

STATE HERITAGE REGISTER COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

5 March 2024 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Meeting held via Teams videoconference.

ATTENDANCE

State Heritage Register Committee

The Hon. Robyn Parker	Chair
Ms Colleen Morris	Deputy Chair
Dr Stephen Gapps	Member
Dr Wayne Johnson	Member
Dr Brian Lindsay	Member
Ms Natalie Vinton	Member

Apologies Ms Lisa Trueman Mr Frank Howarth AM PSM

Member Alternate Member

Heritage NSW

Ms Anna London Ms Alexandra Boukouvalas Ms Meggan Walker Mr David Hoffman Dr Damian Tybussek Ms Judith Coombes Mr Stuart Read Ms Margot Stuart

Secretariat

Ms Olgica Lenger Miss Linda Bugarin A/Director Heritage Programs Manager Heritage Programs North Senior Heritage Officer (*item 2.1*) Senior Heritage Officer (*item 2.2*) Senior Heritage Officer (*items 2.3, 3.1*) Senior Heritage Officer (*item 3.2*) Senior Heritage Officer (*item 4.1*) Senior Heritage Officer (*item 5*)

Manager Secretariat Secretariat Officer

IN-CAMERA SESSION

This item was not minuted.

Item 1. Welcome and Formalities

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

The Committee noted Lisa Trueman was an apology and a quorum had been met.

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 Museum, Ultimo and MLC Building, North Sydney

Item 1.2 Out of Session Decisions

Nil reported.

Item 1.3 Minutes from the Previous Meeting – 6 February 2024

Resolution 2024-10

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. **Confirmed** the minutes of the previous ordinary meeting (6 February 2024) as a complete and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved by Wayne Johnson and seconded by Stephen Gapps

Item 1.4 Matters Arising

Nil to report.

Item 1.5 Action Report

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report.

Item 2 SHR Nominations – Notice of Intention

Item 2.1 Cooma Gaol – NOI

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report on Cooma Gaol – NOI by Meggan Walker.

Key points noted:

 The Cooma Gaol nomination focuses on a specific period of the site's history in the 1950s and its social values as a symbol of the experience of LGBTIQA+ people in New South Wales.

- Negotiation of site specific exemptions with the Department of Communities and Justice, managers of the property, is ongoing.
- The Committee noted the contemporary terminology used in the Statement of Significance and the use of modern terms such as 'non-binary' to reflect the diversity of the inmates over time.

The Chair thanked Meggan Walker for her work on this item.

Resolution 2024-11

The State Heritage Register Committee:

- 1. **Considers** the item known as Cooma Gaol at 1-5 Vale Street, Cooma, 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 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 Natalie Vinton

Item 2.2 CAMP Inc. Rooms and Headquarters (former) – NOI

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report on CAMP Inc. Rooms and Headquarters (former) – NOI by David Hoffman.

Key points noted:

- The preliminary assessment of significance of CAMP Inc. focuses on historic use and association of the building rather than fabric.
- The item is located at 33A Glebe Point Road, but the entire building (no. 33) is listed on the City of Sydney LEP.
- Heritage NSW is awaiting a response from the owner to arrange a site visit and discuss site specific exemptions.
- The name of the nominated item has been changed to include *(former)*, to recognise that the significant historic use ceased in 1981.

The Chair thanked David Hoffman and Meggan Walker for their work on this item.

Resolution 2024-12

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. **Considers** the item known as *CAMP Inc. Rooms and Headquarters (former)* may be of State heritage significance.

- 2. **Notes** that the item is protected by local listing on the Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012 heritage schedule.
- 3. **Resolved** the nomination for State Heritage Register listing of *CAMP Inc. Rooms and Headquarters (former)* not be progressed.
- 4. **Recommends** that Heritage NSW pursue the possibility of an appropriate acknowledgement and commemoration, such as a Blue Plaque to be installed on the item.
- 5. **Requests** Heritage NSW write to the City of Sydney highlighting the significance of the item's history as the former headquarters of *CAMP Inc.* and encourage that history's inclusion in the Local Environmental Plan listing.

Moved by Colleen Morris and seconded by Brian Lindsay

Item 2.3 Captain Moonlite and James Nesbitt's Graves (Nominated as Gundagai Cemetery) – NOI

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report on Captain Moonlite and James Nesbitt's Graves (Nominated as Gundagai Cemetery) – NOI by Damian Tybussek.

Key points noted:

- The item name has been altered to signify the focus of the proposed listing on the relationship between Captain Moonlite and James Nesbitt. It was originally titled 'North Gundagai Cemetery'.
- The curtilage is limited to Captain Moonlite's grave with a direct link to James Nesbitt's grave to minimise impact to the other allotments.

The Chair thanked Damian Tybussek for his work on the item.

Resolution 2024-13

The State Heritage Register Committee:

- 1. **Considers** the item known as *Captain Moonlite and James Nesbitt's Graves* at 58 William Street, Gundagai, defined in accordance with the curtilage shown at Tab 2.4C of the report, is likely to be of State heritage significance.
- 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 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 Stephen Gapps

Item 3. SHR Nominations – Recommendation to List

Item 3.1 Gooriwal (Frenchmans Bay and Yarra Bay) Cultural Landscape – RTL

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the update report on Gooriwal (Frenchmans Bay and Yarra Bay) Cultural Landscape – RTL by Damian Tybussek.

The Committee discussed the historical significance of Boatswain Maroot and his 10-acre grant from Governor Macquarie which may be within the recommended curtilage.

The item is deferred to the April meeting to allow for further discussions with the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council and NSW Aboriginal Land Council regarding unresolved Aboriginal Land Claims across the Crown land within the recommended curtilage area, and for further research into the location of Boatswain Maroot's grant.

The Chair thanked Damian Tybussek for the update.

Item 3.2 Kwong War Chong Building – RTL

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report on Kwong War Chong Building – RTL by Judith Coombes.

Key points noted:

- The 43 submissions received during the exhibition period evidence strong community support for the listing. The was one other submission providing comment and none in opposition.
- Heritage NSW has been working with City of Sydney Council and Darren Kong Architects on the new plans for the building and will continue to liaise with Council regarding the DA.
- Heritage NSW will continue to liaise with both the Council and the owners regarding site specific exemptions to appropriately manage the moveable heritage and allow for planned future uses.

The Chair thanked Judith Coombes for her work on this item and acknowledged the work of former staff.

Resolution 2024-14

The State Heritage Register Committee:

- 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 place known as the Kwong War Chong Building at 82-84 Dixon Street, Haymarket satisfies more than one of the approved criteria for determining whether an item is of State heritage significance, being criteria (a), (b), (c), and (e) 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, Kwong War Chong Building, 82-84 Dixon Street, Haymarket, 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, will **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,* **notes** that the Heritage Council Standard Exemptions will apply.

Moved by Colleen Morris seconded by Stephen Gapps

Item 4. Matters for Consideration

Item 4.1 Tiresias House – NOI – Update

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report on Tiresias House – NOI by Stuart Read.

The Committee discussed privacy, safety and legal requirements surrounding the Tiresias House nomination and considered alternative options for recognition of the significance of this item.

The Chair thanked Stuart Read for his work on the nomination.

Resolution 2024-15

The State Heritage Register Committee:

- 1. Considers the item known as Tiresias House is likely to be of State heritage significance.
- 2. **Resolved** not to progress the nomination due to a highly unusual combination of privacy, safety, and legal requirements.
- 3. **Recommends** that Heritage NSW pursue the possibility of a Blue Plaque to be installed on the current offices of The Gender Centre, in the former Marrickville Hospital, now Library complex, 10 Lilydale Street, Marrickville, as a more appropriate means of recognising this State significant story.

Moved by Brian Lindsay and seconded by Natalie Vinton

Item 5. Preliminary Assessment of New SHR Nominations

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report on New SHR Nominations: *Don Hearn's Cabins, Cunjurong Point* and *Walla Walla Bakery* by Margot Stuart.

Resolution 2024-16

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. **Considers** that while Don Hearn's Cabins may be of State heritage significance, the nomination is not a current priority to progress for listing on the State Heritage Register (Tab 5B of the report).

Moved by Wayne Johnson and seconded by Stephen Gapps

Resolution 2024-17

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. **Considers** that Walla Walla Bakery is not likely to be of State heritage significance and therefore the nomination should not be progressed (Tab 5C of the report).

Moved by Natalie Vinton and seconded by Colleen Morris

Item 6. SHR Listings Monthly Report

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report by Alexandra Boukouvalas.

The Committee noted that the work plan for SHR nominations will be brought to the Committee in April for preliminary discussion before the final work plan is presented at the May Committee meeting.

The Chair thanked Alexandra Boukouvalas for the update.

Item 7. General Matters

Item 7.1 Forward Agenda

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report.

General

SHRC members are invited to attend the 6 March Heritage Council meeting for *Item 4.3: Engagement with Heritage Owners - Joint workshop with SHRC members*. Members' contribution to this workshop is critical to determining the key aspects and needs for owner engagement.

Meeting Close

There being no further items of business, the Chair, The Hon. Robyn Parker, closed the meeting at 12:00 PM.

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The Hon. Robyn Parker Chair, State Heritage Register Committee Date: 2 April 2024