 5.10 apply, whereby any change to the use of the site or new development will need to come to Council as a Development Application, accompanied by a Heritage Impact Statement that considers the potential impacts on the HCA and the numerous heritage items within the vicinity of the site. 	Noted
8.	<p>Report from Community Representatives</p> <p>Lyn Langtry - Flora and Fauna Society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Society’s management committee has met twice at the Visitors Centre in the Field of Mars since our April meeting. - The Society continues its work on a local, state and national level. - On a local level concerns and challenges have been addressed through conference attendance, an on-site meeting, submissions, monitoring and seeking information from all levels of government. - Areas addressed have included bushfire management; powerful owls; the Design and Place SEPP; water management; synthetic turf’s immediate danger to humans and the environment, its long-term consequences and cost benefit analyses; the Ivanhoe development; RCC tree policy; the Field of Mars draft Plan of Management; the existence/non-existence of environmental policies for sports clubs and Eden Gardens (307 Lane Cove Road Macquarie Park) proposed redevelopment in relation to impacts on its surrounding landscape particularly Lane Cove National Park - Activities in the near future include bird walks and heritage walks in the Field of Mars. 	All reports were noted

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	<p>Peter Mitchell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Bennelong issue is still on hold, but a meeting of the Bennelong Committee will be held next week - The blogs by students at Macquarie Uni are worth looking through (Note: Michael Edwards emailed a link to committee members of online blogs by Macquarie University students regarding Field of Mars and Marsfield history as a point of interest) <p>Cate Fisher</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demolition of the Civic Centre is proceeding - The demolition is being staged to make sure that the dangerous materials are being contained. <p>Suzanne Marks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Roadworks in Devlin Street are being carried out from 3 – 5am - The works are extremely noisy and it is hard to find any relief as complaints are going unheeded <p>Kim Phillips – Ryde District Historical Society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grant funding from Council has been received for the purchase of display boards in the sum of approx. \$4332.00 - A \$2500 grant has been received from Federal Govt to print images onto corflute - Another Fed govt grant of \$ 4776 has been applied for. This funding will be used for the purchase of computer chairs, desks etc to use with the scanners etc - Over 30 people attended the most recent event at Willandra - It is hoped to reinstate open house events again soon - Uni students are visiting Willandra and will be writing reports on some of the items they have investigated 	
9.	<p>General Discussion/other business</p> <p>Heritage data inventory site</p> <p>Michael provided a run through on the new Heritage Management System (HMS) which is an update to the existing State Heritage Inventory (SHI) database.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Each heritage property has a data inventory sheet – some are very detailed, some very basic - The inventory sheets are publicly available - The website is spatially mapped and will be more intuitive than the past - Michael explained how to use the site and what can be obtained from the site. - Michael advised that there are some system glitches which he has raised with Heritage NSW, including missing inventory sheets for certain heritage items in the Ryde LGA. <p>National Archives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clr Gordon advised that funding for the National Archives is at a critical level. 	Noted
10.	<p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 18th August at 5.30pm.</p>	Noted