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Venue:	Meeting Room, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde			
Date:	Wednesday, 17 th October 2018			
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.10pm	Closed at:8.15pm	
Chair:	Councillor Gord	on		
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors			
Staff Convenor:	Lexie Macdonald, Senior Coordinator – Strategic Planning			
Circulation:				

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

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

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1.	Present and Acknowledgement of Country	As noted.
	Those present are as above.	
Councillor Gordon provided an acknowledgement of Country.		



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2.	Apologies – As above.	As noted.
3.	Confirmation of Heritage Advisory Committee Minutes	
	The minutes from the meeting of 15 th August 2018 were confirmed.	Noted.
4.	Aboriginal Heritage Project – Council Resolution	
	Lexie Macdonald advised that it has not been possible to contact the relevant representatives of the Darug Group and so no update is available.	The information was noted.
	Lexie distributed a list of Aboriginal heritage items which include 5 engravings, 14 middens and 14 shelters.	
	The committee were reminded that the exact location of the above items is not made available publicly but is known to relevant staff.	
5.	Bennelong Putney Project Update	
	Dr Mitchell advised that a public announcement regarding the project can be expected in mid-November 2018.	The information was noted.
	The Bennelong Putney group is continuing its work to achieve the purchase of the Watson Street site.	
6.	Matters of Interest	
	Centenary of Armistice Book Launch – 7 th November 2018	
	A book written by Angela Phippen and detailing many of the homes in City of Ryde which have names connected with the first world war will be launched on 7 th November 2018. All members of the Heritage Advisory Committee are invited to attend the launch.	The information was noted.
	Historical Society Book Launch – 10 th November 2018	
	The Historical Society will be launching a book written by its members on 10 th November 2018. The book details the war memorials of Ryde. All members of the Heritage Advisory Committee are invited to attend the launch.	The information was noted.
7.	Ryde Local Heritage Assistance Fund	
	On 13 th October 2018 the launch of the above fund and the Ryde Centre for Heritage was held at Ryde Bowling Club.	The information was noted.
	All present on the day made comment regarding the importance of the projects and spoke positively of the future of the venture.	
	The day provided lots of interesting conversations and networking opportunities.	
	It is hoped that City of Ryde will become a leader in heritage management.	
8.	Report from Council	
	2018 Heritage Study - Update	
	An announcement is expected soon on the firm which has been selected by tender to undertake the 2018 Heritage Study.	The information was noted. Committee members to email any

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The Committee was advised that it is still possible to suggest items which should be considered as part of the study.

Items for inclusion in the study to Mr Edwards.

The current study period runs to 1939 (pre-WWII). Items such as monuments and landscapes can be included in the study.

The study excludes aboriginal cultural heritage however.

Interim Heritage Orders

Michael provided an explanation of what an IHO is and how it can be applied to a property. An IHO provides a stay on demolition as Council must be notified of any works proposed to the property.

He noted that in 2010, Council resolved not to heritage-list properties unless the property owner requested the listing. Consequently, this resulted in a number of properties that had been identified as having significance in the 2010 heritage study being afforded no heritage protection. This was the general policy and position of The information was noted. Council from 2010 until 2017.

Council has since sought IHO's on the following properties:

87 Bowden Street, Ryde - A Development Application for a child care centre was received which proposed demolition of the original home. The house was assessed as being a substantially intact and representative example of a Federation Queen Anne styled home, set within established and complementary landscaped gardens.

330 Rowe Street, Eastwood - A Development Application for a child care centre was received which proposed the demolition of the existing dwelling. The house was assessed as being a substantially intact and representative example of Federation Queen Anne styled home and having high architectural design integrity.

68 Denistone Road, Denistone - A Development Application was received to consolidate the three separate allotments at this property which constituted a threat of harm to the dwelling, particularly as the application was accompanied by plans that indicated the future redevelopment of the site for multi-dwelling housing. Council placed an IHO on the property as it has been assessed as being a substantially intact and highly representative example of an Inter-War period Californian Bungalow, set within a generous established landscaped garden setting. Subsequent to the IHO being placed on the property, the owners carried out unlawful works and removed significant fabric and original elements from within the property. Court action is now pending against the owner for unlawful work.

The committee congratulated Michael Edwards on his efforts to protect 68 Denistone Road and the items within the home.

State heritage listed buildings in City of Ryde - It was noted that City of Ryde has ten state heritage listed buildings and that five of these are owned by Council.

An inspection of various properties owned by Council was recently carried out by Michael Edwards and Jeremy Nance to determine works needed. Areas examined included sub floor, roofs, guttering, electricals etc.

Cyclical repairs and maintenance will be arranged on the basis of the above inspection to allow for timely renovations and repairs to keep the buildings in good condition.

It was noted that the roof at Willandra will require replacement and this is being arranged. The slate for the roof will be provided by a quarry in Wales.

Council has also recently created a heritage buildings budget for ongoing maintenance and conservation of its heritage listed assets. Michael Edwards indicated that this is a most positive initiative and step forward to proactively managing Council's heritage-listed assets and to ensure that conservation works are undertaken as required rather than prolonged, leading to significant costs and exacerbating damages.

The information was noted. The art society will be reminded to keep items away from the walls in Willandra.



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Brush Farm House - 200 year anniversary.

Brush Farm House will turn 200 sometime in 2019/20.

It was noted that the Brush Farm Historical Society would not be able to arrange a ceremony to mark the occasion due to limited membership and that any celebration would need Council input.

Suggestions for celebrating the anniversary included conducting a fair or picnic on the grounds perhaps with dress up opportunity/ display of lost trades/ wine tasting/ display of uses of the property over the years.

The possibility of a sub committee overseeing any event was raised.

Death of Ron Buttrey

The recent passing of Ron Buttrey on 11th October 2018 at the age of 91 was noted.

Mr Buttrey was the longest serving member of the BFHS. He wrote a biography on Gregory Blaxland and agitated for the restoration of Brush Farm House. He wrote numerous books and a chronology of Eastwood which has been very useful to Angela Phippen and others.

Sesquicentenary of Ryde

The sesquicentenary commences in November 2020 and into 2021.

A report will be presented to Council in March 2019 seeking funding to mark the event

In April 2020 the 200th anniversary of Brush Farm House could be celebrated in Heritage Week.

An open day for all local heritage properties could be held.

November 2020 to 2021 could host sesquicentenary celebrations.

Ryde Centenary of ANZAC Committee - Update

A Remembrance Day service will be held at Meadowbank Park on 11th November 201. The last of the knitted poppies will be distributed at the service.

Angela Phippen also noted that the last of the memorial app created by the Office of Veterans Affairs is being reviewed in light of the feedback provided by Council and others.

A report is to be requested detailing logistics of celebrating the 200th anniversary of Brush Farm House.

Lexie and Clr Gordon to prepare budget bids for Brush Farm House and sesquicentenary events.

Report from Community Representatives

Historical Society Update

A reminder of the book launch on 10th November 2018 was provided.

The Society asked to be included in future heritage forum events as it may prove a good opportunity to source photographs or to pass on and receive relevant information.

A question was raised regarding possible grants or funding to maintain items of heritage which are not buildings. Michael will pass on relevant details.

Ryde Library events

On 20th November, the library will host a launch for "Amplify" a project by the state The information was noted. library to provide digitised oral histories.

The information was noted.



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Ryde was a pilot library. Untranslated oral histories will now be created thanks to this project.

Linda Evans - Macquarie University

Linda advised that university students had undertaken the 3D scan of Macquarie The information was noted. Scans Lighthouse recently featured in the press. If possible she will send a copy of the to be sent if possible. scans to Michael for distribution to the committee.

Cate Sinclair - Putney Hill

Cate commented on the effectives of the ghost sandstone wall at the above development.

Michael to distribute photos of the replaced gates at the development.

The possibility of touring the site was raised.

Peter Mitchell - 20 Waterview Street

A meeting was held last week re the proposal to lodge a DA for the Halvorsen site.

More detail has been requested.

It was suggested that the Mayor be alerted to the DA meeting and subsequent discussion.

It was noted the site has national archaeological significance, containing known archaeological remains from James Squire's brewery, being the first brewery in Australia.

Recent open day at Brush Farm House

Doris noted that recent publicity had resulted in 60 people attending the open day held on Father's Day.

She noted that a question was often raised as to why the house is not furnished.

Questions were raised about planned painting of the property and also regarding any new tenant for the property.

It was noted that water has been entering the property.

The information was noted.

Jeremy Nance to be advised of the water ingress.

It was noted that Corrective Services are using all available carspaces and that members of the society are having to park a long distance away.

Ryde Hunters Hill Flora and Fauna Preservation Society report

Lyn Langtry provided the following report on behalf of the Society:

Plans of Management - Parks and open spaces - The Society is concerned that Council is only undertaking Generic Plans for Parks, Sportsfields and General Community Use initially not Natural Areas which will be done later. The Society asks for the identification of Natural Areas to be included at the same time to avoid future mismanagement and conflicts in land management.

regarding the generic plans of management to all committee members.

Lexie will forward information

<u>Delhi Rd Bridge</u> This has been approved and will require the removal of a number of trees in Bundara Reserve and on RMS land. Critically endangered Turpentine Ironbark Forest will be destroyed (nationally listed with about 0.5% of original forest remaining in the Sydney basin with Bundara the second largest remnant in Ryde after Wallumatta Reserve).

Field of Mars Reserve A project will remove weeds along the middle grass area (hopefully with minimal disturbance to small bird habitat). A corporate group has undertaken initial works and RHHFFPS is working with Council's Natural Areas staff to identify areas for follow up bush regeneration.

Parramatta River Masterplan will be launched tomorrow - RHHFFPS has been represented on the Parramatta River Catchment Group since it commenced.

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	Activities in the Reserve	
	Birdwalks – 6 October and one to come on 20 October	
	To be seen at present – wildflowers, red-browed finches in bushes near flat areas and water dragons, waratah in flower near Warada Track, two duck families with numerous ducklings	
	Visitors –numerous passers by and vistors reported by volunteers at the Visitors Centre including Clr Zbik from Lane Cove council who came through with a bushwalking group and called in, Bushcare workers had a barbecue at the Centre in September	
	Wedding – mid September a great granddaughter of the Hadley family was married under a palm tree at the back of the Education Centre where the old Hadley home once stood.	
10.	Next Meeting:	
	The next meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee will be held in 2019 – date to be advised.	Noted.
	The possibility of holding a meeting prior to Christmas was discussed but dismissed.	