



STATE HERITAGE REGISTER COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

4 July 2023 | 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Meeting held at 4PSQ and via Teams videoconference.

ATTENDANCE

State Heritage Register Committee

The Hon Robyn Parker	Chair
Ms Colleen Morris	Deputy Chair
Dr Wayne Johnson	Member
Dr Stephen Gapps	Member
Mr Paul Knight	Member
Ms Lisa Trueman	Member
Ms Natalie Vinton	Member
Dr Brian Lindsay	Member

Apologies

Mr Frank Howarth AM PSM	Alternate Member
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Heritage NSW

Mr Sam Kidman	Executive Director
Ms Anna London	A/Director Programs
Ms Rebecca Newell	A/Manager Streamlining (Item 5.3)
Mr William Truscott	Senior Heritage Officer (Item 3.2)
Mr Harvey Johnston	Manager Heritage Programs (Item 3.2)
Mr Stuart Read	Senior Heritage Officer (Item 4.1)
Dr Natalie Blake	Manager Heritage Programs (Item 4.1)
Margot Stuart	Senior Heritage Officer (Item 3.2)
Alexandra Boukouvalas	Manager Heritage Programs (Item 2.2 and 3.2)
Mr Damian Tybussek	Senior Heritage Officer (for Barrina South)
Aleisha Buckler	Listings Coordinator (for Barrina South)
Rose Cullen	Senior Policy Officer (observer)
Taryn Gooley	Aboriginal Team Leader Heritage Programs (observer)

Secretariat

Ms Olgica Lenger	Manager Secretariat
Ms Jo Pickles	Secretariat Officer

IN-CAMERA SESSION

This item was not minuted.

Item 1. Welcome and Formalities

Chair Robyn Parker opened the meeting at 9:15 AM, delivered an Acknowledgment of Country and noted it is National Aborigines' and Islanders' Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) week.

It was noted that Mr Frank Howarth was an apology and a quorum had been met.

Following from in-camera discussion on approval pathways, the Chair affirmed that the Committee should be provided the opportunity to comment on any matters concerning the State Heritage Register (SHR).

Item 1.1 Conflict of Interest Declarations

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the following standing declarations:

- Robyn Parker: 2011-2015 Decisions
- Colleen Morris: National Trust of Australia
- Dr Wayne Johnson: Place Management NSW
- Natalie Vinton: Powerhouse

No new conflict of interest declarations were reported.

Item 1.2 Out of Session Decisions

Nil reported.

Item 1.3 Minutes from the Previous Meeting – 6 June 2023

Resolution 2023-31
The State Heritage Register Committee: 1. Confirmed the minutes of the previous ordinary meeting (6 June 2023) as a complete and accurate record of that meeting.
Moved by Natalie Vinton and seconded by Lisa Trueman

Item 1.4 Matters Arising

Nil reported.

Item 1.5 Action Report

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report.

The Committee also noted that a paper of the SHR priority themes will be presented for discussion at the next meeting, once a review and the gap analysis are completed by Heritage NSW.

External Presentations

Nil

Item 2 SHR Nominations – Notice of Intention

Item 2.1 Wellington Town Common – NOI

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the paper on Wellington Town Common – Notice of Intention.

Key points noted:

- The Wellington Town Common was nominated for SHR listing by the owners, Wiradjuri Wellington Aboriginal Town Common Aboriginal Corporation (WWATCAC).
- The proposed listing comprises two buildings: a house and a church, as well as an outhouse and the land surrounding the buildings and structure.
- Heritage NSW assessed the item as having potential State heritage significance under three of the seven criteria.
- The Committee discussed the importance of associative values, tangible and intangible values of the site, and cultural landscape significance, and expressed concerns about the proposed small-scale curtilage.
- The Committee sought to confirm the correct title of the listing and noted that Wellington was the first visit on the 1965 Freedom Ride.

The Chair thanked Harvey Johnston and William Truscott for their work and presentation.

Resolution 2023-32
<p>The State Heritage Register Committee resolved to defer the item and requested Heritage NSW to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Undertake further consultation with the owners regarding curtilage, name of the listing, and potential site-specific exemptions; and 2. Undertake further research on associative values and cultural landscape significance.
<p>Moved by Wayne Johnson and seconded by Colleen Morris</p>

Item 2.2 Bouddi Farm – NOI

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the paper on Bouddi Farm – Notice of Intention.

Key points noted:

- Bouddi Farm is likely to be of State heritage significance for its contribution to the development of mid-20th century Modernist domestic architecture in Australia and for its associative values as the residence and studio of prominent artist Russell Drysdale.
- Bouddi Farm adjoins Bouddi National Park in Killcare Heights on the NSW Central Coast. Part of its design ethos is its connection to the land and the views.
- Heritage NSW assessed the item as having potential State heritage significance under three of the seven criteria.
- The curtilage includes the detached studio completed in 1971, the house and a generous area of garden and bushland. The part that has been nominated by the owners excludes a small portion of the land that they are intending to sub-divide.

The Chair thanked Alexandra Boukouvalas and Judith Coombes for their work and presentation.

Resolution 2023-33

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. **Considers** the item known as Bouddi Farm at 265 The Scenic Road, Killcare Heights NSW 2257 (see location in Tab B of the report), 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 28 days after the publication of the newspaper notice and the manner in which submissions may be made.

Moved by Brian Lindsay and seconded by Colleen Morris

Item 3 SHR Nominations – Recommendation to List**Item 3.1 Sydney Croquet Clubhouse, its collections, lawns and grounds, Woollahra Park – RTL**

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the paper on Sydney Croquet Clubhouse, its collections, lawns and grounds, Woollahra Park – Recommendation to List.

Key points noted:

- Sydney Croquet Clubhouse is located at Woollahra Park, O'Sullivan Road, Rose Bay.
- The item was nominated by the owner, Woollahra Municipal Council, with a focus on architectural type and values of the building only. Heritage NSW extended the case to include historic and associative values of the clubhouse, including those of its moveable heritage collection.
- Woollahra Municipal Council proposed additional site-specific exemptions in relation to adaptive reuse, change of use, and permissible short term uses, however the Committee queried the value and benefit of those exemptions for the SHR listing.
- Changes that relate to maintenance and management were supported.

The Chair thanked Stuart Read and Natalie Blake for their work.

Resolution 2023-34

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 at Tab 3.1E of the report and considers the item known as *Sydney Croquet Clubhouse, its collections, lawns and grounds* in Woollahra Park, O'Sullivan Road, Rose Bay, 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 (f), 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, Sydney Croquet

Clubhouse, its collections, lawns and grounds in Woollahra Park, O'Sullivan Road, Rose Bay, on the SHR, 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, **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, **recommends** that the Minister **grant** the site specific exemptions at Tab 3.1D of the report, as amended, from section 57(1) of the Act in addition to the Heritage Council Standard Exemptions.

Moved by Stephen Gapps and seconded by Paul Knight

Item 3.2 Manilla Railway Viaduct and Underbridge – RTL

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the paper on Manilla Railway Viaduct and Underbridge – Recommendation to List.

Key points noted:

- The Manilla Railway Viaduct and Underbridge located at River Street (Barraba Branch Line), Manilla, forms an integral part of the extension of the branch line to Barraba in the 1900s.
- Recommended curtilage goes across 3 public roads and 1 private road (located within the showgrounds).
- Heritage NSW assessed the proposed item to meet four of the seven criteria for listing.
- 62 submissions have been received in support of the listing and 1 submission objecting.
- TfNSW, the owner, objects to the listing based on condition and cost of maintenance.
- The Standard Exemptions provide the ability for TfNSW to maintain and repair the structure using traditional materials.
- TfNSW agreed to collaborate with Heritage NSW on Site Specific Exemptions allowing the use of non-traditional materials.

The Chair thanked Margot Stuart and Alexandra Boukouvalas for their work and presentation.

Resolution 2023-35

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 Manilla Railway Viaduct and Underbridge at River Street (Barraba Branch Line), Manilla, satisfies more than one of the approved criteria for determining whether an item is of State heritage significance, being criteria (a), (b), (c) and (f), as detailed in the report at Tab 3.2A.
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, Manilla Railway Viaduct and Underbridge at River Street (Barraba Branch Line), Manilla, on the State Heritage Register, as shown in the plan at Tab 3.2C 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.

Moved by Lisa Trueman and seconded by Paul Knight

Item 4. Matters for Consideration

Item 4.1 SHR Listings Work Plan 2023-24 update

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the revised SHR Listings Work Plan 2023-24 – update by Damian Tybussek and Aleisha Buckler.

The Committee acknowledged the strength of having the additional information and asked that it also be included in regular SHR Listings Monthly Reports.

The Chair thanked Anna London and the team for providing the additional information.

Item 4.2 SHR and AP Listings Process Review update

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the SHR and AP Listings Process Review update by Rebecca Newell.

Key points noted:

- Heritage NSW engaged The Insight Partnership to review the SHR and AP listings processes and provided a progress update with some initial high-level findings, before the final report is presented at the next meeting.
- The review seeks to enhance the effectiveness of internal Heritage NSW processes, support timely processing of nominations, and improve the clarity and transparency of consultation processes through better customer service and community engagement.
- The review also seeks to set appropriate and meaningful listings KPIs and target outcomes.

In addition to the regulatory processes, the Committee noted the importance of education and celebration of the heritage of NSW and sought to reflect that in the final report.

The Chair thanked Rebecca Newell for the update.

Item 5. Preliminary Assessment of New SHR Nominations

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report on Preliminary Assessment of New SHR Nominations by Damian Tybussek.

Item 5.1 SHR Nomination – Gosford Cenotaph and Cultural Landscape

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the paper on the Gosford Cenotaph and Cultural Landscape – SHR Nomination.

Key points noted:

- The memorial park, including avenue and feature trees, is listed as a heritage item on *SEPP (Precincts – Regional) 2021*.

The Chair thanked Damian Tybussek and Aleisha Buckler for the update.

Resolution 2023-36
<p>The State Heritage Register Committee:</p> <p>1. Considers that Gosford Cenotaph and Cultural Landscape, Gosford nomination is not a priority to progress for a full assessment for potential listing on the SHR and the nomination is closed.</p>
<p>Moved by Brian Lindsay and seconded by Paul Knight</p>

Item 5.2 SHRC Preliminary Assessment of SHR Nominations Process

The Committee noted the new SHR Nominations SHRC Preliminary Assessment Process.

Item 6. SHR Listings Monthly Report

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the SHR Listings Monthly Report by Barrina South.

Item 7. General Matters

Item 7.1 Forward Agenda

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report.

Meeting Close

There being no further items of business, Chair Robyn Parker closed the meeting at 1:00 PM.



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The Hon Robyn Parker
Chair, State Heritage Register Committee
Date: 4 July 2023