

Subject:	Heritage Advisory Committee – Minutes of Meeting	Page 1 of 7
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Venue:	Meeting Room, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde	
Date:	Wednesday, 21 st April 2021	
Time:	5.30pm Started at: 5.40pm Closed at: 7.40pm	
Chair:	Councillor Christopher Gordon	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
Staff Convenor:	Naomi L'Oste-Brown Senior Coordinator – Strategic Planning	
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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
		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	
		Ms Cate Fisher	Community Representative	
		Toni Courtellis	Community Representative	
		Rose Torossian	Community Representative	
x		Linda Evans	Community Representative	
		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
x		Naomi L'Oste Brown	Senior Coordinator – Strategic Planning	City of Ryde

Details**Action**

1.	<p>Present:</p> <p>Those present are as above.</p> <p>Councillor Gordon provided an acknowledgement of Country.</p> <p>He also acknowledged that it was very nice to be back to meeting in person.</p> <p>It was noted that Lexie McDonald has retired from Council but is presently on long service leave and Naomi is acting in the role of Senior Coordinator – Strategic Planning.</p>	<p>As noted.</p>
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2. Apologies: Apologies as above.	As noted.
3. Confirmation of Heritage Advisory Committee Minutes and matters arising. The minutes from the meeting of 19 th February 2020 were confirmed. There were no matters arising.	Noted.
4. Ryde Local Heritage Assistance Fund 2021 Michael Edwards and Naomi L'Oste-Brown addressed the committee. Michael Edwards as Council's Heritage Advisor, delivered a presentation to the Committee which gave an overview of the Ryde Local Heritage Assistance Fund, the eligibility criteria, and information regarding this new round of funding, together with presenting to the Committee the applications that have been received under the first round. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This program has been running for a number of years but is being conducted in a slightly different way this year. - The aim of the fund is to encourage conservation of heritage items in CoR - To coincide with the Ryde Heritage Review in 2019, Council provided a one-off injection to the fund of \$500,000, which is a significant increase in funding from \$20,000 in previous years. This means that there is substantial opportunity for a wider number of applications to be received. - Grants up to \$15,000 are now available. This is up from the previous amount of up to \$5,000. - The first round of funding was open from 18th February to 7th April 2021. - Eligible projects need to involve conservation works or works that contribute to the significance of a listed heritage item that is a residential property. - This year, contributory items in conservation areas are eligible for funding, as per the Council resolution of December 2019. - To be eligible, works need to be completed prior to funding being sought - Works must be completed by qualified tradespeople - Invoices need to accompany applications <p>Within the first round of applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 33 applications have been received in the current period - 7 are duplicates – i.e they relate to the same property - 13 have been assessed as eligible for funding. - Some are ineligible as works are unauthorised i.e the works have been completed without the necessary statutory approvals or exemptions, not eligible i.e weed removal/suppression or the works have not yet been completed. - Approximately 140 enquiries were made regarding the scheme. - A second round of funding will be announced early in 2022. - This committee will be provided with advice regarding eligible funding applications only. <p>The applications lodged in respect of the following eligible properties were determined as follows:</p> <p><u>23 – 27 Myra Ave Ryde</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding sought \$7, 895.00 – The committee did not support this application as it was not considered a positive heritage outcome. 	Noted

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	<p><u>34A Miriam Road Denistone</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding sought \$1,036 – a listed item – The committee supported this application for the full amount of \$1,036. <p><u>30 Miriam Road Denistone</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding has been received previously. Funding sought \$15,000 – The committee supported this application for the amount of \$10,000.00. <p><u>15 Simla Road Denistone</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding sought \$9,955 – a contributory item - The committee supported this application for the amount of \$2,000.00. <p><u>293 Pittwater Road North Ryde</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding sought \$13,124 – a listed item – The committee supported this application for the full amount of \$13,124. <p><u>76 Anthony Road Denistone</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding sought \$15,000 – a contributory item to Darvall Estate HCA – The committee supported this application for the amount of \$5,000.00. <p><u>69 Marsden Road West Ryde</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding sought \$15,000 – heritage item – The committee supported this application for full amount of \$15,000. <p><u>50 Simla Road Denistone</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding sought \$15,000 – contributory item – The committee supported this application for the amount of \$5,000. <p><u>18 Clive Road Eastwood</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding sought \$9,299 – contributory item – The committee supported this application for the full amount of \$9,299. <p><u>64 West Parade West Parade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding sought \$11,500 – contributory item – The committee supported this application for the amount of \$4,000. <p><u>8 Oates Ave Gladesville</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding sought \$3,650 – heritage item – The committee supported this application for the full amount of \$3,650. <p>It was suggested by the Committee that applicants be provided with advice regarding those home improvements which are scored highly and those which are not.</p> <p>It was suggested that a 'good news' story be submitted to the local paper regarding the grants provided.</p>	
5.	<p>Update on Macquarie Ice Rink Local Heritage Listing and Brush Farm Bowling Club Heritage Assessment</p> <p>Naomi L'Oste-Brown provided the following update</p>	Noted

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft legislation regarding the listing for the Macquarie Ice Rink is with the Draft Parliamentary Committee. - It is considered that the listing is imminent. - Brush Farm Bowling Club has been closed for some time and the site vacated. - Council has resolved that a heritage assessment be undertaken. - A site inspection has been carried out and the draft assessment is expected to be received in the next couple of weeks. 	
<p>6. Report from Community Representatives</p> <p>Flora and Fauna Society – Lyn Langtry advised as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Environmental challenges and issues on a local, state and national level were addressed including Ivanhoe Estate, Meadowbank Precinct, Manor houses, natural areas, FOM draft Masterplan, Sager Place, Blenheim, Jim Walsh and Magdala Parks, powerful owls, Boronia Park, Gladesville Village, gas/coal projects, koalas, feral horses, the nuclear industry, Crown lands, climate control and Warragamba Dam. - Seven editions of <i>Wallumetta</i> were published. <p>Other reports covered the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FOM - foxes continue to be eradicated, there are fewer dogs and bikes but there has been an increase in the cat population; COVID-19 saw a tripling of visitors and now it is double the number of two years ago; younger family groups are coming through; activities included bird walks and Clean Up Australia - FOM Consultative Committee (with RCC) – considered dogs, Bushcare, bushfires, weed management and six bush regeneration sites - Parramatta River Catchment Committee – aim for swimming by 2025 and monitoring of construction activity controls <p>Linda Evans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A new arts precinct has opened at Macquarie University and is spectacular. - The Australian History Museum and Ancient History Museum at the Uni have been combined and the restored museum is now open to the public. - It was suggested that perhaps a future meeting of this committee could be held at the Museum. - Linda and Kim Phillips have discussed internships for students of history at the Uni to work with the Ryde District Historical Society. - Student numbers in Linda’s course have increased from 7 to 87. - A number of students are currently working as interns with the Historical Society. <p>Peter Mitchell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are no updates from the Bennelong Committee. - The Halvorsen site at Putney has been approved with public access through the site and Aboriginal interpretation works required. - If archaeological items are found on site, work will need to cease - Council’s Heritage Advisor advised the committee that the approval granted by the Land and Environment Court is a concept approval only – not the final approval, and a future DA will be required that fits within the parameters of the concept approval. <p>Kim Phillips</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Historical Society was not permitted to use Willandra whilst the roof was being redone. - This and COVID meant the Society was quiet for most of 2020. 	<p>A future meeting of this committee to be held at the University is possible.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members are working on a Ryde goes to WW2 book and this has been a good project during COVID. - Approximately 2,000 soldiers are being researched. - The publication of this book will be in a digital only format. - Kim spoke of the work that some of the students from Macquarie Uni are undertaking. Seven are transcribing headstone data at Field of Mars. Others are writing histories of local people, some are researching items held by the Society such as the Fireplace in Willandra, an ice chest etc. - The Society has applied for 3 grants from Council and also the Federal Govt. - The Society now has sole use of Willandra. - An open house held in April had a small number of visitors but a new member joined the Society as a result of the visit. <p>Betty Willis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Betty noted that the Bicentenary plaques and plinths from 1988 are wearing out and are difficult to read. - She noted this was in contrast to the new plaques along Kissing Point - Michael will investigate if the older plaques can be restored. <p>Clr Gordon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clr Gordon advised the Keith Vincent Smith's book on the Wallumedegal people has been completed and is expected to be launched soon - He also advised that following the lifting of the stop work order on the Civic Centre, that work at the site is now progressing 	<p>Michael to investigate if it is possible to restore the Bicentenary plaques</p>
<p>7. General Discussion/other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Michael advised that he has sent committee members an email regarding the heritage legislation review. Any comments should be sent to Michael. - The National Trust Festival has commenced. Website provides advice re nearby activities. - The International day of monuments and sites occurred recently. - Michael showed the group a solar panel suitable for insertion on slate roofs. It is the thickness of a slate tile and is sized to be the same as four tiles. Although many panels would be needed to power a house, it shows how technology is changing and that less intrusive solar technology can be used on heritage homes. <p>Tramway monument</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Betty voiced concern regarding the Tramway Monument and the possibility that it is vulnerable to damage. - The group considered that the current position is safe. <p>Council Elections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was noted that following the Council election in September 2021, applications will be called for membership of this committee and current members will need to reapply. 	<p>Noted</p>
<p>8. Next Meeting:</p> <p>The next meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, 16th June 2021 at 5.30pm and 18th August at 5.30pm.</p>	<p>Noted</p>