

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, 9 th August 2017	
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.00pm Closed at: 7.55pm
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	
		Mr Jim Vaughan	Community Representative	Brush Farm Historical Society

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
	✓	Dyalan Govender	A/Manager – City Planning	City of Ryde
✓		Lexie Macdonald	Senior Coordinator – Strategic Planning	City of Ryde
✓		Michael Edwards	Heritage Advisor	City of Ryde
✓		Angela Phippen	Local Studies Librarian	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 21st June 2017	Noted.

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	<p>The Minutes from the meeting held on 21st June 2017 were confirmed.</p> <p>The following corrections to the minutes were noted.</p> <p>Item 8: Carrisbrook House should be spelled Carisbrook House. Carisbrook House is under the care of Lane Cove Council, not Hunters Hill Council.</p> <p>It was further noted that both “report from Council” and “report from Community Representatives” had been listed as “item 8”.</p>	<p>Minutes were endorsed with the recorded amendments.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Presentation – Putney Hill Interpretation Strategy</p> <p>Representatives from Frasers Property and Artefact attended the meeting to give the Committee a presentation on the heritage interpretation strategy and plan for the Putney Hill development.</p> <p>A summary of the presentation is recorded as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In 2005, Royal Ryde Rehabilitation lodged a DA to develop its site at Ryde. - In 2010, Frasers Property purchased the site and lodged new plans. - Construction of the revised development is due for completion by the end of 2018. When complete, the development will comprise 791 dwellings. - As part of the development, interpretive signs will be created to chronicle the history of the site. - A brief history is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use of the site by aboriginal people - 1792 – small land grants to free convicts - By 1844, small grants were consolidated. - In 1884, Mr Moses built Weemala. - In 1907 Susan Sharks commenced use of the property as a home for incurables. - The site was used as hospital for the next 50 years. - In 1911 – Miss Sharks (who was blind) built a nurses wing and in 1921 the first cancer ward in the country was built on the site. - In the 1950’s Royal Ryde Rehabilitation Hospital commenced use of the site. - The hospital was run to provide patients with a feeling that they were in a “home” not an institution. - The gate posts of the original “Weemala” although not in original state, have been preserved and will be replaced at the front of the driveway. - Much of the material from the original home will be reused on the site. - Gabion walls will use some of the original bricks. - It was noted that the use of the site by Riding for the Disabled, should be incorporated in the interpretive history. <p>The proposed heritage interpretation strategy and proposed interpretive signage / installations were generally well received by the Committee. Mr Edwards provided some feedback on assisting in ensuring certain proposed installations can be appropriately and sufficiently interpreted by the viewer without overtly saturating the site with signage.</p> <p>Betty Willis and Kim Philips offered to assist in reviewing the images in their collection for inclusion on the interpretive signage panels.</p> <p>Mr Edwards requested that Frasers consider permitting the future Heritage Advisory Committee with the opportunity to visit / tour the site and view the interpretive signage and various installations upon completion.</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>Use of the site by Riding for the Disabled to be incorporated in the interpretive history.</p> <p>Information re the bricks used in the gabion walls to be available on site.</p> <p>Upon completion, a tour of the interpretive installations to be arranged for this Committee.</p> <p>It was suggested that when the installations are complete, talks be provided to the residents of Putney Hill to understand the significance of the site and as an aid to interpreting the interpretive signage and installations.</p> <p>The report provided by Frasers and Artefact to be circulated to the committee.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Heritage Walking Trail</p> <p><u>Progress Update: Gladesville Heritage Walking Trail</u></p>	

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	<p>Michael advised that the final content for the Gladesville Walking Trail has been forwarded to Council’s Media and Communications team.</p> <p>3,000 copies of the booklet will be printed.</p> <p>The Committee expressed an interest in undertaking a walking tour of the Gladesville Heritage Walking Trail.</p> <p>A launch for the Gladesville Clock Tower is being arranged for October/November and it was suggested that the walk be arranged to take place on the same day.</p>	<p>The information regarding the Gladesville Heritage Walking Trail was noted.</p> <p>Michael to arrange for current committee members to undertake the Gladesville Heritage Trail Walking Tour in conjunction with the launch of the Gladesville Clock Tower.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Ryde Local Heritage Assistance Fund – 2016-2017</p> <p>This committee has previously discussed the possibility of extending eligibility criteria for the above fund to community groups and churches.</p> <p>As Council elections will be held on 9th September 2017, it was decided to defer consideration of this matter until after the election.</p> <p>Extension of eligibility criteria will be listed for consideration by any relevant Advisory Committee established by the new Council.</p>	<p>Noted. Deferred for consideration by a future Heritage Advisory Committee.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Matters of Interest</p> <p><u>Wallumedegal – An Aboriginal history of Ryde</u></p> <p>Angela Phippen spoke to the Committee about Keith Vincent Smith’s book on the Wallumedegal people published by Council’s Community Services staff in 2005.</p> <p>The book is a valuable resource and is often used by school groups and others researching local history.</p> <p>The book is out of print and no printed copies are available.</p> <p>Angela suggested that a future Heritage Advisory Committee recommend to Council that the book re-revised and then reprinted.</p> <p>She advised that a soft copy of the text in the publication is available in Council’s TRIM records, which would make it easy to review and update.</p> <p>Keith Vincent-Smith was responsible for the original text whilst Chris Tobin provided the illustrations.</p> <p>Mr Vincent-Smith could be asked to review and update the copy to include items such as the location of Bennelong’s Grave.</p>	<p>This item is to be referred to any future Heritage Advisory Committee with a recommendation that Council fund revision and reprinting of the book on the Wallumedegal People.</p> <p>The possible provision of grant funding to be investigated.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Report from Council</p> <p><u>Gladesville Clock Tower Restoration – update and feedback</u></p> <p>Michael Edwards advised that pending restoration of power to the clock, works to restore the Clock Tower are now complete. Power to the clock will be turned on at the official launch to be held at the end of October/early November if not beforehand.</p> <p>Michael advised that the site of the clock tower was originally intended to be a flower plot. Further, at the time of the Ryde Bicentennial in 1992, a landscaped garden was established at the rear of the clock tower.</p> <p>Incidentally, Council is about to finalise the works to the traffic island with new landscaping works to enhance the public domain.</p>	<p>An official launch of the restored clock tower to be held in October/November.</p> <p>The comment of Sydney Living Museums was noted.</p>

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	<p>Michael Edwards advised that the Director of Sydney Living Museums (formerly Historic Houses Trust) has written to Council congratulating it on the work undertaken to restore the clock tower.</p> <p><u>Heritage Festival 2018</u></p> <p>The 2018 Heritage Festival will be held in April/May.</p> <p>Suggestions as to activities Council can undertake are sought from Committee members.</p> <p>Michael Edwards asked the Committee to start thinking through ideas for possible initiatives that Council could promote or run during the festival.</p> <p>Mr Edwards advised that one suggestion he is wanting to explore is a series of short workshops for the owners of heritage buildings – basically a “how to” session which will provide practical tips and advice on such issues as researching the history of your house, exploring appropriate colour schemes, etc.</p> <p>It was suggested that the ANZAC Committee and Heritage Committee could work together to hold an event to recognise the various memorials and monuments in the COR recognising the war effort for WWI.</p> <p>A screening of the “Images of Ryde” could be arranged at a suitable location – perhaps the large screens at Top Ryde Shopping Centre and/or West Ryde Plaza.</p> <p>Appropriate banners could be erected on the smart poles in the local area.</p> <p>Further ideas can be forwarded to Michael Edwards.</p>	<p>Ideas for events to be held as part of the Heritage Festival 2018 to be forwarded to Michael Edwards.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Report from Community Representatives</p> <p><u>Ryde District Historical Society</u></p> <p>Betty Willis advised that Michael recently addressed the Society and thanked him for doing so. The talk was about the history of the Gladesville Clock Tower.</p> <p>The Society is currently updating its constitution.</p> <p>The Society is producing a series of occasional papers on subjects relevant to Ryde.</p> <p>Any person who wishes to write a paper is encouraged to do so and submit it to the Society which will format it and make available for distribution.</p> <p><u>Brush Farm House Historical Society</u></p> <p>Jim Vaughan advised that the Society had recently held a successful “working with tools” talk.</p> <p>An Open Day will be held on Sunday 3rd September – Fathers Day and visitors are encouraged to bring a picnic to enjoy lunch on the grass.</p> <p><u>Ryde Hunters Hill Flora and Fauna Society</u></p> <p>Cathy Merchant could not be present but wrote on behalf of Lyn Langtry to thank HAC for the updates the Society receives through Lyn. Michael Edwards read an email to the Committee stating that the Society is especially thankful for the updates concerning Heritage Walks.</p> <p>The tree planting held at Field of Mars on 30th July was a success and well attended.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Historical Society encourages members of the community to document information they might have on any subject relevant to the history of Ryde and to submit it to them.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>

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	Guided walks will be held at Field of Mars on Sunday 13 th August 2017.	
9.	<p>General Discussion / Other Business</p> <p><u>Addington</u></p> <p>Michael provided an update on the repair and replacement of fencing at Addington. Some repairs and replacements to the fences have taken place however negotiations are still ongoing with one of the neighbours.</p> <p>Repainting work is about to be undertaken at the property, including repainting of the timber front fence and joinery to the front elevation.</p> <p><u>Bill Mitchell Park and Westminster Park</u></p> <p>Clr Perram advised that the building used by the Pigeon Club at Bill Mitchell Park is to be removed. Michael advised that the building has no heritage significance.</p> <p>Clr Perram advised comment has been made regarding the demolition of the scout hall at Westminster Park. Michael advised he will investigate this matter.</p> <p><u>Eastwood Park</u></p> <p>Clr Perram advised that Council has been briefed regarding a state government proposal to construct a 300 space carpark underneath the top oval at Eastwood Park.</p> <p>The carpark would be built under the oval and turf placed on top of the site – similar to the Domain carpark in the city.</p> <p>The current proposal is for access via Lakeside Ave. Clr Perram suggested to the presenters that access from Wingate Ave would be a better option.</p> <p>It was noted that Eastwood Oval is nearly 100 years old.</p> <p><u>End of term of Heritage Advisory Committee</u></p> <p>Lexie thanked Clr Perram for his work with the Heritage Advisory Committee, making note of his support and guidance during the term of the Committee.</p> <p>Clr Perram thanked the Committee for its work during the last term.</p> <p><u>Movie on Halvorsen Boat Company</u></p> <p>The Committee viewed a short movie commissioned by Canada Bay Council on the Halvorsens boat yard at Putney, which is part of the new walking trail that Canada Bay Council are producing along the Parramatta River and focusing on WWII sites.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Michael to investigate possible demolition of scout hall.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
11.	<p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>This was the last meeting for the current term of the Heritage Advisory Committee.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>