



HERITAGE COUNCIL OF NSW

MEETING MINUTES – 519

2 August 2023 | 9:00 AM – 12:55 PM

Meeting Room 14, Heritage NSW, Level 11, 12 Darcy Street, Parramatta & via teleconference

ATTENDANCE

Members

The Hon Robyn Parker	Acting Chair
Mr Nicholas Brunton	Member
Mr Ian Clarke	Member
Dr Brian Lindsay	Member
Ms Colleen Morris	Member
Mr Dillon Kombumerri	Observer

Apologies

Mr Frank Howarth AM PSM	Chair
Ms Vanessa Holtham	Member
Ms Anthea Sargent	Member

External Presenters

Ms Maura Boland	Director, Insight Partnerships (<i>item 2.1</i>)
Mr Greg Davies	Director, Insight Partnerships (<i>item 2.1</i>)
Mr Paul Shaw	Executive General Manager Development, TOGA (<i>item 4.1</i>)
Mr Steve Robson	Development Director, TOGA (<i>item 4.1</i>)
Mr David Springford	Senior Project Manager, TOGA (<i>item 4.1</i>)
Mr Chris Tidswell	Principal, Arcadia Landscape Architecture (<i>item 4.1</i>)
Mr Scott Jackson	Senior Associate, Arcadia Landscape Architecture (<i>item 4.1</i>)
Mr Philip Vivian	Managing Director, Bates Smart (<i>item 4.1</i>)
Mr David Eskdale	Associate Director, Bates Smart (<i>item 4.1</i>)

Heritage NSW

Mr Sam Kidman	Executive Director
Ms Anna London	A/Director Heritage Programs
Mr Tim Smith	Director Heritage Assessments
Mr Matthew Clark	Director Policy & Strategy
Ms Lucy Albani	Director Policy & Strategy
Ms Rose Cullen	Senior Policy Officer
Ms Rebecca Newell	Manager Streamlining (<i>item 2.1</i>)
Ms Rochelle Johnston	Senior Manager Major Projects (<i>item 4.1</i>)
Ms Sonia Limeburner	Manager Strategy & Implementation (<i>items 5.1 & 6.1</i>)
Ms Ashley Edwards	Senior Heritage Officer (<i>item 5.1</i>)
Ms Renae Patterson	Acting Director Customer Services (<i>item 6.1</i>)
Ms Rosanna Luca	Senior Engagement Officer (<i>item 6.1</i>)

Secretariat

Ms Olgica Lenger	Manager Secretariat
Ms Elizabeth Thomas	Senior Secretariat Officer

IN-CAMERA SESSION

This item was not minuted.

Item 1. Welcome and Formalities

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

The Acting Chair noted the apologies received for this meeting.

It was noted that a quorum had been met.

Item 1.1 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared for this meeting.

Item 1.2 Out of Session Decisions

There was no business conducted out of session since the previous ordinary meeting.

Item 1.3 Minutes from the Previous Meeting – 5 July 2023

Resolution 2023-25
The Heritage Council of NSW: 1. Confirmed the minutes of the previous ordinary meeting (5 July 2023) as a complete and accurate record of that meeting.
Moved by Nicholas Brunton and seconded by Ian Clarke

Item 1.4 Matters Arising

The Council noted that Paul Knight has resigned from the Heritage Council and members acknowledged his expertise and significant contribution to the Council, the State Heritage Register Committee and the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee during his term.

Item 1.5 Action Report

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the report and closed the items recommended for closure. The register was updated to reflect further actions required.

Item 2. External Presentations – part one**Item 2.1 State Heritage Register and Aboriginal Place Listings review update**

The Council received a report from Heritage NSW and a presentation from Insight Partnerships who outlined the key findings and recommendations arising from the review of the State Heritage Register (SHR) and Aboriginal Place (AP) Listings processes.

The Council noted that that the presentation from Insight was given to the State Heritage Register Committee (SHRC) at their meeting held 1 August and feedback from SHRC members was provided to the Council.

Members provided feedback on key elements of the report including the nominations pathway, the thematic focus and prioritisation process for listings, and suggested timeframe to implement the recommendations.

Next steps

Heritage NSW will conduct a workshop with staff and members of the SHRC to further refine process amendments and work on the implementation plan which will be presented to the Council in due course.

The Council thanked Insight Partnerships for the presentation and look forward to receiving the final report.

Item 3. Heritage NSW and Committees Updates

Item 3.1 Executive Director, Heritage NSW

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the report and a verbal update from Executive Director, Sam Kidman on various matters including the potential listing for *Ravensthorch*, an Interim Heritage Order for *115, 117 & 119 Holt Avenue, Cremorne*, and the recent unveiling of a blue plaque in Ashfield to commemorate the life of *Quong Tart*.

Item 3.2 State Heritage Register Committee (SHRC)

Robyn Parker, Chair of the State Heritage Register Committee, provided an update on key outcomes for items considered at the 1 August SHRC meeting including:

- a Notice of Intent for the *Nan Tien Temple, Berkeley*
- an update on an Aboriginal Place nomination for *Lansdowne Park, Goulburn*,
- a discussion on the continuation of priority thematic listings for First Nations History and *LGBTQI+* heritage, and
- a preliminary discussion regarding a potential nomination to list the *Synagogue and Former Sydney Talmudical College Premises Building, Bondi*.

Item 3.3 Approvals Committee (AC)

Ian Clarke, Chair of the Approvals Committee, provided an update on the key outcomes for items considered at the 1 August AC meeting including:

- an Integrated Development Application for a subdivision proposal at *Lansdowne, Goulburn* (SHR 00132), and
- a presentation on the response to submissions for the State significant development (SSD) proposal at *35-75 Harrington Street, The Rocks*.

Item 4. External Presentations – part two

Item 4.1 Central Western Gateway (TOGA) – State Significant Development – public domain update

The Council received a report from Heritage NSW and a presentation from TOGA who provided an update on the public domain proposal for the Central Western Gateway project.

TOGA highlighted the extensive consultation and local community engagement undertaken to inform the design, including:

- embedding the design principles that respond to and respect the *Connections with Country* for the site
- a Precinct approach to ensure that unified and cohesive design elements are developed across the various sites and integrates with the broader Central Station Precinct

- consideration of pedestrian movement needs and retention of key sightlines across the site
- the intention for detailed design elements, including planting selections, the heritage interpretation strategy and the public art strategy to be prepared post DA consent approval.

Members provided feedback on various design elements and suggested greater consideration be given to planting selections to clearly distinguish between ‘*returning*’ species and those important to the local community.

Members welcomed the response to the Council’s previous feedback to include a holistic design approach for the Precinct and whilst noting further work is needed, acknowledged the community engagement undertaken and willingness to develop design themes to reflect the *Connection with Country*.

The Council emphasised the critical need for the design team to:

- deepen their understanding of the wider precinct and the broader cultural landscape
- focus on returning community to Country and provide opportunities for them to be located on site to ensure the cultural narratives are respected and developed ergonomically, and
- avoid the desire to have all elements of Country included in the design.

The Council thanked TOGA for the presentation and look forward to continued engagement during the course of the project’s development.

Resolution 2023-26

The Heritage Council of NSW:

1. **Notes** the information provided in the report prepared by Heritage NSW and the presentation from TOGA.
2. **Requests** that Heritage NSW on behalf of the Heritage Council writes to TOGA thanking them for providing an update and to provide the following comments:
 - a. The Heritage Council wishes to commend TOGA’s efforts in coordinating the public domain interfaces with the neighbours in the precinct.
 - b. It is acknowledged that our previous comments have been implemented to shape a coordinated holistic design that respects the needs of Country across the whole Central station precinct. We reiterate a coordinated approach’s significant role in successfully achieving the project objectives and celebrating the precinct’s heritage significance.
 - c. Continued engagement with the Heritage Council and Heritage NSW during the course of the project’s development is strongly encouraged.

Moved by Nicholas Brunton and seconded by Ian Clarke

Item 5. Legal, Policy and Administration

Item 5.1 Climate Change – final principles and draft action plan update

The Heritage Council of NSW received a report and presentation from Heritage NSW on the *Climate Change Principles* which have been finalised for endorsement together with a draft action plan.

In response to Council’s feedback in November 2022, Heritage NSW undertook broader engagement on the draft principles and the action plan. Members noted that the principles have been updated to incorporate the key themes arising from this consultation and case studies will be published on a dedicated climate change page on the Heritage NSW website.

Members discussed the strategic approach and proposed further collaboration with other agencies and jurisdictions to be included as part of the implementation phase.

The Council thanked Heritage NSW for the presentation and work done by Heritage NSW to finalise the Climate Change Principles.

Resolution 2023-27
<p>The Heritage Council of NSW resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt the final Climate Change Principles (Tab 5.1A of the report). 2. Note the draft Climate Change Action Plan for Heritage NSW (Tab 5.1B of the report), the summary of consultation (Tab 5.1C of the report) and the proposed website content (Tab 5.1 D of the report).
<p>Moved by Colleen Morris and seconded by Brian Lindsay</p>

Item 6. Matters for Consideration

Item 6.1 ICOMOS GA 2023 Participation - update

The Council received a verbal update from Heritage NSW on the preparations underway for the ICOMOS General Assembly 2023.

Cultural Landscapes session

- o Presentation materials will be circulated to members participating in the cultural landscapes session prior to a dress rehearsal being held on 16 August
- o Victoria and NSW will present two case studies each and Council members will lead discussions at breakout tables

The Council noted that ICOMOS participation is generally limited to registered delegates. Non-participating members interested in attending the cultural landscapes session were asked to contact Heritage NSW directly to see if this could potentially be accommodated.

The Council thanked Heritage NSW for the presentation.

Item 7. Executive Reports

Item 7.1 Chair, Heritage Council of NSW – Monthly Report

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the verbal update provided by the Acting Chair.

Item 7.2 Planning Report (DPE)

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the planning report

Item 7.3 Advisory Panels Report

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the Advisory Committee and Panels report.

The Chair of the Grants and Sponsorships Committee (GSAC) suggested a meeting with the Minister for Heritage be sought for the GSAC Chair to provide the committee's feedback on the 2023-25 grant funding round.

Item 8. Heritage NSW Reporting

Item 8.1 Heritage Operations – Annual Reports

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the *Annual Compliance report 2022-23* and the *Annual Applications report 2022-23*.

Members acknowledged the commitment of the assessments team and the high quality of work delivered to finalise the increased volume of applications received during 2022-23.

Item 8.2 Heritage Operations – Monthly Reports

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the monthly reports and verbal updates from Tim Smith and Anna London.

Item 9. General Matters

Item 9.1 Forward Agenda

The Heritage Council of NSW reviewed the forward agenda and sought a presentation on the Government Architect NSW's *Connecting with Country Framework* at the next meeting.

Item 10. Meeting Close

There being no further items of business, the Acting Chair, Robyn Parker, closed the meeting at 12:55 PM.



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The Hon Robyn Parker

Deputy Chair, Heritage Council of NSW

Date: 4 October 2023