



STATE HERITAGE REGISTER COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

31 August 2021 | 9:00 am – 1:20 pm

Teleconference

ATTENDANCE	
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	
Mr Sam Kidman	Executive Director, Heritage NSW
Mr Matthew Clark	Director, Heritage Strategy & Policy
Ms Judith Coombes	Senior Heritage Operations Officer, South Metro (Item 3.1)
Mr Steven Meredith	Acting Regional Manager, Heritage Northern Region (Item 4.1)
Ms Mary Ann Hamilton	Acting Senior Team Leader, North East (Items 4.1, 6.2)
Ms Tracy Appel	Acting Senior Team Leader, North Metro (Item 4.1)
Mr Merv Sutherland	Senior Team Leader, North West (Item 4.1)
Ms Barrina South	Acting Regional Manager, Heritage Southern Region (Item 4.2)
Ms Emma Dortins	Senior Team Leader, South Metro (Item 4.2)
Dr Natalie Blake	Acting Senior Team Leader, South East (Item 4.2)
Dr Damian Tybussek	Senior Heritage Operations Officer, South East (Items 4.2, 6.3)

Ms Sonia Limeburner	Senior Team Leader, Heritage Strategy (Items 5)
Ms Lucy Hampton	Senior Heritage Operations Officer, North East (Item 6.1)
Ms Nicole Secomb	Heritage Programs Officer, Strategic Relationships and Planning (Item 6.1)
Mr David Hoffman	Senior Heritage Operations Officer, North Metro (Items 6.4, 6.5)
Ms Rochelle Johnston	Manager, Heritage Act Programs (Items 7.1, 7.2)
SECRETARIAT	
Ms Olgica Lenger	Senior Team Leader Secretariat
Ms Linda Bugarin	Assistant Secretariat Officer

IN-CAMERA SESSION

This item was not minuted.

Item 2. 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.

Item 2.1 Conflict of Interest Declarations

The Committee noted the following standing declarations:

- Robyn Parker: 2011-2015 Decisions
- Colleen Morris: National Trust of Australia; Ravensworth (Item 4.1)
- Dr Wayne Johnson: Place Management NSW
- Lisa Trueman: GML Heritage
- Natalie Vinton: Create NSW Section 170 Heritage and Conservation Register (Item 6.1)

Item 2.2 Out of Session Decisions

There were no out of session decisions reported.

Item 2.3 Minutes from the Previous Meeting – 3 August 2021

Resolution 2021-59
The State Heritage Register Committee:
1. Confirmed the minutes of the previous ordinary meeting (3 August 2021) as a complete and accurate record of that meeting.
Moved by Paul Knight and seconded by Dr Brian Lindsay.

Item 2.4 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Item 2.5 Action Report

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report and closed items recommended for closure.

Item 3. SHR Nominations – Notice of Intention

Item 3.1 Kwong War Chong Building, Haymarket – NOI

The State Heritage Register Committee received a verbal update from Judith Coombes.

At its 3 August 2021 meeting, the Committee decided to commence a *Notice of Intention to Consider Listing* process for the Kwong War Chong Building, Haymarket nomination once discussions with the owner are sufficiently advanced.

Documentation has been provided to the owner's representative and forwarded on to the owner. Heritage NSW will proceed with the Notice of Intention once there is a response from the owner.

Item 4. Upcoming SHR Nominations

Item 4.1 Heritage North – Update on Upcoming Nominations

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the presentation and update from Steve Meredith and the team on the upcoming nominations and the expected timelines for submission to the Committee.

Key points raised:

- The preferred approach about how to progress certain nominations and ensure support from the owners.
- The preferred approach in considering the impact of proposed developments on SHR listed items through negotiation of site-specific exemptions. The Committee reflected around the process and precedents for SHR curtilage revisions based on heritage significance.
- Opportunities for SHRC to assist in progression of nominations
- Update from the Chair regarding the Warringah Civic Centre SHR nomination and discussions with the local council to progress the nomination in early 2022, following the council's elections in December 2021.
- Work is in progress on several nominations that were re-prioritised by the SHR First Nations Working Group. The community engagement is essential in progressing these nominations.
- Covid-19 limitations and opportunities to outsource site visits, in cases where they are essential to complete the assessment.

The Committee thanked Steve Meredith and the team for their informative presentation.

Item 4.2 Heritage South – Update on Upcoming Nominations

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the presentation and update from Emma Dortins and the team on the upcoming nominations and the expected timelines for submission to the Committee.

The Committee discussed the progress of negotiations with the owner of Wingello Park Estate and agreed to write to the owner to assist with the process.

The Committee thanked Emma Dortins and the team for their informative presentation.

Item 5. Preliminary Assessment of New SHR Nominations

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

Sam Kidman joined the meeting.

Key points raised:

- Based on the information available, the Argyle Steam Boiling Establishment, Goulburn nomination is unlikely to meet the threshold for state heritage significance.
- The item could be considered for inclusion of the site on the Local Environmental Plan.
- An archaeological assessment could result in increased protections.

The Committee thanked Sonia Limeburner for the update.

Resolution 2021-60

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. **Agrees** that the Argyle Steam Boiling Establishment, Goulburn is unlikely to meet the threshold for State heritage significance based on the information available, and therefore the nomination should not be progressed and closed.
2. **Agrees** that Heritage NSW send a letter to Goulburn Council advising that a SHR nomination was received and to encourage them to investigate possible inclusion of the site on its Local Environmental Plan. The letter should also outline the archaeological assessment and permit requirements under Division 9 of the *Heritage Act 1977*.

Moved by Dr Wayne Johnson and seconded by Natalie Vinton

Item 6. Matters for Consideration / Decision

Item 6.1 Create NSW Section 170 Heritage and Conservation Register

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report and presentation from Lucy Hampton on Create NSW Section 170 Heritage and Conservation Register.

The Committee noted:

- Natalie Vinton reported a possible conflict of interest due to her work on the National Arts School masterplan. The Committee noted that no action was required as the item is not subject of this agenda.
- Create NSW have engaged Long Blackledge Architects (consultants) to undertake a review of their s.170 Heritage and Conservation Register and Heritage Asset Management Strategy (HAMS) against the *State Agency Heritage Guidelines*.
- Create NSW is the lessee of nine assets of heritage significance owned by the State Government of NSW, which have been subleased to various art organisations.

- With minor amendments, the documents were assessed as meeting the standards outlined in the guidelines.
- Noting that owners' consent is required when considering heritage proposals, entries on the s.170 Heritage and Conservation Register should clearly state the owner of the item and Create NSW as the lessee.

Resolution 2021-61

The State Heritage Register Committee resolved to:

1. **Accept** the Create NSW Section 170 Heritage and Conservation Register
2. **Accept** the Create NSW Heritage Asset Management Strategy (Revision C, 24 May 2021).
3. **Congratulate** Create NSW and Long Blackledge Architects (consultants) on its proactive approach to the management of heritage assets and the quality of the s.170 register and HAMS.

Moved by Colleen Morris and seconded by Lisa Trueman

Item 6.2 Thomas Dick Photographic Collection – Review of RTL

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the presentation and report by Mary Ann Hamilton on the Thomas Dick Photographic Exhibition.

Key points raised:

- The Committee recommended the Thomas Dick Photographic Collection be listed on the State Heritage Register in February 2020. The collection is held in custody of multiple entities, including the Australian Museum, the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences, the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, and overseas.
- The Australian Museum, an owner of a significant part of the collection, no longer supports the listing on the basis that the notion of listing a moveable heritage collection in custody of multiple owners, including owners in other jurisdictions and overseas, is not appropriate and could cause difficulties in management.
- The Committee noted that listing on the UNESCO *Memory of the World* register would provide an alternative avenue for the nominator/owners to pursue for recognising the significance of the collection.

Wayne Johnson left the meeting at 12 noon.e

Resolution 2021-62

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. **Noted** that the Minister has not directed the listing of Thomas Dick Photographic Collection on the State Heritage Register.
2. **Noted** that there has been a material change of circumstances in respect of this nomination.
3. **Determined** not to take any further action in respect of this nomination.

Moved by Dr Brian Lindsay and seconded by Colleen Morris

Item 6.3 Coombing Park, Carcoar – SHR Nomination - Update

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report and presentation by Dr Damian Tybussek on the Coombing Park, Carcoar SHR nomination.

Key points raised:

- The property is well managed, however the owner does not support the listing.
- There are significant stories associated with the property including Aboriginal sites and grave sites.
- The Committee discussed the option to re-prioritise the nomination in due course and the opportunity for a blue plaque celebratory recognition of the property.

The Committee thanked Dr Damian Tybussek for his work on Coombing Park.

Resolution 2021-63
<p>The State Heritage Register Committee:</p> <p>1. Agreed that, while Coombing Park is likely to be of State heritage significance, it will not be prioritised for listing on the SHR at this time.</p>
<p>Moved by Natalie Vinton and seconded by Paul Knight</p>

Item 6.4 Charles Richardson Pipe Organ, St Stephen Presbyterian Church, East Maitland – Verbal Update

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the verbal update by David Hoffman on Charles Richardson Pipe Organ, St Stephen Presbyterian Church, East Maitland.

Key points raised:

- The owners have been informed that the nomination is for the pipe organ only as an item of moveable heritage, however they remain reserved about the proposed listing.
- Reflecting on the potential state significance and its importance to the people, the Committee agreed for the Chair to address the owner to discuss their concerns and seek support for the proposed listing.

Item 6.5 City Administration Centre, Newcastle (Former) – Verbal Update

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the verbal update by David Hoffman on the City Administration Centre, Newcastle (Former).

Key points noted:

- On 1 June 2021, the Committee resolved to progress with the state heritage listing of the City Administration Centre, Newcastle (former) and requested that the site specific exemptions to be negotiated with the owners no later than September 2021.
- Draft site-specific exemptions have been prepared by Urbis, the owner's heritage consultant, and a site visit was requested before releasing the draft exemptions for negotiation. However, due to Covid-19 restrictions, the site visit has been delayed.
- The owner has confirmed that they will only proceed with the listing once the agreed site-specific exemptions have been negotiated.
- The Committee has requested to consider alternative options, including a virtual site tour, to avoid further delays.

Item 7. Monthly Reporting

Item 7.1 Monthly Listings Report and Annual Work Plan

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the verbal report by Rochelle Johnston on the Monthly Listings Report and Annual Work Plan.

The Chair introduced Sam Kidman, the newly appointed Executive Director Heritage NSW to the Committee members.

The Committee noted:

- While Heritage NSW continues to work on SHR nominations, only a smaller number of nominations are completed early in a financial year due to the annual target cycle.
- Heritage NSW is working on a draft 2021-23 work plan, which will need to be reviewed and revised in the coming months, following the restructure of Heritage NSW.
- Implications of Covid-19 also need to be considered in the new work plan.

Sam Kidman thanked Rochelle Johnston for the work plan, acknowledging the importance of the Committee understanding the complexities involved.

Paul Knight left the meeting at 12:48 pm.

Item 7.2 SHR Working Groups – Monthly Update

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report from Rochelle Johnston on the SHR Working Groups – Monthly update.

Sam Kidman left the meeting at 12:53 pm.

The Committee thanked Rochelle Johnston for the presentation and update.

Resolution 2021-64

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. **Noted** the SHR Working Groups monthly update.
2. **Agrees** that the LGBTIQA Working Group undertake targeted consultation to identify a shortlist of places that may be suitable for SHR listing for review and consideration by the Working Group and SHRC
3. **Agrees** with the LGBTIQA+ working group's recommendation that a listing be progressed for the LGBTIQA+ SHR priority area (i.e. be made 'Active') which tells the story and evolution of Sydney's Mardi Gras:
 - A potential amendment to the existing SHR listing for Taylor Square should be considered, including the potential to include a section of Oxford Street and the former Darlinghurst Police Station.
 - The listing, including site-specific exemptions, should be developed in collaboration with the City of Sydney.
4. **Agrees** that Frenchman's and Yarra Bay Beaches and Reserves are likely to meet the threshold for State heritage significance and the nominations should be reactivated and progressed as part of the First Nations SHR Priority Area.

Moved by Colleen Morris and seconded by Dr Brian Lindsay

Item 8. General Matters

The Committee briefly reflected upon findings of the *State Heritage Register Reform Project* report prepared by GML Heritage and reiterated the Committee’s preference for a permanent Listings Coordinator role and the importance of adequate resourcing to achieve further efficiencies for the listings process.

Matthew Clark left the meeting at 1:05 pm.

Item 8.1 Forward Agenda

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report.

Item 9. Meeting Close

There being no further items of business, the Chair, Robyn Parker closed the meeting at 1:20 pm.



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The Hon. Robyn Parker

Chair, State Heritage Register Committee

Date: 5 October 2021