

CONSERVATION AND ADAPTATION OF BRUSH FARM HOUSE

Project Update

as at Friday, 1 September 2006

Project Overview

- The restoration program for Brush Farm House commenced in December 2004
- Key milestones achieved:
 - Tanner Architects and a team of professional consultants engaged in February 2005 to undertake the design, statutory approval, detail documentation and site inspections
 - Stakeholder workshop for key stakeholder groups conducted in March 2005
 - Statutory approvals and detail design documentation completed in December 2005
 - Tender for conservation and adaptation works was awarded in April 2006
 - Conservation and adaptation works commenced in May 2006
 - Received a grant of \$500,000 under the National Heritage Investment Initiative from the Australian Government Department of the Environment and Heritage in June 2006
 - Site visit for key stakeholder groups conducted on 4 July and 11 July 2006
 - Archaeological investigations completed. No artefacts were found to date

Target Dates for Completion

- Phase 1 works (west wing, central wing, new roof over the entire building, rear verandah, front verandah and balcony) - due for completion by February 2007.
- Phase 2 works (east wing and hall) - due for completion by early April 2007
- Public opening - due in mid April 2007

Current Status

- Works completed over the last four months:
 - Temporary fencing, temporary toilets, lunch room and store room
 - Demolition works, excavation works, stripping of floor boards and joists
 - Repair and reconstruction of the floor structure in both the first floor and ground floor
 - Repair and reconstruction of the roof structure
 - Installation of partitions for toilets on ground floor and first floor
 - Installation of new sewer line
 - Installation of temporary scaffolding for roof works and external painting
 - Reconstruction of skillion roof at the back of central wing
 - Construction of concrete footings, brick walls and floor structure for the rear verandah
- Works currently in progress or due to commence over the coming weeks:
 - Installation of electrical services including power, lighting, data and telephone cabling
 - Installation of mechanical services including air-conditioning units, ducting and cabling
 - Installation of hydraulic services including sewer, water and storm water
 - Installation of floor boards and ceilings in ground and first floor
 - Desalination of stone walls in basement and water proofing of brick walls in ground floor
 - Replacement of roofing sheets, roof plumbing and eaves soffits
 - Installation of columns and floor structure in front verandah
 - Removal of external paint applications, and repair of external brick and stone walls

Project Budget

- Total estimated cost of Phase 1 and 2 (building works only) \$3.3 million with funding from:

❖ City of Ryde	\$1,950,000
❖ Australian Government	\$500,000
❖ DCS	\$800,000
❖ NSW Heritage Office	<u>\$50,000</u>
Sub Total	<u>\$3,300,000</u>
- Phase 3 works (landscaping of front garden, reconstruction of ceremonial access way, new fencing, car parking, new access, etc.) estimated between \$1 million and \$2 million is currently unfunded.