# MINUTES OF MEETING
## State Heritage Register Committee
### 6 April 2016
Commencing at 2.30 pm
Office of Environment and Heritage
59 Goulburn St, Sydney

### PRESENT
Ms Louise Cox AO (Chair)
Dr Raymond Kelly
Dr Mark Dunn
Ms Jennifer Davis
Ms Lisa Newell

### APOLOGIES
Dr Deborah Dearing

### HERITAGE DIVISION ATTENDEES
Dr Siobhan Lavelle OAM - Manager, Listings
Mrs Colleen Klingberg - Secretariat Unit (minutes)
Listings Section:
Mrs Lucy Hampton  Ms Susan Effenberger
Ms Mary Ann Hamilton  Ms Barrina South
Ms Emma Dortins  Mr Dave Johnston
Ms Alexandra Boukouvalas  Mr Harvey Johnston

## Agenda Item 1  Opening and Welcome
The meeting commenced at 2.30 pm.

## Agenda Item 1.1 Apologies, Confirmation and timing of Agenda
**Discussion**
- Members were welcomed, apologies noted and the agenda was confirmed.

**Noted**
The Committee noted this information.

## Agenda Item 1.2 Declarations of Interest
**Discussion**
Members were advised of nil Conflicts of Interest.

**Noted**
The Committee noted Nil Declarations of Interest.

## Agenda Item 2  Confirmation of Minutes

### Agenda Item 2.1 State Heritage Register Committee meeting of 2 March 2016
**Discussion**
- Members reviewed the draft minutes of the 2 March 2016 State Heritage Register Committee meeting.

**Resolution**
2016-15. The Heritage Council State Heritage Register Committee:
   1. Accepts the minutes as a true record of the State Heritage Register Committee meeting held on 2 March 2016.

Moved by Ms Louise Cox and seconded by Ms Jennifer Davis.

## Agenda Item 3  Action Report
### Agenda Item 3.1 State Heritage Register Committee Action Report
**Discussion**
Members reviewed the current State Heritage Register (SHR) Committee Action Report.
- 06/15-B: Chair working with Heritage Division (HD) to have proposed policy paper to May 2016 meeting.
- 03/16-P: Research into works of architect, Harry Seidler.
  - HD preparing tender brief to engage contractor to carry out work.
- 9/15-A: The Native Vineyard, Cobbitty
- The HD is to discuss possible significance of site with Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) as part of AILA’s Heritage Council funded project to prepare SHR nominations for significant landscapes.
  - 04/15-B: Brett Whiteley House and Visual Curtilage.  
  - update provided under Item 10.1.

Noted
The Committee noted the report and verbal updates.

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<td>- The study was commissioned in 2015 with a draft report received December 2015.</td>
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<td>- The HD is currently providing contractor Mr Geoffrey Britton comments on the draft report.</td>
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<td>- Prior to finalisation of the report, the HD will meet with the key stakeholder (Sydney Trains).</td>
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<td>Members discussed the matter advising that it would be desirable if the report could advise of curtilage options from the optimum to the minimal.</td>
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Resolution
2016-16. The Heritage Council State Heritage Register Committee noted the update.

Moved by Dr Mark Dunn and seconded by Ms Lisa Newell.

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<td>5.1 St Stephens Presbyterian Church and Manse, Queanbeyan, Queanbeyan LGA</td>
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<td>Discussion</td>
<td>Ms Barrina South presented this item advising:</td>
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<td>- The nomination for St Stephens Presbyterian Church and Manse, Queanbeyan was received as two separate nominations from Queanbeyan City Council. The site is owned by Presbyterian Church NSW Property Trust.</td>
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<td>- The HD has submitted the two items to the SHR Committee to be considered as one listing.</td>
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<td>- St Stephens Presbyterian Church was designed by Anglican cleric, the Reverend Alberto Dias Soares, Honorary Diocesan Architect of the Anglican Diocese of Goulburn, the only cleric architect known to have practiced in NSW.</td>
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<td>- The manse was designed by NSW Colonial Architect James Barnet for his daughter and her husband, the Presbyterian minister of Queanbeyan. It is representative of Barnet’s work in the private domain, displaying his abilities outside the government structures he usually designed.</td>
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<td>- Requesting further advice on how the item compares with other SHR listed churches and manses.</td>
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<td>- Agreed that the two nominations together had greater significance than as individual items.</td>
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<td>- Agreed that recognising domestic work by Architect James Barnet, for a member of the family extending outside his work on government and institutional buildings, may be noteworthy.</td>
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<td>- Requested more work to be undertaken to place the item into state context as it is unusual for a Presbyterian Church to be designed by an Anglican architect.</td>
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### Resolution 2016-17

The Heritage Council State Heritage Register Committee:

1. Advises the Heritage Division that St Stephen’s Presbyterian Church and Manse, Queanbeyan is potentially of state heritage significance; and
2. Requests the Heritage Division to carry out further research to determine the significance of St Stephen’s Presbyterian Church and Manse, Queanbeyan.

Moved by Dr Mark Dunn and seconded by Ms Lisa Newell.

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### Agenda Item 5.2 Duke Paoa Kahanamoku Statue and Memorial, Freshwater, Warringah LGA

**Discussion**

Mrs Lucy Hampton presented this item advising:

- The proposed nomination comprises a bronze statue of Duke Paoa Kahanamoku, a Hawaiian Olympic gold medallist swimmer.
- The statue is mounted on a rocky outcrop overlooking individual mosaic plaques commemorating Australian major surfing championship winners since 1964. The site is located on the northern headland of Freshwater Beach.
- The Freshwater statue commemorates the Duke’s December 1914 surfboard riding demonstration at Freshwater Beach using a board fashioned from sugarpine timber. This board is now owned by Freshwater Surf Life Saving Club.
- Although widely considered to be the event that popularised surfing in Australia, this was not the first time surfboards had been ridden in Australia. Individuals riding boards in Australia has been documented as early as 1911.
- Listed on the Warringah LEP, the reserve is owned by Crown Lands and maintained by Warringah Council, and the statue is maintained by the Harboard Diggers Club.

Members discussed the matter:

- Noted that the 1914 activities of Duke Kahanamoku are important and the 1914 board (which was not part of the submitted nomination) is important.
- Determined that the statue itself is not of state significance, but of local significance only.

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### Resolution 2016-18

The Heritage Council State Heritage Register Committee:

1. Advises the Heritage Division that the Duke Paoa Kahanamoku Statue and Memorial, Freshwater is of local heritage significance; and
2. Advises the Heritage Division not to progress the nomination of the Duke Paoa Kahanamoku Statue and Memorial, Freshwater.

Moved by Dr Raymond Kelly and seconded by Dr Mark Dunn.

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### Agenda Item 5.3 Woodstock Homestead, Plumpton, Blacktown LGA

**Discussion**

Ms Susan Effenberger presented this item advising:

- The item was nominated by the land owner Blacktown City Council.
- The modifications by private owners in the 20th century have been extensive with early unsympathetic repairs and modifications.
- “Woodstock” has a high local significance through its historical influence on the Rooty Hill district, historical association with Walter Lamb, aesthetic qualities, and research potential, particularly regarding the terracotta tiles.
- It is possibly the oldest extant homestead of its kind, in the Victorian Georgian style, in the Blacktown District.

Members discussed the matter noting:

- The works and changes to site and the loss of original fabric has unfortunately diminished the significance of the site.

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### Resolution 2016-19

The Heritage Council State Heritage Register Committee:

1. Advises the Heritage Division that Woodstock Homestead, Plumpton is of local significance; and
2. Advises the Heritage Division not to progress the nomination of the Woodstock Homestead, Plumpton.

Moved by Dr Raymond Kelly and seconded by Dr Mark Dunn.

### Agenda Item 5.4 Avoca Beach Picture Theatre, Avoca Beach, Gosford LGA

**Discussion**

Ms Mary Ann Hamilton presented this item advising:

- The Avoca Beach Picture Theatre has been subject of an Interim Heritage Order (IHO) request in 2005, two nominations for listing in 2013 and an IHO in 2015.
- When considering the previous requests for listing and heritage protection, the Committee noted the local heritage significance of the item and advised Gosford Council to include it on the Local Environment Plan (LEP).
- The current nomination was received in February 2016 from the National Trust of Australia (NSW) and incorporates some new information not included in previous nominations.
- The additional information advised that:
  - Avoca Theatre was designed by Timbury Mayo and Ross Wark.
  - Avoca Theatre was the place where a new digital surround sound system was trialled.
- The additional information against the historic, social, rarity and representative criteria do not meet the threshold for state heritage significance but generally do demonstrate local significance.

Members discussed the matter noting:

- The additional information provided in the nomination and the advice provided by the HD in the presented report.
- Agreed with the assessment that the Avoca Beach Theatre does not meet the threshold for state heritage significance.

**Resolution**

2016-20. The Heritage Council State Heritage Register Committee:

1. Confirmed previous determinations advising the Heritage Division that Avoca Beach Picture Theatre, Avoca Beach, Gosford is of local heritage significance; and
2. Advises the Heritage Division not to progress the nomination of the Avoca Beach Picture Theatre, Avoca Beach, Gosford.

Moved by Ms Louise Cox and seconded by Dr Raymond Kelly.

### Agenda Item 5.5 Bidura Child Welfare and Judicial Precinct, Glebe, Sydney

**Discussion**

Ms Alexandra Boukouvalas presented this item advising:

- The site is a long allotment comprising of Edmund Blacket’s c1858 Victorian Regency house, Bidura and the 1980 Neo-Brutalist building, Bidura Children's Court.
- The site (which is in private ownership but occupied by the Department of Justice until 2017) was nominated by the Twentieth Century Heritage Society of NSW and the owner of a neighbouring property.
- The Victorian buildings are locally listed on the City of Sydney LEP and recognised by the National Trust.
- Following its initial use as a residence, the site has a long association with child welfare and juvenile justice in NSW from 1920 to the present day.
- City of Sydney Council is currently considering a Development Application which proposes to demolish the Bidura Children's Court building to erect apartment towers and terraces.
- City of Sydney Council have commissioned a study (which is expected to be available mid-April) of the Bidura Children's Court Building so that its potential heritage values can be explicitly added to the LEP listing for the property.

Members discussed the matter noting:

- Based on the information available, that the site is important in relation to its long association with child welfare and juvenile justice in NSW.
- The nominated site is subject to an active Development Application under consideration and that City of Sydney is carrying out appropriate research into the significance of the site.
- The study commissioned by City of Sydney will assess the significance of the site.
- Noted that as the site is within a Heritage Conservation Area, an Interim Heritage Order cannot be used by the local council in this instance to protect the item whilst a full determination of significance in undertaken.

Resolution

2016-21. The Heritage Council State Heritage Register Committee:

1. Advises the Heritage Division that Bidura Child Welfare and Judicial Precinct, Glebe is potentially of state heritage significance;
2. Advises the Heritage Division not to progress the nomination of the Bidura Child Welfare and Judicial Precinct, Glebe at this time whilst awaiting outcomes of research being undertaken by City of Sydney; and
3. Request the Heritage Division to provide an update to future meeting on the City of Sydney planning processes.

Moved by Ms Louise Cox and seconded by Ms Lisa Newell.

Action

- HD to provide an update to future meeting on the City of Sydney planning processes in relation to the Bidura Child Welfare and Judicial Precinct, Glebe.

Agenda Item | 6 State Heritage Register – Notice of intention
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Agenda Item | 6.1 Notice of intention to consider listing—Rock Bolting Development Site, Lambie Gorge, Cooma, Cooma-Monaro LGA

Discussion

Ms Barrina South presented this item advising:

- Nominated by Engineers Australia, Monaro Group, the Rock Bolting Development Site is owned by State Government, Crown Lands and is likely to meet all seven of the Heritage Council criteria for listing on the State Heritage Register.
- The Rock Bolting Development Site was an experimental site for the Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Scheme during the 1950s until the early 1960s to develop a new engineering techniques for hard-rock tunnelling.
- The rock bolting test site consists of a natural rock façade into which holes have been drilled. Remnant bolts can be seen projecting from some of the holes. Remnants of rock shards dislodged during the experiments can be found located at the base of the façade.
- The work at this site lead to a quantum leap in the development of rock mechanics focused on the technique of rock bolting in hard rock for the permanent reinforcement of underground tunnels and caverns.
- The rock bolting practice and the study of rock mechanics at the site was taken up internationally as it greatly improved the safety of the miners in tunnels and gave significantly higher tunnelling speeds.
- The technology not only ensured the successful building of the Snowy Mountains Scheme, but the rock bolting technique is still utilised today as a standard practice for safe and permanent reinforcement of exposed excavations around the world.

Members discussed the matter:

- Noted that from 2009, the site has been recognised as an Engineering Heritage National Landmark and was added to the Engineering Heritage Register. Interpretive signage and a plaque have been erected at the site.
- Requested additional technical information be sought from Engineers Australia on the engineering history and story for inclusion in the heritage assessment.
- Noted that this is only one of many potential state significant sites associated with the Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Scheme and that these sites are across multiple local government areas.
- Suggested that, as Cooma-Monaro Council are supportive of the nomination, council should be advised that other nominations for elements of the Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Scheme in the locality would be welcomed by the Heritage Council.

**Resolution 2016-22.**

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<td>Note that the Rock Bolting Development Site, Lambie Gorge, Cooma is one many potential state significant sites associated with the Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Scheme;</td>
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<td>Consider the item known as “The Rock Bolting Development Site” off Sharp Street at Cooma, defined in accordance with the curtilage shown at Annexure B of the prepared report may be of state heritage significance;</td>
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<td>In accordance with section 33(1)(a) of the <em>Heritage Act 1977</em>, 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 <em>Notice of Intention to Consider Listing</em>); and</td>
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<td>In accordance with section 33(1)(b) and section 33(1)(c) of the <em>Heritage Act 1977</em>, 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 76 days after the publication of the newspaper notice and the manner in which submissions may be made.</td>
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Moved by Ms Louise Cox and seconded by Dr Raymond Kelly.

**Agenda Item 6.2 Notice of intention to Consider Listing—Old Wentworth Gaol, Wentworth, Wentworth LGA**

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<td>▪ Nominated by Wentworth Shire Council who are the lessee of the site, Old Wentworth Gaol is likely to meet six of the seven Heritage Council criteria for listing on the SHR.</td>
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<td>▪ Built between 1879 and 1881, the Old Wentworth Gaol provides an important reminder of early penal accommodation at the historically important confluence of Australia’s two largest rivers—the Murray and Darling Rivers at Wentworth.</td>
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<td>▪ The gaol is demonstrative of the work of the Colonial Architect, James Barnet, and is one of only two intact examples of his Hay-type designed gaols in NSW.</td>
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<td>▪ The history and atmosphere of the original gaol has been retained through the presence of original gaol artefacts and the excellent condition of the cell accommodation.</td>
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<td>▪ The alterations to the fabric made during its time as a school (1935–63) were minimal and undertaken with limited change to the original buildings character.</td>
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Members discussed the matter noting:

- Old Wentworth Gaol is in excellent condition due to restoration and conservation of the complex by Wentworth Council being directed by a heritage study and Conservation Management Plan.

**Resolution 2016-23.**

- Consider the item known as “Old Wentworth Gaol” at 112 Beverley Street, Wentworth, defined in accordance with the curtilage shown at Annexure B of the prepared report may 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 or not to recommend the listing of the item concerned (a *Notice of Intention to Consider Listing*); and |
- 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 15 days after the publication of the newspaper notice and the manner in which submissions may be made.

Moved by Ms Jenny Davis and seconded by Ms Lisa Newell.

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| Discussion | Ms Mary Ann Hamilton presented this item advising:  
| | ▪ Nominated by the owners, Holtermann Museum Inc., the item meets six of the seven criteria for listing on the SHR.  
| | ▪ The two buildings together demonstrate the evolution of building stock in a gold rush town from the ‘quick to construct’ timber and tin building (demonstrated in the American Tobacco Warehouse) to the renovation of original buildings into far more substantial buildings as the gold rush brought wealth to the town.  
| | ▪ The HD carried out further investigation into other similar ‘erected in a hurry’ gold rush era buildings in NSW and are able to advise that this type of building is becoming increasingly rare.  
| | ▪ The Museum continues to be supportive of the listing and have been slowly conserving the interior of the Greatest Wonder and are currently preparing a Development Application for a modern addition at the rear of the buildings.  
| | ▪ From the information available, it is understood that the proposed additions will have minimal impact on the fabric of the current buildings.  
| | ▪ As requested by the Committee, the HD investigated the possibility of listing a number of the gold rush related buildings in Gulgong. However, at this time, other owners are not receptive to the concept of listing.  
| | Members discussed the matter noting:  
| | ▪ The additional research carried out by the HD and agreed to proceed to advertise its notice of intention to consider listing.  
| | ▪ That it would be prudent to include site specific exemptions with the listing in relation to the proposed Development Application and agreed to extend the period of advertisement to obtain information required for the exemptions. |

| Resolution | 2016-24. The Heritage Council State Heritage Register Committee:  
| | 1. Consider the item known as “The Greatest Wonder of the World and the American Tobacco Warehouse and Fancy Goods Emporium” at 123-125 Mayne Street, Gulgong, defined in accordance with the curtilage shown at Annexure B of the prepared report may 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 50 days after the publication of the newspaper notice and the manner in which submissions may be made. |

Moved by Dr Raymond Kelly and seconded by Dr Mark Dunn.

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<td>Discussion</td>
<td>Ms Louise Cox advised in advance apologies for June 2016 meeting.</td>
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<td>The Heritage Council State Heritage Register Committee noted the advice.</td>
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**CLOSE OF MEETING – 4.31 pm**

I confirm that these minutes are an accurate reflection of the Heritage Council State Heritage Register Committee discussion and outcomes.

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Ms Louise Cox AO
Chair, Heritage Council State Heritage Register Committee
Date: 4 May 2016