

CONSERVATION AND ADAPTATION OF BRUSH FARM HOUSE

Project Update

for Site Visit on Tuesday, 4 July 2006

Project Overview

- The restoration program for Brush Farm House commenced in December 2004
- Key milestones achieved:
 - Tanner Architects and a team of other consultants engaged in February 2005 to undertake the design documentation works
 - Stakeholder workshop conducted in March 2005
 - Statutory approvals and detail design documentation completed in December 2005
 - Tender for conservation and adaptation works was awarded to Sydney Building Projects Pty Ltd in April 2006
 - Conservation and adaptation works commenced in May 2006
 - Successful in receiving a grant of \$500,000 under the National Heritage Investment Initiative program from the Federal Government

Progress

- Phase 1 works (west wing, central wing, new roof over the entire building, rear verandah, front verandah and balcony) commenced on 1 May 2006 and due for completion by February 2007
- The contractor made good progress over the last 9 weeks. Works completed include:
 - Temporary fencing, temporary toilets
 - Demolition works, excavation works, stripping of floor boards
 - Repair and reconstruction of the floor structure in both the first floor and ground floor and roof structure
 - Installation of partitions for toilets on ground floor
 - Installation of the new sewer line
 - Construction of the footings and brick walls for the rear verandah
- Archaeological investigations - Internal completed and external in progress. No archaeological remains found to date
- Works to commence over the coming weeks include:
 - Construction of toilets on ground and first floor
 - Construction of new stairs and rear verandah,
 - Installation of hydraulic services, mechanical services and electrical services
 - Erection of scaffolding for roof replacement
- Council has resolved, with the approval of \$500,000 grant from the Federal Government, to complete the whole building. Phase 2 works (East wing and Hall) will be completed by April 2007.
- Use of basement and cellar area to be investigated
- Use of remaining space in the first floor and ground floor to be investigated
- Unused old building materials of historic value will be retained

Project Budget

- Estimated total cost of building \$3.3 million with funding from:

❖ City of Ryde	\$1,950,000
❖ Australian Government	\$500,000
❖ NSW Heritage Office	\$50,000
❖ DCS	\$800,000
Sub Total	<u>\$3,300,000</u>

Project Management

- This project is being managed through a Project Control Group (PCG) comprising:

❖ Roy Newsome	Group Manager Corporate Services
❖ Kim Woodbury	Group Manager Public Works
❖ Kevin Moloney	Manager Community Services
❖ Peter Byrne	Manager Property Services
❖ Pat Gunawardena	Facilities Manager Properties / Project Manager
- PCG is supported and advised by Tanner Architects and other consultants