



Heritage Committee

Date of meeting: 5 October 2023
Location: Council Chambers
Time: 5:00PM

MINUTES

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1. AGENDA

Minutes of the Meeting of the Heritage Committee held in the Council Chambers, Windsor, on 5 October 2023 commencing at 5:00pm.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Councillor Danielle Wheeler Hawkesbury City Council - (Chairperson)
Councillor Shane Djuric, Hawkesbury City Council
Councillor Mary Lyons-Buckett, Hawkesbury City Council
Mr Graham Edds, Community Representative – (Deputy Chairperson)
Ms Jan Barkley-Jack, Community Representative
Ms Cheryl Ballantyne, Community Representative
Ms Deborah Hallam, Community Representative
Ms Michelle Nichols, Community Representative
Mr John Moxon, Community Representative
Mr Michael Edwards, Community Representative

Apologies: Councillor Jill Reardon, Hawkesbury City Council
Ms Gaye Wilson, Community Representative
Ms Erin Wilkins, Community Representative
Ms Cindy Laws, Community Representative

In Attendance: Mr Andrew Kearns, Hawkesbury City Council
Ms Amy Birks, Hawkesbury City Council, Minute Secretary

Member	3/8/2023	5/10/2023
Councillor Danielle Wheeler	✓	✓
Councillor Shane Djuric	✓	✓
Councillor Mary Lyons-Buckett	✓	✓
Councillor Jill Reardon	✓	A
Ms Jan Barkley-Jack	✓	✓
Ms Cheryl Ballantyne	✓	✓
Ms Gaye Wilson	✓	A
Ms Deborah Hallam	✓	✓
Ms Michelle Nichols	✓	✓
Mr John Moxon	✓	✓
Ms Erin Wilkins	✓	A
Ms Cindy Laws	✓	A
Mr Michael Edwards	✓	✓
Mr Graham Edds	✓	✓

Key: A = Formal Apology ✓ = Present X = Absent - no apology

APOLOGIES

Apologies from Councillor Jill Reardon, Ms Gaye Wilson, Ms Erin Wilkins and Ms Cindy Laws were noted.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Mr Graham Edds declared an interest on Item 3.1.2.

Councillor Danielle Wheeler declared an interest on Item 3.1.2.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of 3 August 2023 Meeting to be included in Business Papers for 2 November 2023 Heritage Committee Meeting.

3. REPORTS FOR DETERMINATION

3.1.1 HC - Heritage Committee Outstanding Actions Update - (80242)

Directorate: City Planning

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the Heritage Committee consider the update on progress associated with the list of outstanding actions from the former Heritage Advisory Committee.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Ms Jan Barkley-Jack and seconded by Mr Michael Edwards.

That the Heritage Committee consider the update on progress associated with the list of outstanding actions from the former Heritage Advisory Committee.

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As requested by the Heritage Committee Chairperson I provide the:-

Report on representatives from the International ICOMOS General Assembly visit to the Hawkesbury on Tuesday 19th September 2023.

This resulted from an impromptu request from a few international members through a colleague, Sue Jackson-Stepowski who were anticipating a visit to the Hawkesbury/Nepean region but were saddened by the cancellation of the two events through lack of registrations.

The participants identified below initially met at St Matthews Anglican Church and Precinct and were treated with the hospitality of Rev Chris Jones who opened up the church and allowed access into the bell tower to view the cultural landscape that surrounds Windsor from the tower elevation which included the vast Hawkesbury floodplain and escarpment of the lower Blue Mountains.

The whirlwind tour selected various early farming locations from the first years of Hawkesbury's early 19th C settlement including visitation to some Macquarie towns, Hobartville Stud and following Francis Street and Dight street behind the RAAF base again viewing the still remnant and vast river cultural landscape to Windsor's Peninsula historic buildings, Australia's first purpose built Court House, North Street cottages, and Tebbutt's Observatory precinct to Thompson Square before enjoying lunch at the Macquarie Arms Hotel, Australia's oldest pub on the mainland. Thereafter travelling along the floodplain towards Wilberforce observing the many significant timber slab barns on the way to the Australiana Pioneer Village which again was accommodated by the Friends of APV.

All participants were "gobsmacked" at the vastness of the cultural landscape particularly referring to their personal knowledge of cultural landscapes from elsewhere around Europe.

It was clear to me that we, the Hawkesbury community, take for granted the area in which we live and work and sometimes do not fully appreciate the beauty and extent of our early settlement and historical importance of the Hawkesbury floodplain together with its vital importance during those early years of providing food for the Colony.

It was my absolute pleasure to be able to provide a knowledgeable tour at short notice and receiving resounding acceptance for visitation from the owners to these highly regarded international visitors and to showcase even a snippet of the heritage of the Hawkesbury.

Attached is a photograph of St Matthews Anglican Church, c1817 Windsor, New South Wales, Australia with participants:

[left to right]

- Rev. Mr Chris Jones, St Matthews Anglican Church, Windsor
- Ms Mona O'ROURKE (Ireland), President of ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Legal, Administrative and Financial Issues [ILAFI]
- Ms Grainne SHAFFREY (Ireland), ICOMOS international Board member, former President ICOMOS Ireland
- Ms Dr Fidelma MULLANE (Ireland), 2023 President of ICOMOS Ireland, ICOMOS International Scientific Committee for Vernacular Architecture. expert
- Mr Graham EDDS (Australia), ICOMOS International Scientific Committee for Vernacular Architecture. expert and Australia's voting member.

photo by

Ms Sue Jackson-Stepowski (Australia),

ICOMOS 21st General Assembly (Sydney) Organising Committee

International Scientific Committees for

- Historic Cities, Towns and Villages – expert
- Shared Built Heritage – expert and former Vice President
- Cultural Landscape -Expert- Shared Built Heritage – expert and former Vice President
- Cultural Landscapes - expert

Prepared by Graham Edds for the Heritage Committee.

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3.1.2. HC - Update on the Hawkesbury Timber Barns Study 2023 - (80242)

Directorate: City Planning

Councillor Wheeler declared an interest in the item and vacated the chair.

Mr Graham Edds declared an interest in the item.

Councillor Mary Lyons-Buckett assumed the chair for this item.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the information with respect to the update on the Hawkesbury Timber Barns Study 2023 be received and noted.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Shane Djuric and seconded by Ms Cheryl Ballantyne.

That the information with respect to the update on the Hawkesbury Timber Barns Study 2023 be received and noted.

Councillor Danielle Wheeler resumed the chair.

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3.1.3. HC - Potential Heritage Items Project Update - (80242)

Previous Item: 4, HC (28 July 2022)

Directorate: City Planning

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the Heritage Committee receive the report on the update on the potential heritage items project.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Ms Michelle Nichols and seconded by Mr Graham Edds.

That the Heritage Committee receive the report on the update on the potential heritage items project.

3.1.4. HC - Windsor Bridge Artefacts Working Group September Meeting - (80242)

Previous Item: 3.1.3, HC (3 August 2023)

Directorate: City Planning

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the Heritage Committee receive and note the update on progress of the Windsor Bridge Artefacts Working Group.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Mr Michael Edwards and seconded by Mr Graham Edds.

That the Heritage Committee:

1. Receive and note the update on progress of the Windsor Bridge Artefacts Working Group.
2. Recommends that Council:
 - a) Takes immediate action to undertake an inventory and providence of what artefacts Council has in their possession from the Windsor Bridge Project.
 - b) Considers urgently taking measures to protect the artefacts in Council's possession by storing in shipping containers or adequate protective covering
 - c) Undertake a series of tool box talks with relevant staff to assist them with understanding what the various artefacts from the Windsor Bridge Project are, their significance, and how they should be treated.
 - d) Commission a Heritage Interpretation Strategy, including assessment of material and interpretation.
 - e) Consider consulting engineering heritage experts with respect to the artefacts.

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3.1.5. HC - Local Heritage Assistance Fund 2023/2024 - (80242)

Directorate: City Planning

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the report on the 2023/2024 Local Heritage Assistance Fund Program be received and noted.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Mr Graham Edds and seconded by Mr John Moxon.

1. That the report on the 2023/2024 Local Heritage Assistance Fund Program be received and noted.
2. That Council consider resourcing studies that ensure that heritage items are listed at the right level (local versus state listing) so that owners of heritage items have the opportunity to be better supported financially.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Timber Barns

An update was requested on the condition, protection and planned improvements to the Council owned barn near Tebbutts Observatory in Windsor.

Freemans Reach Barn – now considered to be pre 1800 and possibly the earliest remaining barn in Australia and as such of potential State or National significance.

B. Village Proposal (Ms Jan Barkley-Jack)

A pre briefing of Heritage Committee members to be arranged for Ms Jan Barkley-Jack to present her PhD paper on the Village. Pre Briefing to occur at 4pm on 2 November 2023.

The next Heritage Committee meeting is proposed to be held on Thursday, 2 November 2023 at 5:00pm.

The meeting terminated at 6:52pm.



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End of Minutes

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