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Venue:	Meeting Room, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde	
Date:	Wednesday, 19 th April 2017	
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.00pm Closed at: 8.00pm
Chair:	Councillor Terry Perram	
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
	✓	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
✓		Mrs Betty Willis	Community Representative	Ryde District Historical Society
✓		Kim Phillips	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
✓		Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde

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1.	Present	As noted.
2.	Apologies	As noted.
3.	Confirmation of Heritage Advisory Committee Minutes from meeting held on 15th February 2017 The Minutes from the meeting held on 15 th February 2017 were confirmed.	Noted.

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<p>4. Mapping Ryde – Presentation by Ryde District Historical Society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kim Phillips provided a very interesting explanation of a project currently being undertaken by the Ryde District Historical Society. • The “Mapping Ryde” project seeks to list all available details and information relating to a property in Ryde on one map. • The society is currently uploading details about individual locations and sites but later hopes to update the project with information relating to people and events. • Photos and information relating to properties, parcels of land, heritage sites, the nature of the site, etc will be listed and linked for ease of access. • It will be possible to look up any address and be provided with all relevant data relating to that site. • Information might include: - original land grant details, photos of the property over the years, lists of owners etc. • The detail of work being undertaken is extensive and will be a wonderful resource when complete. • The society is updating the site through the use of old records and will also upload details found in more recent real estate brochures for properties which come onto the market. • The paper files of the society are being placed on the computer which will make them much more accessible. 	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>Kim Phillips in particular was thanked for her dedication and commitment to this project which will be an extremely valuable research too and item of heritage value.</p> <p>The information obtained to date is available to the public but only through request to the Historical Society.</p>
<p>5. Heritage Walking Trail</p> <p><u>Progress Update: Gladesville Heritage Walking Trail</u></p> <p>Michael Edwards asked interested members to undertake the walk and then provide him with their comments.</p> <p>It is hoped to finalise the booklet soon so comments are sought within one week from the date of this meeting.</p>	<p>The information was noted. Comments to be provided to Michael by the end of April.</p>
<p>6. Ryde Local Heritage Assistance Fund – 2016-2017</p> <p>Michael Edwards advised that reminder letters have been forwarded to residents eligible to make an application for assistance under the above scheme.</p> <p>Michael advised the committee that he continues to receive feedback from owners of heritage items who are reluctant to undertake the work without any certainty that they will be successful for funding.</p> <p>It was noted that at present, the scheme relates only to residential buildings.</p> <p>Schools, government-owned buildings, some community group facilities (ie scout halls, Masonic temples etc), commercial buildings and ecclesiastical buildings are not currently eligible for funding under the programme.</p> <p>Michael suggested to the committee that consideration be given to broadening the eligibility and extend the project to include some non-residential projects, particularly as some types of properties that currently are ineligible for funding are often at risk of insufficient cyclical maintenance owing to inadequate funding. It is noted that Government owned heritage items are generally listed on the s170 heritage register for that government agency and they are responsible under the Heritage Act 1977 for their maintenance and protection and generally have allocated funds within their portfolio budget for such asset management.</p> <p>The matter of eligibility is to be discussed at the next meeting of this committee.</p>	<p>At its next meeting, the committee will examine the list of buildings on the heritage register with a view to amending the eligibility criteria to include premises other than residential buildings.</p> <p>A press release to highlight the success of the grant program, amount of funding provided, the types of projects funded etc and encouraging applications to be arranged.</p>
<p>7. Matters of Interest</p>	

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<p><u>1988 Archaeological finds from Addington</u></p> <p>Michael Edwards advised that in 1988, four trenches were dug for plumbing purposes around Addington, which culminated in a comprehensive archaeological exploration and assessment was carried out of items unearthed from the trenches.</p> <p>The Archaeologist’s report at the time made the recommendation that the written records be deposited with the Heritage Council of NSW and the items and report be sent to the Powerhouse Museum.</p> <p>Recently the 21 boxes of archaeological artefacts were located in the basement of Council’s Civic Centre at 1 Devlin Street Ryde, suggesting that they never eventuated to the Powerhouse Museum (Museum of Arts and Applied Sciences).</p> <p>Michael Edwards advised that he has made contact with the Senior Curator of Collections at the Powerhouse, who upon initial appraisal, has advised that the Museum as a ‘closed collection’ and has no interest in the archaeological artefacts from Addington.</p> <p>Michael has since made contact with the Senior Archaeologist with the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage, who have reiterated Council has a statutory obligation to maintain the collection under the provisions of the Heritage Act 1977 and is not authorised to dispose of the collection.</p> <p>A re-examination of the collection will need to be undertaken to determine what has archaeological value.</p> <p><u>Sydney Cemeteries – a Field Guide.</u></p> <p>Michael Edwards advised the group of a new publication by the City of Sydney Local Studies Historian, who has produced a field guide on Sydney cemeteries.</p> <p>He advised the publication is extremely interesting and a valuable tool for those interested in learning of the history of cemetery sites and details pertaining to such.</p> <p>The book includes a regionalised list of cemeteries, history of same, significant burials, where to obtain more details etc.</p> <p><u>Heritage Western Sydney App</u></p> <p>Michael Edwards advised that Penrith, Blacktown and Hawkesbury Councils have created an “app” to provide information about heritage properties and the history ofn Western Sydney.</p> <p>The “app” features walking tours which can be downloaded onto tablets or phones and then used to allow people to take self-guided tours.</p> <p>Michael stated the free “app” is a fabulous tool for examining colonial history, road/rail and river history, convict details etc.</p> <p>It has an audio guide and you can gain information about the historical importance of various locations.</p>	<p>The group examined some of the items unearthed in 1988 and noted the advice that a re-examination of the historical worth of the items is required.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>The information was noted along with the possible application to this Council’s Heritage Trail details.</p>
<p>8. Report from Council</p> <p><u>2017 National Trust Heritage Festival ‘Having a Voice’</u></p> <p>Michael Edwards advised that Council will not be undertaking a project for the 2017 National Trust Festival.</p> <p>The Ryde District Historical Society has listed its Open Day as part of the Festival.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

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	<p><u>HAC Minutes – Available on line</u></p> <p>Michael Edwards reminded all present that the minutes from Heritage Advisory Committee Meetings are placed on line on Council’s website.</p>	Noted
9.	<p>Report from Community Representatives</p> <p><u>Ms Cate Fisher - ‘Addington’</u></p> <p>Ms Cate Fisher asked for an update regarding the fence at ‘Addington’ on Victoria Road. Michael Edwards advised that he would have a look at the fence and report to the next meeting of this committee. It was believed that the adjoining neighbour is not willing to contribute to the cost of fencing.</p> <p><u>Mrs Betty Willis - Ryde District Historical Society – Open Day</u></p> <p>Mrs Willis advised that Willandra will be open on 21st May 2017 as part of the National Trust Heritage Festival. Visitor numbers are expected to be less than previous years due to a change in the manner used by the National Trust to advertise the event.</p> <p><u>Dr Peter Mitchell - Ship Building Sites – Canada Bay Council Area</u></p> <p>Dr Peter Mitchell advised that the digital program undertaken by Canada Bay Council will be launched as part of the VIVID festivities.</p> <p><u>Mrs Lyn Langtry – Ryde-Hunters Hill Flora and Fauna Preservation Society</u></p> <p>World Water Day Event</p> <p>The event was held on 21 March 2017 at Field of Mars with approximately 30 people in attendance.</p> <p>Samples of water were taken from the creek for analysis and the importance of keeping cates and dogs out of the Field of Mars was stressed.</p> <p>Society Annual General Meeting</p> <p>The Annual General Meeting was held on 25 March 2017. Again the concern with dogs in the area was noted along with the level of rubbish which flows into Buffalo Creek. The need for a gross pollutant trap at Monash Road bridge was noted.</p> <p>The Society is also very concerned about the major developments being undertaken at Lachlan’s Line and the Macquarie Park corridor and the impact this has on open space in the area.</p> <p>Eastwood Commuter Carpark</p> <p>The Society asked if there was any heritage listing on the Eastwood Oval or surrounding buildings in light of the proposal to construct a commuter carpark at the site.</p> <p>Also a question was raised as to hydrological assessments which may have been undertaken at the site.</p> <p>Michael Edwards advised that there are three individual heritage items within Eastwood Oval, including the croquet club, the war memorial gates and grandstand to the upper oval.</p> <p>Macquarie Park bus priority and capacity improvements</p> <p>The Society is concerned at the need to remove 150 trees to implement the above bus priority and the poor level of advice provided as to replacement plantings.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Lexie to send members an update regarding the proposal to increase the size of Blenheim Park</p> <p>Members are encouraged to lodge submissions to the Local Member for Ryde regarding proposals for a commuter carpark at Eastwood.</p> <p>Lexie to forward information regarding changes to road layout in</p>

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	<p>Pidding Road – loss of trees</p> <p>Society expressed its dismay at the removal of trees at the above location and others in the local area.</p> <p>Council’s response to the general illegal removal of trees was discussed. Specifically, that investigations are continuing.</p>	<p>Macquarie Park to committee members.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
10.	<p>General Discussion / Other Business</p> <p><u>Stone Alignment Marker tour</u></p> <p>The Committee thanked the staff who escorted them on the recent boundary marker tour.</p> <p><u>Concealed items</u></p> <p>Michael Edwards showed the committee a femur leg bone from a cat, which he found concealed beneath the floor next to the fireplace in his c1880 home in the Hawkesbury. This lead to a general discussion about the practice of placing concealed items – often animal bones – in homes as a supernatural ‘protection’ for the dwelling occupants. Items were often located in specific locations eg above chimneys to ward off evil spirits.</p> <p>Peter Mitchell advised that he once discovered a small coloured glass bottle containing ammonium poison and deliberately concealed in the wall of his home in Gladesville.</p> <p><u>National Trust Publication</u></p> <p>Michael Edwards provided advice regarding the new look National Trust publication.</p> <p>It features articles about what is happening in the world of heritage and provides articles on interesting topics.</p> <p>It is high quality publication and is commended to the Committee as a useful resource to keep abreast of heritage issues that the National Trust is advocating for or involved with throughout NSW and around the country.</p> <p><u>Vienna House – Hunters Hill</u></p> <p>Peter Mitchell advised that Vienna Cottage will soon be hosting an exhibition on Broken Hill.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
11.	<p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>Wednesday, 21st June 2017. Clr Perram advised he will be absent for this meeting.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>