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Venue:	Meeting Room, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde	
Date:	Wednesday, 19 th February 2020	
Time:	5.30pm	Started at: 5.35pm Closed at: 7.20pm
Chair:	Councillor Christopher Gordon	
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
	x	Councillor Gordon	Chairperson	City of Ryde
x		Councillor Clifton	Deputy Chairperson	City of Ryde
x		Mrs Lyn Langtry	Community Representative	Ryde-Hunters Hill Flora and Fauna Preservation Society
x		Mrs Betty Willis	Community Representative	Ryde District Historical Society
x		Kim Phillips	Community Representative	Ryde District Historical Society
x		Dr Peter Mitchell	Community Representative	
x		Ms Suzanne Marks	Community Representative	
x		Ms Beth Kosnik	Community Representative	
x		Ms Cate Fisher	Community Representative	
		Toni Courtellis	Community Representative	
		Rose Torossian	Community Representative	
x		Linda Evans	Community Representative	
x		Jim Vaughan	Community Representative	Brush Farm Historical Society

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
x		Michael Edwards	Heritage Advisor	City of Ryde
x		Angela Phippen	Local Studies Librarian	City of Ryde
x		Linda Smith	EA to Mayor and the Councillors	City of Ryde

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1.	Present: Those present are as above. Councillor Clifton provided an acknowledgement of Country.	As noted.
2.	Apologies: Apologies as above.	As noted.
3.	Confirmation of Heritage Advisory Committee Minutes and matters arising.	Noted.

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<p>The minutes from the meeting of 16th October 2019 were confirmed.</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>	
<p>4. Matters of Interest</p> <p><u>Chinese market gardens in Ryde research</u></p> <p>Angela Phippen provided the group with the following information from research she has been undertaking into the Chinese market gardeners of Ryde</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The first Chinese Market Gardeners to Ryde arrived in the 1880's. - The bulk of arrivals were between 1920 and 1940 - Examination of the 'Certificate of Exemption' files relevant to these people give many examples of the Exemption from the Dictation Test which they received. - The test was designed to keep Asians and other immigrants out of Australia through failure of a test which could be set in a number of European languages. - An exemption was available and often given to people so that people who lived in Australia could return to Asia for personal or family reasons and then come back to Australia without sitting the 'Dictation test'. - Most of the research undertaken was done at the National Archives at Chester Hill - Angela looked through 13 boxes of records to find files related to the Ryde area - Each file has a comprehensive history of the person, good quality photos and a thumb print, in some cases a hand print, also physical characteristics eg height hair colour etc - Letters from local residents in support of the exemptions are also included. - The letters of support provide interesting background regarding the people who lived in the area and the businesses undertaken in the local area. They also provide evidence of the social interactions between the Chinese and the community in which they lived and worked. - The applications increase from 1916 when there was 1 to 1930 when there were 28 - Angela will use the information to hopefully map the locations of the various market gardens throughout Ryde. Many of which are currently parks and open spaces, but have also influenced the subdivision pattern of the area. 	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>5. Ryde Local Heritage Assistance Fund</p> <p><u>Ryde Local Heritage Assistance Fund – adopted eligibility criteria</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A one-off injection to the fund of \$500,000 to coincide with the Ryde Heritage Review 2019 will be provided. The additional funding will be available until spent – not tied to a specified length of time. - Following adoption by Council of the Ryde Heritage Review, funding will apply to heritage items as well as contributory items in heritage conservation areas. This will include existing heritage items and HCAs as well as the new heritage items and HCAs under the Heritage Review 2019. - Council staff will review the existing and new HCAs and map contributory and non-contributory buildings and present the information to the next available HAC. - When the LEP is finalised, there will be additional heritage items eligible for grant funding. 	<p>The information was noted.</p>

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6. **Report from Council**

Outcomes of the Planning Proposal - Ryde Heritage Review 2019

- Lexie provided an update regarding Council’s consideration of the Ryde Heritage Review 2019
- Council considered this matter at meetings on 10th and 12th December 2019
- The final decision was based on whether land owners objected to their properties being included in the Review. Those properties to which the owner objected, were removed from the study.
- Street trees and parks are included in the Heritage Review, however at one stage during Council’s debate there was discussion that these not be included.
- Six heritage conservation areas have been identified but only three will proceed, including: Chatham Road HCA, Darvall Estate HCA and Tyrell Street HCA.
- Of the 63 speakers at the Council meeting, 13 supported heritage.
- Lyn Langtry addressed the Council meeting and spoke in support of including trees and other items other than just buildings.
- Contributory and non-contributory items within the HCAs will be identified by Council staff, including Council’s Heritage Advisor and mapped.
- The current Ryde DCP presently does not contain specific heritage controls applicable to heritage items or HCAs, however Council staff will be preparing a series of development controls for a heritage chapter of the DCP in the coming 12 months.
- The first heritage study was conducted in 1988 with the first listing in 2003.

The information was noted.

Macquarie Ice Rink IHO

- In 2019 an Interim Heritage Order (IHO) was placed on Macquarie Ice Rink by the Minister for Planning.
- The Heritage Council of NSW then had to decide whether to list the Macquarie Ice Rink as an item of state heritage significance on the State Heritage Register (SHR).
- The matter was presented to the SHR Listings Committee of the Heritage Council of NSW, which did not consider the Ice Rink to have state heritage significance and recommended to the Heritage Council of NSW not to proceed with listing the Macquarie Ice Rink on the SHR. The committee also recommended that it was potentially of local heritage significance and that it was therefore a matter for Council to consider. The SHR Listings Committee formally wrote to Council advising of its recommendation.
- Discussions between Council’s Heritage Advisor and Heritage NSW indicate that the rink has local significance.
- A Planning Proposal has been prepared by Council to identify the Macquarie Ice Rink as an item of local heritage significance and to amend Schedule 5 of the Ryde LEP 2014 to include the ice rink as a heritage item.
- The Planning Proposal has been considered at the Ryde Local Planning Panel, of February 2020, which has recommended to Council that the Planning Proposal should proceed.
- AMP Capital (owner of the Macquarie Shopping Centre) is now looking at retaining the ice rink, but possibly relocating it within the proposed redevelopment of the shopping centre.

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68 – 70 Chatham Road

- The first IHO placed over the two properties was challenged in the NSW Land and Environment Court by the property owner. The Court upheld the appeal and considered the IHO invalid due to an administrative error.
- Council swiftly responded by making a new IHO over the two properties, which is again being appealed through the NSW LEC.
- Members of the HAC will be informed of the progress.

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<p><u>68 Denistone Road</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Michael Edwards advised that the Development Application involving the subdivision of the land was appealed by the owner to the NSW Land and Environment Court. - The matter was recently heard in November 2019 and the Commissioner has recently handed down the judgement in mid February 2020. - A copy of the judgement can be reviewed here: https://www.caselaw.nsw.gov.au/decision/5df16478e4b0ab0bf60748d2 - Essentially, the Court found that the dwelling sustained substantial damages because of the effects of the unprecedented drought in NSW.T - The appeal was amended to include demolition of the dwelling house and since the Court has upheld the appeal, demolition of the dwelling house was approved. <p>NOTE: The dwelling at 68 Denistone Road has since been demolished.</p> <p><u>Other heritage matters:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Edwards advised that GML Heritage has been engaged by Council to prepare a revised and updated Conservation Management Plan for each of the 6 Council owned heritage listed properties, including Addington, Willandra, Brush Farm, Eastwood Town Hall, The Parsonage and Westward Cottage. - While Council currently has a Conservation Management Plan (CMP) for each of the six (6) heritage listed properties, the CMPs vary substantially in their complexity, content, methodology and reliability, having been produced by various heritage professionals spanning some two decades. Each of the existing CMPs require review and updating and it is important that they are each produced to a consistent standard and format, to enable ease in ongoing management of the heritage items. - A standard template has been prepared by GML, which will allow for a consistent approach to the CMPs, while still allowing site specific responses to each of the heritage items to suite their respective level of significance, characteristics and specific requirements. - The updated CMPs are expected to be completed within the next 12 months. 	
<p>6. Report from Community Representatives</p> <p><u>Ryde District Historical Society</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kim advised the Society is currently compiling a book on the history of the theatres of Ryde, which will include details about drive-ins, cinemas, theatres etc. - The Society will be applying for a grant to assist with this work. - The Society is keen to undertaken more projects with the assistance of Macquarie University students. - On the 3rd Sunday in March, the Society will be holding a scanning day at Willandra - There is a lot of work currently being undertaken in relation to the market gardens which were worked by the local Italian community - It was noted that Nora and Artin Etmekdjian have joined the society and that the involvement of the Armenian community in the local area will be examined at a future time. - On 3rd Sunday in May, guest speakers on the topic of transport will be in attendance at Willandra - On the 3rd Sunday in April, an ANZAC display with information re soldiers especially in Wharf Road will be held 	<p>The information was noted</p> <p>The information was noted.</p>

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<p>Willandra opened 3rd Sunday each month from March to September for limited hours on most occasions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mention was made of the extensive photo collection held by John Booth of the local area and the hope of the Society that it will be able to access the collection for record keeping purposes. <p><u>Linda Evans – Macquarie University</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Linda advised that the existing museums at the University have closed and that the artefacts will be housed in a new museum to open later in the year. - Linda reported that the fitout of the new museum is very impressive. - It was suggested that perhaps a future meeting of this Committee could be held at the new premises <p><u>Ryde Hunters Hill Flora and Fauna Preservation Society</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Society was pleased that there were no fires during the recent severe summer - Some weeds had died due to the hot weather whilst natives had survived but this may have changed with the recent rain. - The Society has written a letter of support for grant funding for the powerful owl project. - The project involves people collecting feathers so it can be determined where the owls live in the Field of Mars and other sites. - There had been 1607 visitors to the Field of Mars Visitor Centre – not including people who attended special events. - On 29th February a water sensitive workshop will be held - Society members will work for Clean up Australia Day within the Field of Mars - The AGM will be held at 2pm on the 21st March 2020 at the Visitors Centre. - On 11th April a bird walk will be conducted by Cathy Goswell <p><u>Brush Farm Historical Society</u></p> <p>Jim Vaughan provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bev McCLymont who was president of the club for 30 years has recently passed away - It was not possible to hold the AGM in February due to hospitalisations and illness - There is no business to report therefore - It was noted there is a need to move the records held by the Society to another group ie the Historical Society or Council due to the falling membership of the Society - Kim Phillips, Jim Vaughan and a rep from Council will meet to work out how best to progress this. - The Committee acknowledged the work of Bev and her husband John. <p><u>Bennelong Putney Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peter Mitchell advised there had been no action on the Bennelong Memorial - Dr Mitchell has availed himself to trial the 3D scanning capabilities with Macquarie University - The Committee agreed that it would be valuable to have Macquarie University present to the HAC on the 3D scanning capabilities. 	<p>Follow up of the invitation to a member of Macquarie University to address this group on 3D capabilities to be followed up. Also future meeting possibly to be held at new museum</p> <p>The information was noted.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p>
<p>7. General Discussion/other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Edwards advised the Committee that he has received communication 	<p>The information was noted</p>

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	<p>from the Convict Trail Project group, who advocate for the Great North Road convict trail. The CTP have requested to present to the HAC to seek the committee’s feedback on possible projects around Bedlam Point.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All committee members are encouraged to visit Bedlam Point prior to the next meeting. - Mr Edwards advised that an enquiry has been received by Council, regarding an Aboriginal midden at Kissing Point Park and the breaking up of a former KXII submarine at Settlers Point Putney. Specifically, the enquiry was seeking information on the former submarine and whether Perspex screens could be installed to protect the midden. - Peter Mitchell provided verbal background on the submarine and will send written details to Mr Edwards and also to the RDHS for publishing in the Ryde Recorder. - The submarine was built in the 1920’s and handed over to the Australian navy which used it for training at Garden Island. - After the war it was moored at Manly where the public could access it for a fee. - After breaking its mooring at Manly, it was moved to Putney. - A plaque recognising this has been located at the site and reads KXII. - With regard to the aboriginal midden, it was noted it has been affected by coastal erosion, however the committee agreed that the installation of perspex screens in front of the midden site is not considered appropriate. 	
10.	<p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 15th April 2020 at 5.30pm.</p>	Noted.