

MINUTES OF HERITAGE REFERENCE COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2024

- Present: Councillor K Wheatley (Chairperson) (Wahroonga Ward)
Councillor I Balachancaran (Deputy Chairperson) (Gordon Ward)
Mr Robert Moore – National Trust
Ms Lorna Watt – Ku-ring-gai Historical Society
Ms Margaret Skilbeck – Australian Institute of Architects
Ms Zeny Edwards – Local Historian and Community Member
Mr Chris Bluett- Community Member
- Staff Present: Manager Urban & Heritage Planning (Antony Fabbro)
Team Leader Urban Planning (Craig Wyse)
Heritage Specialist Planner (Claudine Loffi)
Strategic Planner Heritage (Philippa Hayes)
- Others Present: Mayor C Kay - Ku-ring-gai Council (St Ives Ward)
- Apologies: Nil

The Meeting commenced at 12:30 PM

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

NOTING OF MINUTES

Minutes of Heritage Reference Committee

File: CY00413/12
Meeting held 6 June 2024
GB.1-GB.3

RESOLVED

The Committee notes the adopted minutes from the meeting of 6 June 2024.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Her-story project update

File: S13598

Vide: GB.1

The Committee noted the project update and the heritage items and conservation areas with inventories uploaded to the NSW Government's online State Heritage Inventory from January to October 2024. The Committee discussed Council's past heritage study process and documentation predating the internet, and the current process of Council research, prioritising and the NSW Government system for updating online inventories. The function of the online State Heritage Inventory, online access and searching, and differences to the statutory planning process for listing were also discussed. The public and private benefits from improved online inventories including research cost savings were noted. Committee members enquired about the process for any factual corrections and were invited to forward these to staff.

RESOLVED

That the Heritage Reference Committee receives and notes the report.

Southern Heritage Conservation Areas update

File: S14571

Vide: GB.2

The Committee noted the update, attached Ministerial correspondence, Council studies and reference. The Committee commended Council's initiatives. Issues discussed included the development assessment process for heritage items and areas, the status of guidelines in development assessment, and uncertain outcomes in these circumstances. The Committee also commented on the cross-over between Ku-ring-gai's heritage areas and tree canopy as a result of its garden suburb history. Staff further advised the Committee about Council's October resolution to exhibit five housing scenarios for public feedback and these do not adopt or propose listing changes.

Regarding existing listings, the Committee noted the HCA review confirms the 28 conservation area listings with some recommended variations and further item assessments. Council's past listing process for the existing areas and items was discussed. It was noted that the NSW Government TOD changes to permitted development retained heritage listings unchanged. Regarding delisting requests, the Committee noted the required process for a proponent to submit a planning proposal and heritage assessment. The Committee was advised that no such planning proposals have been received; just one heritage assessment to date. The Committee was advised that the address for delisting requests was not public until Council adopted a planning proposal for exhibition. For delisting requests, the Committee agreed to consider submitted heritage assessments for comment.

RESOLVED

That the Heritage Reference Committee receives and notes the report, commends Council's initiatives and will consider submitted heritage assessments relating to listing changes.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee discussed next meeting dates and rescheduling the February meeting.

The Meeting closed at 1:50pm