

STATE HERITAGE REGISTER COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

1 November 2022 | 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Via teleconference

ATTENDANCE

State Heritage Register Committee

The Hon Robyn Parker Chair

Ms Colleen Morris
Dr Stephen Gapps
Member
Dr Wayne Johnson
Mr Paul Knight
Member
Dr Brian Lindsay
Member
Ms Lisa Trueman
Ms Natalie Vinton
Member
Member

Apology

Mr Frank Howarth AM PSM Alternate Member

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee (ACHAC)

Mr Bert Gordon Member (Item 2.2)

Mrs Erica Smits Member (Items 2.1 & 2.2)
Mr Ashley Walker Member (Items 2.1 & 2.2)

Heritage NSW

Mr Sam Kidman Executive Director

Ms Anna London A/Director Heritage Programs

Dr Natalie Blake A/Manager, Heritage Programs (Item 4.2)
Ms Judith Coombes Senior Heritage Officer (Items 3.1, 4.1)

Ms Mary Ann Hamilton A/Manager Heritage Programs (Items 2.1, 3.1, 4.1)

Mr Paul Houston Aboriginal Senior Heritage Officer (Item 2.2)
Mr Harvey Johnston Manager Heritage Programs (Item 2.2)

Ms Sonia Limeburner Manager Program Coordination, Heritage Programs (Items 5 & 6)

Ms Margot Stuart Senior Heritage Officer (Item 2.1)

Ms Jackie Taylor Senior Heritage Officer (Item 2.2)

Secretariat

Ms Olgica Lenger Manager Secretariat

Miss Linda Bugarin Assistant Secretariat Officer

IN-CAMERA SESSION

Item 1. Welcome and Formalities

Chair Robyn Parker opened the meeting at 9:00 AM and delivered an Acknowledgment of Country. It was noted there were no apologies and quorum had been met.

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

The Committee noted the Chair is a Commissioner on the Greater Cities Commission, which could potentially be perceived as a conflict of interest regarding Item 4.1 *Wistaria Gardens*, Parramatta Park. The Committee agreed that no further action is required.

Item 1.2 Out of Session Decisions

NIL

Item 1.3 Minutes from the Previous Meeting – 4 October 2022

Resolution 2022-61

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. **Confirmed** the minutes of the previous ordinary meeting (4 October 2022) as a complete and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved by Dr Brian Lindsay and seconded by Mr Paul Knight

Item 1.4 Matters Arising

The Chair thanked Ms Colleen Morris for chairing the October 2022 SHRC meeting in her absence.

Following the in-camera session, the Committee:

- Requested that Item 4.2 Little Bay Miocene Geological and Ochre Site RTL Resolution (deferred on the agenda) be presented at today's meeting.
- Discussed the Independent Planning Commission's (IPC) decision on Glendell Continued
 Operations Project (SSD 9349) and the subsequent effect on Ravensworth Homestead
 Complex. The Committee requested that Heritage NSW proceed with listing Ravensworth.

Item 1.5 Action Report

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report.

Item 2. SHR Nominations – Notice of Intention

Item 2.1 South Head Cultural Landscape (including RMP 9-inch 12-ton gun) - NOI

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the presentation on South Head Cultural Landscape (including RMP 9-inch 12-ton gun) – NOI by Ms Margot Stuart and Ms Mary Ann Hamilton.

The Chair welcomed ACHAC members, Mrs Erica Smits and Mr Ashley Walker, to the meeting. Key points noted/discussed:

- The South Head Cultural Landscape listing includes the South Head precincts of the City
 National Park, parcels of Crown Land, RMS owned land, Camp Cove Beach and the Rock Shelf.
- o The key differences between the original 2018 nomination and the current nomination is the inclusion of Camp Cove Beach and the exclusion of Commonwealth owned defence sites.
- Camp Cove Beach has strong associations with the development of fishing in the Sydney region for over thousands of generations. It is also possibly the landing place of the First Fleet.
- o The curtilage includes areas from many different periods of human and natural history which gives this cultural landscape potential State heritage significance in all seven criteria.
- o A report on Aboriginal heritage of the area, commissioned by Woollahra Municipal Council in 2021, determined that ACH elements are strong and include rock engravings and midden sites.
- La Perouse LALC was strongly involved with the heritage study, as well as the development of the Conservation Management Plan (CMP) which National Parks commissioned in 2009. It was noted the LALC was consulted throughout the listing process and consultation with the LALC will be instrumental during the Notice of Intention period.
- Hornby Lighthouse, a post colonisation feature of the listing, is owned by Ports Authority NSW.
 The Authority is about to embark on a major conservation project of the lighthouse and is working with Heritage NSW to prepare site specific exemptions.
- The item is proposed for listing as a celebration of its shared heritage values and to raise public awareness of that history. It was noted that the listing already has protection as a national park.
- It was noted the NSW government has put a plan in place to transfer control of National Parks to Aboriginal owners at some point. Heritage NSW advised it will work closely with the LALC to ensure there are appropriate exemptions in place to ensure the listing does not have an impact on the Aboriginal community's management of that landscape.

The Chair thanked Ms Margo Stuart and Ms Mary Ann Hamilton for their work on this item.

Resolution 2022-62

The State Heritage Register Committee:

- 1. **Considers** the item known as *South Head Cultural Landscape (including RMP 9-inch 12-ton gun)* at Cliff Street, Watsons Bay, defined in accordance with the curtilage shown in the report at **Tab 2.1C**, 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 14 days after the publication of the newspaper notice and the manner in which submissions may be made.

Moved by Ms Lisa Trueman and seconded by Dr Wayne Johnson

Item 2.2 Toorale Homestead and Woolshed Precincts – NOI

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the presentation on Toorale Homestead and Woolshed Precincts – NOI by Ms Jackie Taylor and Mr Harvey Johnston.

ACHAC members, Mr Bert Gordon, Mrs Erica Smits and Mr Ashley Walker, attended this item.

Key points noted:

- The Toorale Homestead and Woolshed Precincts nomination is within the Toorale National Park.
- o Toorale National Park is jointly managed by National Parks and the Toorale Joint Management Committee (JMC). The Toorale Joint Management Committee comprises 12 representatives nominated by the Kurnu-Baarkandji/Paakandji community, plus the NPWS Area Manager.
- The Minister prioritised Toorale Homestead and Woolshed Precincts for listing in August 2022. It
 is a significant site comprising ACH values and European history.
- The property is well known among the local people for its important cultural landscape and its contribution to the Australian sheep industry. It was one of the largest sheep stations in the world having an area of 1,400,000 acres. The property provided an abundance of bush foods and medicines, and still supports many of these resources today.
- The proposed listing includes many physical Aboriginal cultural sites in the area that include artifacts, scarred trees, hearts, as well as that cultural landscape of the Warrego River.
- The homestead has a century's worth of technology examples and was one of the first wool stations in the world to have electricity with climate control design.
- Due to their size and being approximately 12 kilometres apart, the homestead and the woolshed precincts are two separate curtilages.
- o National Parks has commenced an extensive maintenance program on the homestead which includes stabilisation work, extensive foundational repair, and removing the water ingress.
- Heritage NSW will be updating the JMC (who have been very supportive of this nomination) at their next meeting in December.

The Chair thanked the ACHAC members for their support and attendance for this item, and Ms Jackie Taylor and Mr Harvey Johnston for the presentation.

Resolution 2022-63

The State Heritage Register Committee:

- 1. **Considers** the item known as *Toorale Homestead and Woolshed Precincts*, within Toorale National Park southwest of Bourke, defined in accordance with the curtilage shown in the report 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 14 days after the publication of the newspaper notice and the manner in which submissions may be made.

Moved by Ms Colleen Morris and seconded by Mr Paul Knight

Item 3. SHR Nominations – Recommendation to List

Item 3.1 Marie Short Farmhouse, Kempsey - RTL

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the update on Marie Short Farmhouse, Kempsey – RTL by Ms Judith Coombes and Ms Mary Ann Hamilton.

Key points noted:

- o The owner, Mr Glenn Murcutt, has been very supportive of this listing.
- Three submissions were received during the exhibition period, all fully in support.
- Heritage NSW commented that the site-specific exemptions are sensible and allow for a connecting building.

The Chair thanked Ms Judith Coombes and Heritage NSW staff for their work on this item.

The Chair also acknowledged and thanked Mr Murcutt for his cooperation and support of the listing.

Resolution 2022-64

The State Heritage Register Committee:

- 1. In accordance with section 33(1)(d) of the *Heritage Act* 1977, has **considered** the submissions received in response to its Notice of Intention to Consider Listing and considers the item known as *Marie Short Farmhouse, Kempsey*, at 985 Beranghi Road, Crescent Head, satisfies more than one of the approved criteria for determining whether an item is of State heritage significance, being criteria (a), (b), (c), (e) and (g) as detailed in the report at **Tab 3.1A**.
- 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, *Marie Short Farmhouse, Kempsey,* at 985 Beranghi Road, Crescent Head, on the State Heritage Register, as shown in the curtilage plan at **Tab 3.1C** of the report.
- 3. In accordance with section 33(1)(e) of the *Heritage Act* 1977, **give notice** of its decision to persons notified under section 33(1)(a).
- 4. In accordance with section 57(2) of the *Heritage Act* 1977, **note** that the Heritage Council Standard Exemptions will apply.
- 5. In accordance with section 57(2) of the *Heritage Act* 1977, **recommends** that the Minister **grant** the site-specific exemptions at **Tab 3.1D** of the report from section 57(1) of the *Heritage Act* 1977 in addition to the Heritage Council Standard Exemptions.

Moved by Dr Brian Lindsay and seconded by Ms Lisa Trueman

Item 4. Matters for Consideration

Item 4.1 Wistaria Gardens, Parramatta Park - Curtilage Amendment Request

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report on Wistaria Gardens, Parramatta Park – Curtilage Amendment Request, by Ms Judith Coombes and Ms Mary Ann Hamilton.

Key points noted:

- The ownership of Wisteria Gardens and Glengarriff House has been transferred to Parramatta Park. As the owner, Parramatta Park is responsible for managing Wisteria Gardens, but Wisteria Gardens is still within the curtilage of another SHR listing, Cumberland Hospital. This is because its significance and cultural and heritage values are attached to Cumberland Hospital.
- It was noted that when an SHR item is on a piece of land that is sold, the listing does not change. Rather, the ownership changes and the new owner takes responsibility for managing that SHR item.

The Chair thanked Ms Judith Coombes and Ms Mary Ann Hamilton for their update.

Resolution 2022-65

The State Heritage Register Committee:

- 1. **Refuses** the proposal to amend the curtilages of Parramatta Park and Old Government House and the Cumberland District Hospital Group, as presented at the 30 November 2021 SHR Committee meeting. The transfer of land containing Wistaria Gardens and Glengarriff House to the Parramatta Park SHR listing is unnecessary and would negatively impact the Cumberland Hospital listing.
- 2. **Notes** that new ownership details of the land under discussion will be recorded in the Heritage Management System.

Moved by Ms Colleen Morris and seconded by Ms Natalie Vinton

Item 4.2 Little Bay Miocene Geological and Ochre Site – RTL Resolution Update

The State Heritage Register Committee agreed to amend the resolution on Little Bay Miocene Geological and Ochre Site to reflect the correct address 1R Lapwing Street, Little Bay, confirmed by Randwick City Council.

The Chair thanked Dr Natalie Blake for the update.

Resolution 2022-66

The State Heritage Register Committee agreed to amend the **Resolution 2022-36** to correct the street address of the SHR listing, as follows:

- 1. In accordance with section 33(1)(d) of the Heritage Act 1977, has considered the submissions received in response to its Notice of Intention to Consider Listing and considers the item known as Little Bay Miocene Geological and Ochre Site at 1R Lapwing Street, Little Bay, satisfies more than one of the approved criteria for determining whether an item is of State heritage significance, being criteria (1), (3), (f) and (g) as detailed in the report at Tab 3.1A.
- 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, *Little Bay Miocene*

- Geological and Ochre Site at 1R Lapwing Street, Little Bay, 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, **recommends** that the Minister **grant** the site-specific exemptions at Tab 3.1D from section 57(1) of the Act in addition to the Heritage Council Standard Exemptions.

Moved by Dr Brian Lindsay and seconded by Ms Colleen Morris

Item 5. Preliminary Assessment of New SHR Nominations

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the presentation on Preliminary Assessment of New SHR Nominations by Ms Sonia Limeburner.

SHR Nomination - Bouddi Farm, Killcare Heights

Key points noted:

- Bouddi Farm was the home and studio of the late Australian artist, Sir George Russell Drysdale
 AC. The nomination has been put forward by a heritage consultant on the behalf of the owners,
 who purchased this house from the Drysdale family.
- Bouddi Farm adjoins Bouddi National Park. Part of its design ethos is its connection to the land and the views.
- It was noted that Bouddi Farm is not listed on the LEP but is likely to meet the threshold for State heritage significance.
- o The Committee discussed expanding the nomination to include references to Russell Drysdale's notable works that fall within the period of residency in this home to make a direct connection between this period of his career and this period of residency. Heritage NSW advised that this will be further examined when the item goes to the full assessment.

The Chair thanked Ms Sonia Limeburner for the report.

Resolution 2022-67

The State Heritage Register Committee:

 Considers that Bouddi Farm, Killcare Heights may be of State heritage significance and for the nomination to be progressed to an assessment for potential listing on the SHR.

Moved by Dr Stephen Gapps and seconded by Ms Natalie Vinton

Item 6. SHR Listings Monthly Report

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the SHR Listings Monthly Report by Ms Sonia Limeburner.

Item 7. General Matters

The Chair and Committee acknowledged the dedication and contribution of Ms Glenda Chalker, former Chair of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee.

The Committee thanked Aunty Glenda for her advice and guidance in protecting and celebrating the Aboriginal cultural heritage in New South Wales throughout her service on the Committee since 2006.

Item 7.1 Forward Agenda

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report.

Meeting Close

There being no further items of business, the Chair, The Hon Robyn Parker, closed the meeting at 11:30 AM.

The Hon. Robyn Parker

Chair, State Heritage Register Committee

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6 December 2022