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<b>Venue:</b>	Meeting Room, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde	
<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, 15 February 2017	
<b>Time:</b>	6.00pm	Started at: 6.01pm      Closed at: 7.58pm
<b>Chair:</b>	Councillor Jane Stott	
<b>Meeting Support (MS):</b>	Amanda Janvrin, Senior Coordinator – Governance	
<b>Staff Convenor:</b>	Lexie Macdonald, Senior Coordinator – Strategic Planning	
<b>Circulation:</b>	Draft Minutes circulated to Staff Convenor on 17 February 2017	

**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
✓		Councillor Jane Stott	Chairperson	City of Ryde
	✓	Councillor Denise Pendleton	Delegate	City of Ryde
	✓	Councillor Terry Perram	Delegate	City of Ryde
✓		Ms Lyn Langtry	Community Representative	Ryde-Hunters Hill Flora and Fauna Preservation Society
		Mr Jim Vaughan	Community Representative	Brush Farm Historical Society
✓		Mrs Betty Willis	Community Representative	Ryde District Historical Society
✓		Dr Peter Mitchell	Community Representative	
✓		Ms Suzanne Marks	Community Representative	
✓		Ms Beth Kosnik	Community Representative	
✓		Ms Cate Fisher	Community Representative	
✓		Mr John Hull	Community Representative	

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
✓		Lexie Macdonald	Senior Coordinator – Strategic Planning	City of Ryde
✓		Michael Edwards	Heritage Advisor	City of Ryde
✓		Angela Phippen	Information Systems Librarian Local Studies	City of Ryde
✓		Fred de Belin	Team Leader – Surveying	City of Ryde
✓		Amanda Janvrin	Senior Coordinator – Governance	City of Ryde

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1.	<b>Present</b>	As noted.
2.	<b>Apologies</b>	As noted.
3.	<b>Confirmation of Heritage Advisory Committee Minutes from meeting held on 19 October 2016</b>  The Minutes from the meeting held on 19 October 2016 were confirmed.	Noted.

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<p><b>4. Sandstone Boundary Markers in Ryde</b></p> <p>Mr Fred de Belin gave a presentation to the Committee members regarding the Sandstone Markers in Ryde and advised that they are commonly referred to as 'boundary markers' when in actual fact, they are alignment markers.</p> <p>Mr de Belin confirmed that the alignment markers in Ryde are unique because Ryde was the first Local Government area that put in the large sandstone alignment posts which each weigh around 260 kilograms. Mr de Belin advised that the markers were put in to mark the road alignments which was then used to survey property boundaries.</p> <p>Mr de Belin advised that the Council was authorised to provide the markers and the Lands Council would provide the surveyor. All markers were put in 1885 and over the years, Council removed the tops of some of the markers to put in kerb and guttering and also because they were considered a trip hazard.</p> <p>Mr de Belin referred to Dr Peter Mitchell's report back in 2010 which identified that there 10 or 11 markers, and advised that we are now up to 54, with Mr Edwards having a catalogue of every marker that Council has ever found. Mr de Belin confirmed that a lot of these markers are buried which is why they have never been located and confirmed that Council has been trying to preserve these markers, including the markers they locate when undertaking road works.</p> <p>Dr Peter Mitchell raised the point of enlisting some of the sandstone kerb and gutter in Ryde. Ms Lexie Macdonald advised that we can add this to the inventory and also speak to Council's engineering department. It was agreed for Council staff to initially explore what can be done without specifically heritage listing each marker.</p> <p>Committee members agreed that they would like to undertake a walking tour on a Saturday to observe some of the alignment posts. Mr Edwards to circulate some dates for late March 2017 and to organise the walking tour on a date suitable to Committee members.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>Council staff to explore what can be done with some of the sandstone kerb and gutter without enlisting.</p> <p>Mr Edwards to circulate some dates to Committee members and organise the walking tour.</p>
<p><b>5. Heritage Walking Trail</b></p> <p><u>Progress Update: Testing of Gladesville Heritage Walking Trail</u></p> <p>Mr Michael Edwards provided the Committee with an update regarding the Gladesville Heritage Walking Trail Booklet. Mr Edwards confirmed that the text and the overall formatting has been put together and he is now calling for volunteers to walk the trail and provide feedback before Council's Communications and Media Team undertake the final edit and print. Interested Committee members are to please advise Mr Edwards either at the end of the meeting or via email.</p> <p><u>Email from Colin Small on Ryde Heritage Walking Trail</u></p> <p>Mr Michael Edwards advised that he has received an email from Mr Colin Small which advises that he was pleased with the copy of the City of Ryde's first Walking Trail publication, however he was disappointed that 'Williamsdale' located at 50-52 Bridge Road, Ryde was omitted from the Booklet and requesting Council to please consider including it in the Walking Trail Booklet.</p> <p>Mr Edwards confirmed that he has responded to Mr Small outlining that Council understands the importance of the property, however it is located outside the focus area of this particular Walking Trail. Mr Edwards confirmed that he has not received a further response from Mr small.</p>	<p>Noted interested Committee members to advise Mr Edwards.</p> <p>Noted.</p>

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<p>6. <b>Ryde Local Heritage Assistance Fund – 2016-2017 – Consideration of Applications Received to Date</b></p> <p>Mr Michael Edwards advised the Committee members that Council has received the first three Grant Applications to consider this year. One of these applications has been held over from last year and another has previously received funding in last year's round of grants.</p> <p><u>60 Wicks Road, North Ryde</u></p> <p>Mr Edwards confirmed that the owners of 60 Wicks Road, North Ryde have previously applied for grant funding. The Committee agreed that consideration of this application be set aside and carried over for discussion at the next meeting.</p> <p><u>14 Auld Avenue, Eastwood</u></p> <p>Mr Edwards circulated some photographs of the work undertaken by the owners of 14 Auld Avenue, Eastwood and advised that this application was carried over from last year.</p> <p>Mr Edwards confirmed that the owners have submitted a revised application outlining various works which have a direct impact on the overall appearance of the building. Mr Edwards advised that over the past 12 months, the owners have spent over \$44,000.00 for various works to the property including additions that were undertaken in the 1980's and 1990's. Mr Edwards advised that he believes Council should consider giving the owners some funding and confirmed that the Assessment Matrix is graded at 50%.</p> <p>Mr Edwards advised the Committee that it was his recommendation that the application be supported to the sum of \$2,000.00. The Committee agreed to endorse that recommendation.</p> <p><u>2/293 Pittwater Road, North Ryde</u></p> <p>Mr Edwards circulated some photographs of the work undertaken by the owners of 293 Pittwater Road, North Ryde and advised that this application seeks funding for \$5,000.00 for works including repainting to windows, doors and joinery etc.</p> <p>Mr Edwards advised that the work undertaken by the owners does contribute to the preservation of the timberwork and the overall appearance and conservation of building and confirmed that the Assessment Matrix is graded at 70%.</p> <p>Mr Edwards advised the Committee that it was his recommendation that the application be supported to the full amount of \$5,000.00. The Committee agreed to endorse that recommendation.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted – to be held over for consideration at next meeting.</p> <p>Noted – Recommendation of \$2,000.00 grant endorsed by the Committee.</p> <p>Noted – Recommendation of \$5,000.00 grant endorsed by the Committee.</p>
<p>7. <b>Matters of Interest</b></p> <p><u>Gladesville Clock Tower Conservation Works</u></p> <p>Mr Michael Edwards advised that Council is in the process of forming a methodology to undertake the restoration works in accordance with the Conservation Management Plan.</p> <p>Mr Edwards advised that he has investigated sources of matching / replacement bricks and has identified a specialist brickyard near Taree. Samples have been obtained which have been tested on-site and are considered to be a near perfect fit, colour, texture, etc.</p> <p>Mr Lexie Macdonald advised the Committee that Council is aiming to have the restoration works completed by the end of June 2017, however flagged that this may need to carry over to next financial year.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

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<p>8.</p>	<p><b>Report from Council</b></p> <p><u>Grant Application for a Digitisation Project</u></p> <p>Mr Michael Edwards advised that late last year there was an announcement regarding the availability of funding via a Grant Application. Mr Edwards confirmed that just before the end of last year, Council staff put together a Grant Application for a Digitisation Project which could potentially include some sort of web based platform.</p> <p>Mr Edwards confirmed that Council has not yet received a response as to whether the grant application was successful.</p> <p><u>Resignation of Heritage Advisory Committee Members and Update of Membership Database</u></p> <p>Mr Michael Edwards advised that he has contacted all Committee members in the past two weeks to confirm membership for the Committee and member contact details.</p> <p>Mr Edwards confirmed that Mr Gregory Blaxell and Mr Peter Colthorpe have both resigned from the Committee.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to request the Mayor to write to both Mr Blaxell and Mr Colthorpe to thank them for their attendance and input to the Heritage Advisory Committee</p> <p><u>Sandstone Boundary Markers – Discovery of Additional Markers</u></p> <p>This Item was previously discussed at Number 4 above.</p> <p><u>Possible Projects for the Heritage Advisory Committee to embark on in 2017</u></p> <p>Mr Michael Edwards advised that he has already sought the feedback from Committee members regarding possible projects for 2017. Mrs Betty Willis suggested that a possible project for the Heritage Advisory Committee to embark on in 2017 could be a driving tour of Ryde ('Ryde Around'). The Committee agreed to explore this option.</p> <p><u>2017 National Trust Heritage Festival 'Having a Voice'</u></p> <p>Mr Michael Edwards advised that the 2017 National Trust Heritage Festival is being held in April and theme for this year is 'Having a Voice'. Mr Edwards confirmed that he is hoping to coincide the launch of the Gladesville Walking Trail Booklet with the National Trust Heritage Festival.</p> <p>Ms Angela Phippen advised that the library has many oral histories that require transcription and that this process requires a lot of planning as well as volunteers. Any Committee members who would be interested or know of anyone who would be interested in volunteering, their assistance with this project would be appreciated.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted – Council staff to request The Mayor to write to both Mr Blaxell and Mr Colthorpe.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted – to be further considered at the next meeting.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted – Committee members interested in volunteering with transcription to advise Council staff.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p><b>Report from Community Representatives</b></p> <p><u>Ms Cate Fisher</u></p> <p><b>'Addington'</b></p> <p>Ms Cate Fisher asked for an update regarding 'Addington' on Victoria Road. Mr Michael Edwards advised that he was on site at 'Addington' approximately one week ago regarding suspected theft of sandstone; however he advised that there has been no further discussion regarding the landscape planning.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

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<p><u>Mrs Betty Willis - Ryde District Historical Society</u></p> <p><b>Annual General Meeting</b></p> <p>Mrs Betty Willis advised that the Society Annual General Meeting was held last night, 14 February 2017 and noted that she has resigned as President from the Society with the new President being Kim Phillips. Ms Willis also advised that the Society now has someone looking after their social media and also someone updating their computers, laptops etc.</p> <p><b>Open Day – 21 May 2017</b></p> <p>Ms Willis advised that the Society will be having an Open Day on 21 May 2017 which will include a walking tour of St. Anne’s Cemetery. The plans for the event are not yet finalise but the Society is hoping to get some feedback from community groups about their history.</p> <p><u>Dr Peter Mitchell</u></p> <p><b>Photographs of Ryde from Mitchell Library</b></p> <p>Dr Peter Mitchell advised that he had copies of some photographs of Ryde which he had obtained from the Mitchell Library. He passed the photographs around for Committee members to view.</p> <p><b>Re-grooving Aboriginal Cultural Sites on Walking Trail</b></p> <p>Dr Peter Mitchell referred to some of the Aboriginal cultural sites on the Walking Trail and that they were in need of re-grooving. Dr Peter Mitchell suggested that Council contact Metro Local Aboriginal Land Council and Aboriginal Heritage Office (AHO) regarding the re-grooving</p> <p>Mr Michael Edwards advised that although not a statutory body, Aboriginal Heritage Office (AHO) has an established position against re-grooving.</p> <p>The Committee agreed for Council staff to make some further enquiries regarding this matter.</p> <p><b>Ship Building Sites – Canada Bay Council Area</b></p> <p>Dr Peter Mitchell advised that late last year Canada Bay Council received some grant money to put together a Walking Trail on both sides of the Harbour to take into account some various ship building sites. Dr Mitchell requested that if any Committee members have any knowledge of who was working in those sort of places, to please let him know.</p> <p>Mr Michael Edwards advised that he has contacted Council’s Media and Communications team who have promoted the ‘call out’ on Council’s Facebook page and other social media.</p> <p><u>Mr John Hull</u></p> <p><b>New Fence around ‘The Hermitage’</b></p> <p>Mr John Hull advised that the fence around ‘The Hermitage’ is in need of replacement and he wanted to know if that would qualify for a Grant Application. Mr Edwards confirmed that Council is still accepting Applications for Grants until the end of May 2017. Council staff will provide all of the necessary documentation which outlines the criteria and application form to Mr Hull.</p> <p><u>Mrs Lyn Langtry – Ryde-Hunters Hill Flora and Fauna Preservation Society</u></p> <p><b>World Water Day Event</b></p> <p>Mrs Lyn Langtry advised that Society members are working with National Parks</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted – Council staff to make some further enquiries regarding the re-grooving.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted – Council staff to provide Mr Hull with Grant Application and all other necessary documentation.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
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<p>Association as part of their Citizen Science Program in planning for a World Water Day event. The event will be held on 21 March 2017 at Field of Mars and everyone is welcome.</p> <p><b>Diane Michel’s and John McCain’s Funeral</b></p> <p>Mrs Lyn Langtry advised that a funeral for Diane Michel and John McCain will be held at the Magnolia Chapel, Macquarie Park at 10.00am on Saturday, 18 February 2017. Ms Michel fought tirelessly for the natural environment in Ryde, especially in the Bundarra Reserve area of North Ryde.</p> <p><b>Awareness of turtles and their habitat</b></p> <p>Mrs Lyn Langtry advised that the Society is still hoping to work with Environmental Education Centre, UTS and Our Living River to promote awareness of turtles and their habitat.</p> <p><b>Poor Environmental Condition of Upper Lane Cove River</b></p> <p>Mr Lyn Langtry advised that community concern has been expressed to the Society regarding the poor environmental condition of the upper Lane Cove River and the heritage listed NP – one of the major point sources of pollution is the run off from the piped Porters Creek under the old landfill which the expensive leachate management system helps control. The Society would like to know if Council will be checking for any impacts on the leachate reticulation system arising from the new development works undertaken by Urban Growth at Wicks Park.</p> <p>Ms Lexie Macdonald suggested that the Society send through a letter to Council which will be referred to the most appropriate Council officer to provide a response.</p> <p><b>Ausgrid Update</b></p> <p>Mrs Lyn Langtry advised that the Ausgrid situation is all going ahead – the only section of concern is from Top Ryde to East Ryde could be the bushland between Rene Street and Pittwater Road – REF not yet out.</p> <p><b>Greater Sydney Commission Draft District Plans</b></p> <p>Mrs Lyn Langtry advised that comments regarding the Plans are due on 31 March 2017 and the Society would like to know if Council is seeking comments from residents for their submission. Ms Lexie Macdonald advised that the Plan is on exhibition until the end of March 2017 and comments were not going to be sought from residents, however Council officers are preparing a submission which will be presented to Council on 14 March 2017.</p> <p><b>Report on Spring and Autumn Surveys</b></p> <p>Mrs Lyn Langtry advised that the report on the Spring and Autumn surveys for flora and fauna in Brush Farm Park, Lambert Park, Bell Park, Darvall Park, Outlook Park and Field of Mars Reserve was presented on Monday, 13 February 2017. These are the follow up to the studies from 10 years ago and will provide insight into any changes in Ryde’s biodiversity and thank you to Council for undertaking.</p> <p><b>Regional Weeds Management Plan</b></p> <p>Mrs Lyn Langtry advised that Society representatives attend the Regional Weeds Management Plan. An initial review suggests that there are some significant omissions of weed species invading natural bushland which should be considered for addition to the two weed lists attached to the Plan. The Plan would also seem to need some strengthening in how these two lists are to be revised during the five year life of the Plan to take account of the opportunistic and dynamic nature of weed invasion and what mechanisms will be used to measure the success of the Plan after five years when a new Plan is prepared in 2022.</p>	<p></p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted – Ryde-Hunters Hill Flora and Fauna Preservation Society to write to Council seeking a response regarding the poor environmental condition of the Upper Lane Cove River.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
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	<p><b>Society Annual General Meeting</b></p> <p>Mrs Lyn Langtry confirmed that the Annual General Meeting will be held on 18 March 2017 at Field of Mars Visitors Centre starting at 3.00pm.</p> <p><u>Fred de Belin – City of Ryde</u></p> <p><b>Old Town Planning Books and Maps</b></p> <p>Mr Fred de Belin advised that he is in possession of some old town planning books, maps etc. which were found in the basement of the Civic Centre while undertaking a clean up.</p> <p>Mr de Belin will liaise with Ms Angela Phippen to have the books, maps etc. reviewed.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
10.	<p><b>General Discussion / Other Business</b></p> <p>No other business raised.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
11.	<p><b>Next Meeting:</b></p> <p>Wednesday, 19 April 2017.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>