



STATE HERITAGE REGISTER COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

3 August 2021 | 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Teleconference

| ATTENDANCE | |
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| MEMBERS | |
| The Hon Robyn Parker | Chair |
| Ms Colleen Morris | Deputy Chair |
| Dr Stephen Gapps | Member |
| Dr Wayne Johnson | Member |
| Mr Paul Knight | Member |
| Dr Brian Lindsay | Member |
| Ms Lisa Trueman | Member |
| Ms Natalie Vinton | Member |
| APOLOGIES | |
| Mr Frank Howarth AM PSM | Alternate Member |
| HERITAGE NSW | |
| Ms Pauline McKenzie | Executive Director, Heritage NSW |
| Mr Matthew Clark | Director, Heritage Strategy & Policy |
| Dr Natalie Blake | Acting Senior Team Leader, South East (Item 2.1) |
| Ms Judith Coombes | Senior Heritage Operations Officer, South Metro (Item 2.1) |
| Ms Emma Dortins | Senior Team Leader, South Metro (Item 2.1) |
| Ms Mary Ann Hamilton | Acting Senior Team Leader, North East (Item 3.1) |
| Ms Lucy Hampton | Senior Heritage Operations Officer, North East (Item 3.1) |
| Ms Sonia Limeburner | Senior Team Leader, Heritage Strategy (Items 4, 5.2, 6.2) |
| Mr Stuart Read | Senior Heritage Operations Officer, South Metro (Item 5.1) |
| SECRETARIAT | |
| Ms Olgica Lenger | Senior Team Leader Secretariat |
| Ms Linda Bugarin | Assistant Secretariat Officer |

IN-CAMERA SESSION

This item was not minuted.

Item 1. Welcome and Formalities

The Chair, Robyn Parker, opened the meeting at 9:00 am and delivered an Acknowledgment of Country.

It was noted that all Committee members were present and a quorum had been met.

On behalf of the Committee, the Chair expressed gratitude and recognition to Pauline McKenzie for her valuable contribution to heritage in NSW and to Public Service more broadly, over many years.

Item 1.1 Conflict of Interest Declarations

The Committee noted the following standing declarations:

- Robyn Parker: 2011-2015 Decisions
- Colleen Morris: National Trust of Australia
- Dr Wayne Johnson: Place Management NSW
- Lisa Trueman: GML Heritage

Item 1.2 Out of Session Decisions

There were no out of session decisions reported.

Item 1.3 Minutes from the Previous Meeting – 6 July 2021

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| Resolution 2021-52 |
| The State Heritage Register Committee: 1. Confirmed the minutes of the previous ordinary meeting (6 July 2021) as a complete and accurate record of that meeting. |
| Moved by Lisa Trueman and seconded by Paul Knight |

Item 1.4 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Item 1.5 Action Report

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report, including updates regarding the Binishells and Lindfield Learning Village.

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| Resolution 2021-53 |
| The State Heritage Register Committee: 1. Noted the report and verbal update and agreed to close items recommended for closure. |
| Moved by Dr Brian Lindsay and seconded by Colleen Morris |

Item 2. SHR Nominations – Notice of Intention

Item 2.1 Kwong War Chong Building, Haymarket – NOI

The State Heritage Register Committee received a report and presentation from Judith Coombes on the Kwong War Chong Building, Haymarket – NOI.

The Committee noted:

- The Kwong War Chong Building is considered a highly significant and very rare place representing the history of a Chinese migration to Australia.
- Future use of the Kwong War Chong Building has been a subject of discussions with City of Sydney, as part of a large development proposal for student housing that wraps at the back of 82-84 Dixon Street.
- City of Sydney Council has negotiated retention of the Kwong War Chong Building with the owner, with levels 1 and 2 of 84 Dixon Street to be used for a public purpose that recognises its heritage significance and connections with Chinese migrant community and retains its intact interiors and moveable heritage collection and the fittings.
- City of Sydney advised that owners were supportive of the recent LEP heritage listing however, Heritage NSW were unable to have discussions with the owner about the SHR nomination and listing process before this meeting.
- The Committee reiterated the need for early engagement with the owners to discuss the nominations and the SHR listing process.
- The Committee will receive an update on this item at the next meeting.

The Committee thanked Judith Coombes for her thorough and well written report.

Resolution 2021-54

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. **Considers** the item known as the *Kwong War Chong Building* at Haymarket, defined in accordance with the curtilage shown at Tab 2.3A of the report, is likely to be of state heritage significance;
2. **Delegates** to Executive Director Heritage NSW, once discussions with the owner are sufficiently advanced, in accordance with section 33(1)(a) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, to give each person that it considers to be an affected owner or occupier written notice that it is going to consider whether or not to recommend the listing of the item concerned (*a Notice of Intention to Consider Listing*); and
3. **Delegates** to Executive Director Heritage NSW, once discussions with the owner are sufficiently advanced, in accordance with section 33(1)(b) and section 33(1)(c) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, within 14 days after notice of intention to consider listing is given, will cause a notice of intention to consider listing to be published in a newspaper circulating in the area in which the item is situated, inviting submissions on the listing, specifying a date as the closing date for the receipt of submissions of 28 days after the publication of the newspaper notice and the manner in which submissions may be made.

Moved by Natalie Vinton and seconded by Colleen Morris

Item 3. SHR Nominations – Recommendation to List

Item 3.1 Bathurst City Uniting Church and Chapel (including William Davidson pipe organ) and its setting – RTL

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report and update from Lucy Hampton on the Bathurst City Uniting Church and Chapel (including the William Davidson pipe organ) and its setting.

The Committee noted:

- Three of the four submissions received during the extended advertising period were in support of the listing.
- The owner, The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (NSW), were unable to confirm its position on the matter.
- The occupant, the Bathurst Uniting Church Council and Ministry, were unable to reach a consensus however, members of the Church Council made personal submissions.
- Following discussions with the Church Council and the owner, it was decided not to progress the site-specific exemptions for this listing.

The Committee thanked Lucy Hampton for the presentation and update.

Resolution 2021-55

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. In accordance with section 33(1)(d) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, it has considered the submissions received in response to its Notice of Intention to Consider Listing and **considers** the item known as *Bathurst City Uniting Church and Chapel (including William Davidson pipe organ) and its setting* at 140A and 140B William Street, Bathurst, satisfies more than one of the approved criteria for determining whether an item is of State heritage significance, being criteria (a), (f), (g), as detailed in the report at Tab 3.1E of the report;
2. **Recommends** to the Minister, in accordance with sections 32(1) and (2) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, that the Minister **direct** the listing of the item, *Bathurst City Uniting Church and Chapel (including William Davidson pipe organ) and its setting* at 140A and 140 B William Street, Bathurst, on the State Heritage Register, as shown in the plan at Tab 3.1C of the report;
3. In accordance with section 33(1)(e) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, will **give notice** of its decision to persons notified under section 33(1)(a); and
4. In accordance with section 57(2) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, **notes** that the Heritage Council Standard Exemptions will apply.

Moved by Dr Wayne Johnson and seconded by Dr Brian Lindsay

Item 4. New SHR Nominations – Preliminary Assessment

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the update from Sonia Limeburner on the New SHR Nominations – Preliminary Assessment.

The Committee noted:

- Only one nomination, Frenchs Forest Cemetery Caretakers Cottage, has been received during this period. The item is owned by Crown Lands, it is not listed on the LEP, and is

the subject of redevelopment (demolishment). Heritage NSW has assessed the nomination and proposes that it is not progressed.

The Committee thanked Sonia Limeburner for the update.

Resolution 2021-56

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. **Agrees** that the *Frenchs Forest Cemetery Caretaker's Cottage* is unlikely to meet the threshold for State heritage significance based on the information available, and therefore the nomination will not be progressed and is closed.

Moved by Lisa Trueman and seconded by Dr Stephen Gapps

Item 5. Matters for Consideration / Decision

Item 5.1 Crown Street Reservoir, Surry Hills – Site Specific Exemptions

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report and presentation from Stuart Read on the Crown Street Reservoir, Surry Hills – Site Specific Exemptions.

The Committee noted:

- Site-specific exemptions were requested by Design 5 Architects Pty Ltd on behalf of the owner, The Trust Company Ltd, to reduce the number of exemption notifications and approval applications for the new fit-out and minor alterations required by commercial and retail tenants on the site.
- The site-specific exemptions are framed with three sections pertaining to the exterior and interior elements of the 1962 Former Administration Building and the Courtyard precinct.
- Heritage NSW has commented on and negotiated the site-specific exemptions with Design 5 Architects Pty Ltd on behalf of the owner. Both accept and agree with the exemptions

The Committee thanked Stuart Read for the report and presentation.

Resolution 2021-57

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. In accordance with section 57(2) of the *Heritage Act 1977* (the Act), **recommends** that the Minister grant the site-specific exemptions for the item known as *Crown Street Reservoir and Site (SHR 01323)* at 285 Crown Street, Surry Hills, at Tab 5.1D of the report, from section 57(1) of the Act, in addition to the Heritage Council Standard Exemptions.

Moved by Lisa Trueman and seconded by Colleen Morris

Item 5.2 SHR Working Groups Governance

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report and presentation by Sonia Limeburner on the SHR Working Groups Governance.

Key points raised:

- The Heritage Council/SHRC has established two working groups to support the Heritage Council's SHR priority areas, which are:
 - First Nations (including Frontier Conflict) Heritage

- LGBTIQA+ Heritage
- The First Nations (including Frontier Conflict) working group would benefit from the leadership and expertise of Robyn Parker and Dr Stephen Gapps joining the working group.
- The Migrant Heritage, Rural Heritage, The Modern Movement in NSW and the Cultural Landscapes and Urban Heritage Areas working groups were established to review and prioritise relevant legacy SHR nominations and thematic heritage study. The first three working groups have completed their work and are no longer active.
- The Committee is mindful of the limiting availability of Heritage NSW resources to support the working groups and the need for working groups to remain strategically focussed.
- Initially of a broad scope, the Cultural Landscapes and Urban Heritage Conservation Areas working group examined opportunities for recognising and protecting cultural landscapes through the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act*. The working group should now focus on reviewing and prioritising the existing and proposed cultural landscape nominations, with the understanding that significant level of resources and a strong commitment from local government are necessary to progress these nominations.
- The Committee noted that the review of the *Heritage Act* review may impact on the ways to consider cultural landscape nominations in the future.

| Resolution 2021-58 |
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| <p>The State Heritage Register Committee resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appoint Robyn Parker, as SHR Committee Chair, to be a member of the First Nations (including Frontier Conflict) SHR working group; and 2. Appoint Dr Stephen Gapps to be a member of the First Nations (including Frontier Conflict) SHR working group, given his relevant knowledge and expertise in NSW frontier wars. |
| Moved by Natalie Vinton and seconded by Paul Knight |

Item 6. Monthly Reporting

Item 6.1 SHR Working Groups – Monthly Update

No update.

Item 6.2 Listings Matters Monthly Report

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report and update from Sonia Limeburner on the Listings Matters Monthly report, including a summary of SHR listings for FY2020-21.

The Committee noted:

- There were 22 new SHR listings, two SHR curtilage amendments and no removals from the SHR in FY2020-21.
- Heritage NSW is currently developing a work plan for FY2021-22 to be presented to SHRC.

The Committee thanked Sonia Limeburner for the presentation and update.

Item 7. General Matters

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the update from Pauline McKenzie regarding the Heritage NSW's change management program which is further outlined in the Executive Director's Report.

Item 7.1 Forward Agenda

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report.

Item 8. Meeting Close

There being no further items of business, the Chair, Robyn Parker closed the meeting at 11:00 am.



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The Hon. Robyn Parker

Chair, State Heritage Register Committee

Date: 31 August 2021