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Venue:	Room 2, Level 5, Civic Centre, 1 Devlin Street, Ryde	
Date:	Wednesday, 15 th April 2015	
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.00pm Closed at: 7.50pm
Chair:	Councillor Terry Perram	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith	
Staff Convenor:	Lexie Macdonald, Team Leader – 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
✓		Councillor T Perram	Chairperson	City of Ryde
✓		Councillor D Pendleton	Delegate	City of Ryde
✓		Ms Eleanor Chaine	Community Representative	Putney Progress Association
		Ms Jennie Minifie	Community Representative	Ryde Community Alliance
✓		Lyn Langtry	Community Representative	Ryde-Hunters Hill Flora & Fauna Preservation Society
✓		Peter Colthorpe	Community Representative	
	✓	Mrs Betty Willis	Community Representative	Ryde District Historical Society
✓		Dr Peter Mitchell	Community Representative	
	✓	Ms Suzanne Marks	Community Representative	
	✓	Ms Beth Kosnik	Community Representative	
	✓	Mr Gregory Blaxell	Community Representative	
✓		Ms Cate Fisher	Community Representative	
		John Hull	Community Representative	
✓		Jim Vaughan	Community Representative	Brush Farm Historical Society
✓		Jane Stott	Delegate	City of Ryde

Additional Attendees

Name	Position Title	Organisation
Angela Phippen	Ryde Local Studies Librarian	City of Ryde
Meryl Bishop	Service Unit Manager – Urban Planning	City of Ryde
Lexie Macdonald	Team Leader – Strategic Planning	City of Ryde
Michael Edwards	Heritage Advisor	City of Ryde
Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde
Margaret Farlow	Community Representative	Representing Ryde District Historical Society

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1. Present:	As noted.
2. Apologies:	As noted.
<p>3. Confirmation of Heritage Advisory Committee Minutes from meeting held on 18th February 2015</p> <p>The Minutes from the meeting held on 18th February 2015 were confirmed and endorsed.</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <p><u>Macquarie University Archaeological Museum Visit</u></p> <p>It is now suggested that this visit be arranged for 6pm on a committee meeting night – preferably the next committee meeting night being the 17th June 2015.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Ms Macdonald to liaise and arrange visit for 17th June 2015 if possible</p>
<p>4. Ryde Town Centre Walking Trail</p> <p><u>Ryde Town Centre Heritage Walking Trail – Revised Brochure</u></p> <p>The working group has submitted its comments to Lexie and Michael. The communications team at Council is now preparing the final version of the brochure.</p> <p>It is hoped to have some brochures available for the Heritage Festival which runs until mid-May.</p> <p>It was noted that some historical photos will need to be rescanned to provide better quality graphics.</p> <p>Availability of the brochure will be publicised once it is completed.</p> <p><u>Ideas for next trail (ie. Ryde Riverwalk, Eastwood, Gladesville etc.)</u></p> <p>The working group has not made a decision regarding the subject matter for the next heritage trail brochure.</p> <p>The Ryde Riverwalk through Meadowbank and Gladesville in the vicinity of Wharf Road has been suggested.</p> <p>The Meadowbank trail brochure could include items of aboriginal heritage, local heritage, interesting information and details from the study carried out for Council but not adopted.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Brochures to be made available as soon as possible and suitable publicity of such arranged. Angela Phippen to arrange for high resolution scans of historical photos for use in the publication.</p> <p>Decision to be made by working group as to subject matter of next brochure.</p>
<p>5. Ryde Remembers – WWI ANZAC Centenary</p> <p>Ryde Historical Society – ‘Ryde Goes to War’</p> <p>In 2011, the Ryde Historical Society commenced the ‘Ryde Goes to War’ Project which aimed to identify those people from Ryde and Eastwood municipalities who enlisted in WWI.</p> <p>2,000 names were identified in the local area. Details were often taken from Honour Rolls which only recorded a surname and initial. The aim of the project was to identify each of these 2,000 people and create a data base.</p> <p>The book which has been written as a result of this project will be launched on 16th May 2015.</p> <p>It includes a preface on the project, a summary of the Ryde area at the time of</p>	<p>The tremendous work and dedication of the Ryde Historical Society and its members was noted and acknowledged.</p> <p>Invitations to the launch of the book during the Willandra Showcase weekend will be issued separately.</p>

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	<p>WWI, a timeline and 230 individual stories. These stories have been compiled by a wide variety of authors including descendants of the servicemen and members of the Historical Society who have researched the lives of these soldiers.</p> <p>The book is not intended to be a military history but a local history.</p> <p>The nominal roll contains 2,000 entries including name and service number.</p> <p>Two grants from Royal Australian Historical Society (RAHS) and the Federal Government have helped defray some costs but there has still been a huge input both in terms of finance and human resources from the Ryde District Historical Society.</p> <p>The grants received will allow a copy of the book to be provided to each school in the local area.</p> <p>1,000 books will be printed in the first run and books will sell for \$30.00 each.</p> <p>The back cover of the book shows the medal which was presented to each member of the Eastwood Municipality who served in WWI.</p> <p>The book will be launched at the Willandra Showcase to be held during Heritage Week on the weekend of 16th and 17th May 2015.</p> <p>What's on at Ryde Library</p> <p>Angela advised that a Federal Government grant has been received by the ANZAC and Commemoration of WW1 Committee. This grant will be used to create a website to include details of the 2,000 enlistments from Ryde identified by the Ryde District Historical Society as above. The website will also allow further information about the Soldiers to be added as it becomes available.</p> <p>Poppies and Ryde</p> <p>Angela Phippen advised that the project to create poppies is nearly complete.</p> <p>Each of the four local libraries has decorated a large polystyrene letter making up the word 'Ryde'. Each letter has now been returned to Ryde Library for display and a photo opportunity.</p> <p>A talk about local homes that were named with reference to WWI will be held on Thursday 16th April.</p> <p>A bilingual talk in English and Mandarin will be given about the meaning of ANZAC.</p> <p>A service will be held at 9.30am on Friday 24th April 2015 at Ryde Park Cenotaph to be attended by local schools with a morning tea to be provided.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>The Committee formally congratulated Angela for her leadership in many of the activities run by Council but in particular the leadership role she has played in the "poppy project".</p>
6.	<p>Matters of Interest</p> <p>The drinking fountain pedestal at Banjo Paterson Park</p> <p>Angela Phippen provided details (verbally and with photographs) of research she has recently undertaken pertaining to the drinking fountain pedestal at Banjo Paterson Park.</p> <p>In 1908, to mark the turning of the first sod in the project to bring the tram line to Hattons Flat, a monument was erected at the corner of Blaxland Road and Church Street.</p> <p>This monument is now located at the rear of the Civic Centre.</p> <p>When the tram line was completed in 1910, an additional monument was unveiled – a drinking fountain.</p>	<p>Consideration to be given to placing a plaque at the site of the drinking fountain in Banjo Paterson Park stating the probable providence of the base as the monument erected in 1910 to mark the arrival of the first tram at Hattons Flat.</p>

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<p>Over the years, information regarding the position of the relocated drinking fountain was lost. This was noted in correspondence to Council in 1962 expressing concern that the location was not known.</p> <p>Recent verbal advice provided to Angela suggests that the base of the drinking fountain in Banjo Paterson Park at Gladesville is in fact the base of the original drinking fountain.</p> <p>Although there is no evidence as to how or why it was placed there, photographic evidence shows similarities between the items.</p>	
<p>7. Report from Council</p> <p><u>Ryde says no to forced amalgamations</u></p> <p>Clr Perram provided an update on actions taken by Council as part of the above campaign.</p> <p>He noted that under the current state government proposal, Ryde is the only local government area to be split and removed completely. There is concern about splitting areas such as Macquarie Park.</p> <p>A campaign involving a community poll has been undertaken across the local area.</p> <p>Public meetings will be held in May.</p> <p>A submission by Council is due to be forwarded to the state government by the end of June. The government will announce its decision in October 2015.</p> <p>Council will submit a business case stating that Ryde has the scale and capacity to be sustainable.</p> <p>Discussions are being held with adjoining Councils – Hunters Hill and Lane Cove, re a joint services model.</p> <p><u>Aboriginal Heritage Office (AHO) partnership status</u></p> <p>Meryl Bishop and Lexie Macdonald provided an update on the AHO, noting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council resolved to enter into a further partnership in August 2014. - The MOU is between the City of Ryde Council and North Sydney Council. This is yet to be finalised. - City of Ryde has asked for a specific work program to be developed, which will guide the provision of services and resources during the next five year period. - It is anticipated that the agreement will be signed soon. <p><u>Cenotaph Council Report</u></p> <p>Michael Edwards advised the committee that on 24th March 2015, Council resolved to gift various insignia to North Ryde RSL for permanent display.</p> <p>Michael Edwards and Lexie Macdonald have visited the site and confirmed that the laurel wreath has been erected at the cenotaph. It is understood that the other insignias will be mounted prior to ANZAC Day for an official unveiling.</p> <p>A letter of thanks to Len Shultz will be forwarded shortly. An additional letter will be sent to North Ryde RSL congratulating and thanking them for their assistance with the transfer of the insignia.</p> <p>The committee noted that the City of Ryde was the first Council in Australia to acknowledge the Armenian Genocide.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted. Letter of thanks to be sent to Len Shultz and others.</p>

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<p>A memorial in recognition of this event is located at Memorial Park Meadowbank.</p> <p><u>Plaque Register</u></p> <p>It was noted that a method of recording plaques and sculptures in the local area is needed. The creation of a suitable register was suggested.</p> <p>Such a register should also:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Include provision for gifts such as the insignia entrusted to North Ryde RSL. - Include relevant terms of custodianship - be used to track items when they leave Council's possession ie during restoration etc. - include a photo of all items included - be used to catalogue art works, flags at RALC, gifts from visitors presented to the Mayor, the quilt in the Council Chambers etc. <p><u>Heritage Grants</u></p> <p>Heritage grants to a total value of \$20,000.00 will be made available this year. The maximum sum of any grant is \$5,000.00.</p> <p>At the beginning of June, letters will be sent to all owners of heritage items (limited to residential properties only), inviting applications and setting out the criteria to apply for a grant.</p> <p><u>Grape vine for Brush Farm</u></p> <p>Michael Edwards advised that he has previously spoken with Greg Blaxell, who has agreed to provide cuttings of the Brown Muscat grape that he has growing at his own property. The Brown Muscat grape variety was selected by this committee previously as a suitable substitute for the Constantia grape variety.</p> <p>The community garden in Santa Rosa Park could be used to nurture the cuttings obtained.</p> <p>Jim Vaughan representing the Brush Farm Historical Society thanked this committee for its work in this matter.</p> <p><u>LEP Amendment 2</u></p> <p>Meryl Bishop advised the committee that the LEP amendment was gazetted last week.</p> <p>Part of the amendment will see the Bennelong burial site listed as a new archaeological site. A broad definition of the location of the site will be provided.</p> <p>As a result of the inclusion of the site in the LEP, utilities and other organisations will need to contact Council prior to carrying out digging or other works at the location.</p>	<p>The Committee unanimously agreed to seek Council support for investigating the creation of a register of moveable assets, outdoor sculptures/ non and cultural materials. Staff present advised that initially the Executive Team should consider this request given the costs involved. Following such investigation, the matter to be referred to Council or this committee to be informed of the decision by ET.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted for follow up with Greg Blaxell.</p> <p>Noted. Enquiries to be made re including this information on the data base for "dial before you dig"</p>	
<p>8. Report from Community Representatives</p> <p><u>Peter Mitchell</u></p> <p>Dr Mitchell mentioned that as part of the Hungry for Art show this year, Willandra will be housing an art display and Gladesville Pottery at the hospital will also be open on 24th and 25th May 2015.</p> <p><u>Ryde Hunters Hill Flora and Fauna Preservation Society</u></p> <p>The talk hosted by the Society on 6th March was well attended with 60 people in attendance.</p>	<p>Noted</p>	

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	<p>The next event will be held in September with a talk about saltmarsh and fish habitats.</p> <p>The AGM of the society will discuss the new 10/50 rules.</p> <p>It was also noted that visitors to the centre, especially local residents, have increased.</p> <p>Probus and walking groups are also making use of the area.</p> <p>600 submissions were made to the Boronia Park Plan of Management being undertaken by Hunters Hill Council.</p> <p><u>Cate Fisher</u></p> <p>Cate brought the recent discussion by Hornsby Council regarding the future of Dence Park pool to the committee’s attention.</p> <p><u>Ryde District Historical Society</u></p> <p>The Historical Festival May Showcase will be held on 16th and 17th May.</p> <p>The society continues to collect information regarding local Ryde soldiers.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
9. General Discussion / Other Business	<p><u>Digitisation of oral histories</u></p> <p>Angela Phippen advised that Council is using funds obtained under Local Priority Funding from the NSW State Library to digitise the 156 oral history interviews conducted in 1998. Currently these interviews are held on analogue cassettes.</p> <p>The digitisation will allow a master copy to be created and also working versions. It will also be possible to produce a written transcript of the tapes. The cassette tapes have been sent away for digitisation which has already commenced.</p> <p><u>Peter Colthorpe</u></p> <p>Peter advised that on 18th April, and 10th May, the Friends of Gladesville will be conducting a tour of the outside of the buildings of Gladesville Hospital. There is no charge and the tour takes approx. 2 hours to complete.</p> <p><u>Michael Edwards</u></p> <p>Michael drew the committee’s attention to the recent Land and Environment Court judgement against a developer who unlawfully removed a heritage listed façade from a property in Annandale which was required to be retained as per the specific terms of the development consent. It is considered that this is a landmark decision for heritage properties in that previously, Councils would pursue the developer rather than the individual. In this instance, the Court has held that the individual is responsible for the unlawful demolition of a heritage item</p> <p>Sentencing will take place in September and the unlawful actions can attract a penalty of up to \$1.1mil. This sends a very strong message to developers and the community that heritage matters and is important</p> <p>Michael advised that the State Government has announced the establishment of a “Heritage Road Show” with a similar format to the UK Antiques Roadshow. Essentially, the NSW government are committing funds to pooling together expertise in heritage, architecture, archaeology and conservation to visit local Councils across NSW and offer advice. The primary focus will be to strengthen local government heritage advice by supporting Council Heritage Officers and Advisors.</p> <p>Updates will be provided as they are announced but the suggestion is that people</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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	would bring items of heritage value to their local town hall for examination by experts. Funding for conservation and restoration of heritage buildings was also announced.	
10.	Next Meeting: Wednesday, 17 June 2015	Noted.