



STATE HERITAGE REGISTER COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

2 November 2021 | 9:00 am – 1:10 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
Mr Steven Meredith	Acting Regional Manager, Heritage Northern Region
Ms Emma Dortins	Senior Team Leader, South Metro (Item 2.1)
Mr Stuart Read	Senior Heritage Operations Officer, South Metro (Item 2.1)
Ms Alexandra Simpson	Senior Heritage Operations Officer, North East (Item 2.3)
Ms Mary Ann Hamilton	Acting Senior Team Leader, North East (Items 2.2, 2.3, 4.1, 4.3)
Ms Sonia Limeburner	Senior Team Leader, Heritage Strategy (Items 3, 5.2)
Mr David Hoffman	Senior Heritage Operations Officer, North Metro (Item 4.2)
Ms Tracy Appel	Acting Senior Team Leader, North Metro (Item 4.2)

EXTERNAL PRESENTERS	
Mr Michael van Maanen	Executive General Manager – Corporate, Government & Community Affairs, Whitehaven Coal (Item 4.3)
Mr Andrew Sneddon	Director, Extent Heritage (Item 4.3)
SECRETARIAT	
Ms Olgica Lenger	Senior Team Leader Secretariat
Ms Linda Bugarin	Assistant Secretariat Officer

IN-CAMERA SESSION

The State Heritage Register Committee agreed to establish a practice whereby owners would be offered an opportunity to present to the Committee at the Notice of Intention stage.

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 there were no apologies and a quorum had been met.

Item 1.1 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Lisa Trueman declared a conflict of interest in respect of Item 3.3 Glenlee Homestead, Lugarno – SHR Nomination. Ms Trueman did not read the papers, nor participate in the decision making for this item.

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

Corrimal Coke Works Nomination - NOI

On the 22nd October 2021, the State Heritage Register Committee received presentations from Illawarra Coke Co. and the Wollongong City Council regarding the Corrimal Coke Works SHR nomination and made the following resolution.

Resolution 2021-73

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. **Advises** Wollongong City Council of its in-principle support for the planning proposal to rezone the site and reiterates points made in the letter of 9 September 2021, noting the need for a strengthened masterplan which includes but is not limited to:
 - a. A better understanding, mapping and ways of ensuring the ongoing appropriate management of the site's intangible Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Values, for example, adopting the Caring for Country framework.
 - b. The increased retention and conservation of the built items as a group, and better understanding of interpretation plans.
 - c. Further work is required in terms of increased conservation and interpretation of ACH values and industrial heritage.

Further work and consultation with Heritage NSW is required at the detailed design stage to ensure the retention of significant fabric.

2. **Confirms** the SHR listing process is ongoing and welcomes further comment from the Wollongong City Council and the Illawarra Coke Co. as part of the process.
3. **Thanks** the presenters from the Illawarra Coke Co. and Wollongong City Council for their informative presentations.

Moved by Lisa Trueman and seconded by Colleen Morris

Kurrumbede Homestead Complex

The proposed SHR curtilage for Kurrumbede Homestead Complex NOI that was determined at the 5th October 2021 meeting of the State Heritage Register Committee has been corrected. On the 25th October, the Committee agreed to advertise the correct curtilage on the 26th October, ensuring that the map is available at least 14 days before the close of advertising.

Item 1.3 Minutes from the Previous Meeting – 5 October 2021

Resolution 2021-74
The State Heritage Register Committee: 1. Confirmed the minutes of the previous ordinary meeting (5 October 2021) as a complete and accurate record of that meeting.
Moved by Paul Knight and seconded by Dr Brian Lindsay

Item 1.4 Matters Arising

NIL reported

Item 1.5 Action Report

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

The Committee received a status update on the Thomas Dick Photographic Collection from Heritage NSW. The Committee discussed the notification process once a decision on the listing is made.

Item 2. SHR Nominations – Notice of Intention**Item 2.1 Corrimal Coke Works – Notice of Intention – Update**

The State Heritage Register Committee received a verbal update on the Corrimal Coke Works – Notice of Intention from Emma Dortins and Stuart Read.

Key points raised:

- Wollongong City Council met on 1 November 2021 and voted to pass the Planning Proposal in favour of rezoning the Corrimal Coke Works site for residential, commercial and recreational redevelopment, with some retention, conservation, adaptive reuse and interpretation of heritage elements as features
- The Committee discussed the next steps in the SHR listing process, noting that the exhibition period closes on 11 November 2021 and the item is scheduled to return to the Committee at the 30th November meeting.
- The Committee noted the invitation from the owners to visit the Corrimal Coke Works and the Coalcliff sites and discussed options for arranging a site visit at a mutually suitable date.

Item 2.2 Ulong Timber Sawmill – Notice of Intention

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the paper by Lucy Hampton and presentation by Mary Ann Hamilton on Ulong Timber Sawmill – Notice of Intention.

Key points raised:

- Ulong Timber Sawmill was nominated for listing by Coffs Harbour City Council and was identified for progression by the SHR Committee in late 2019. It is likely of state heritage significance under three of the seven criteria for listing
- Heritage NSW is working with the owner on draft site specific exemptions
- The nomination will be presented to the Committee for consideration in February 2022

The Committee thanked Mary Ann Hamilton and Lucy Hampton for their work on this item.

Resolution 2021-75

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. **Considers** the item known as ‘Ulong Timber Sawmill’ at 20 Timms Avenue, Ulong, defined in accordance with the curtilage shown at Tab 2.2C, is likely to be of state heritage significance;
2. In accordance with section 33(1)(a) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, **will 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*);
3. 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 60 days after the publication of the newspaper notice and the manner in which submissions may be made.

Moved by Dr Brian Lindsay and seconded by Lisa Trueman

Item 2.3 Arrawarra Headland and Stone Fish Traps – Notice of Intention

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the paper and presentation from Alexandra Simpson on Arrawarra Headland and Stone Fish Traps – Notice of Intention.

Key points noted/raised:

- Arrawarra Headland and Stone Fish Traps, located within Solitary Islands Marina Park, is one of the few surviving coastal stone fish traps in NSW currently still in use
- It is a site of strong significance, particularly to the Garby Elders of the Gumbayngirr nation, and of high interest to marine researchers due to the area’s rich biodiversity
- The owners and managers of the Arrawarra Headland and Stone Fish Traps, Department of Crown Land, DPI Fisheries and Coffs Harbour City Council are all supportive of the proposed State Heritage Register Listing
- Consultation has been undertaken with the local Aboriginal community, including the Garby Elders and the Coffs Harbour Local Aboriginal Land Council who are supportive of the listing and have generously provided information regarding the place
- Heritage NSW considers that the item meets five of the seven criteria for listing on the State Heritage Register
- The recommended curtilage for the listing will include the interconnecting cultural landscape encompassing the Arrawarra Headland and Stone Fish Traps

The Committee thanked Alexandra Simpson for her presentation and work on this item.

Resolution 2021-76

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. **Considers** the item known as *Arrawarra Headland and Stone Fish Traps* at Second Avenue, Arrawarra, NSW defined in accordance with the curtilage shown at Tab 2.3C is likely to be of state heritage significance.
2. In accordance with section 33(1)(a) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, **will 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. 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 56 days after the publication of the newspaper notice and the manner in which submissions may be made.

Moved by Colleen Morris and seconded by Paul Knight

Item 3.1 Preliminary Assessment of New SHR Nominations

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

Item 3.2 Former Homebush Theatre, Homebush – SHR Nomination

The Committee noted:

- This privately owned property is the largest remaining Art Deco theatre by Charles Bohringer within NSW and has an association with author Thomas Kenneally
- The item was nominated by Strathfield Council and is on their LEP
- The site is in the run down state and at risk of further deterioration

The Committee enquired about the owner's position and sought further investigations about the nomination, including any new development on the surrounding vacant land and the Parramatta Road Corridor.

Resolution 2021-77

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. **Agrees** that the *Former Homebush Theatre*, Homebush may meet the threshold for State heritage significance, and it will be progressed to a full assessment ('Active').

Moved by Lisa Trueman and seconded by Dr Brian Lindsay

Item 3.3 Glenlee Homestead, Lugarno – SHR Nomination

Lisa Trueman left the meeting for the duration of this agenda item.

Key points discussed:

- The history of the local area comprises Aboriginal sites and cultural heritage, and this history is interrelated with German migration

- The Committee discussed the need to prioritise the assessment of this nomination, noting that an Interim Heritage Order by Georges River Council is in place until the 13th February 2022

Resolution 2021-78

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. **Agrees** that *Glenlee Homestead*, Lugarno may meet the threshold for State heritage significance and it will be progressed to a full assessment ('Active') as a priority.

Moved by Dr Stephen Gapps and seconded by Paul Knight

Lisa Trueman returned to the meeting room.

Item 3.4 Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park – SHR Nomination

A new SHR nomination was received for the Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park for amendment of the SHR-listed Manly Dam.

The Committee thanked Sonia Limeburner for her update.

Resolution 2021-79

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. **Notes** that a SHR nomination for the *Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park* curtilage amendment was received (an amendment to the SHR-listed Manly Dam) and that it will be progressed to a full assessment ('Active').

Moved by Lisa Trueman and seconded by Colleen Morris

Item 4. Matters for Consideration / Decision

Item 4.1 Watermark Aboriginal Cultural Area IHO

The State Heritage Register Committee noted a paper from Christina Kanellaki Lowe and a verbal report Mary Ann Hamilton on Watermark Aboriginal Cultural Area IHO.

Key points noted/discussed:

- The Gomeri Traditional Custodians (GTC) have submitted an IHO request as well as a nomination for SHR listing for the Watermark Aboriginal site. They have also made an Aboriginal Place nomination for the place.
- The subject land is part of the former Shenhua Watermark Coal Mine project. The mining project has been discontinued with the development consent relinquished by Shenhua and the mining licence purchased back by the NSW government. Some of the subject land is part of the buyback.
- Heritage NSW recommends that an IHO is not required, as the Shenhua Watermark mine is no longer proceeding, and the place is no longer under threat of destruction.
- The Gomeri Traditional Custodians have major concerns over the current inability to access the site for Aboriginal cultural practice and are seeking future protection of the place.
- Further research and assessment will be undertaken as part of the investigations of the Watermark Cultural Area nomination.

- The Committee emphasised the need for extensive consultation with the community (comprising 150 Registered Aboriginal Parties); the community needs to be driving force for next stage.

The Committee thanked Mary Ann Hamilton for the update and Christina Kanellaki Lowe for the paper.

Resolution 2021-80
The State Heritage Register Committee: 1. Recommends to the Minister not to progress the interim heritage order request.
Moved by Colleen Morris and seconded by Paul Knight

Item 4.2 Werrington House – Update

The State Heritage Register Committee noted a paper and update from David Hoffman on Werrington House.

Key points discussed:

- Despite extensive consultations with Heritage NSW, the owners confirmed on 13 October 2021 they do not support the SHR listing.
- The Committee discussed the need for further significance investigations of the cultural landscape surrounding Werrington House and the possibility of extending the LEP curtilage to include the open lot adjacent to Werrington House.

The Committee thanked David Hoffman for his work on this item.

Resolution 2021-81
The State Heritage Register Committee: 1. Resolves that while Werrington House is likely to be of State heritage significance, it will not be progressed for listing on the SHR at this time. 2. Requests Heritage NSW to undertake further significance investigations of the cultural heritage landscape surrounding Werrington House.
Moved by Colleen Morris and seconded by Dr Wayne Johnson

Item 4.3 Kurrumbede Homestead Complex – Notice of Intention – Presentation by Whitehaven Coal

The State Heritage Register Committee received a presentation by Michael van Maanen, Whitehaven Coal and Andrew Sneddon, Extent Heritage, on Kurrumbede Homestead Complex – Notice of Intention.

Key points raised:

- Whitehaven Coal are committed to preserving Kurrumbede Homestead Complex through a collaborative process; however, they believe the site to be of local significance and do not support the SHR listing.

- The Committee noted that there is significant political and social contribution of Charles McKellar over 60 years and the family's historical associations that contribute to the significance of the site.
- Some of the buildings may need to be maintained as a ruin, with appropriate site specific exemptions.
- The archaeological potential of the site and the use of concrete block technology as a significant technological advancement of the time also need to be further examined.

The Chair thanked Michael van Maanen and Andrew Sneddon for their presentation, acknowledging that the Committee was seeking their company's perspective as part of the listing process.

The Committee also thanked Mary Ann Hamilton for her work on this item and organising the guest presenters.

Item 5. Monthly Reporting

Item 5.1 SHR Working Groups – Monthly Update

NIL to report.

Item 5.2 Monthly Listings Matters Report

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report by Sonia Limeburner on the Monthly Listings Matters Report.

Item 6. General Matters

Other business

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Issues has released their final report on the review of the *Heritage Act 1977*.

An update on the new Heritage NSW organisational structure will be provided at the 3 November meeting of the Heritage Council. A new program delivery area will be responsible for delivery of SHR listings.

Item 6.1 Forward Agenda

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report.

Meeting Close

There being no further items of business, the Chair, Robyn Parker closed the meeting at 1:10 pm.



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The Hon. Robyn Parker

Chair, State Heritage Register Committee

Date: 30 November 2021