

<b>MINUTES OF MEETING</b> <b>State Heritage Register Committee</b> 1 July 2015 Commencing at 2.58 pm Heritage Division, Office of Environment & Heritage Heritage Division Library 3 Marist Place, Parramatta		
<b>PRESENT</b> Ms Louise Cox AO (Chair) Ms Jennifer Davis Mr Mark Dunn Dr Deborah Dearing Ms Lisa Newell (National Trust, NSW Nominee) via telephone for Item 8.3 Mr Stephen Davies (Observer Items 8.2 – 8.4)	<b>APOLOGIES</b>  <b>HERITAGE DIVISION ATTENDEES</b>	Mr Raymond Kelly  Dr Siobhan Lavelle – Manager, Listings Ms Susan Duyker – Team Leader, Listings Ms Patricia Hale, Ms Mary Ann Hamilton, Ms Bronwyn Hanna, Mrs Lucy Hampton – Listings Section Mr Cliff Daylight and Ms Emma Dortins - Metropolitan Region Mrs Colleen Klingberg – Secretariat Unit

### Agenda Item 1.1 Opening and Welcome

- Discussion
- Members were welcomed and the agenda was confirmed.
  - Apologies received from Mr Raymond Kelly.
  - The following additional paper was provided:
    - Item 7.2 – Valley Heights Steam Tram Rolling Stock – additional Statement of Significance information.

Noted The Committee noted this information.

### Agenda Item 2.1 Declarations of Interest

- Discussion
- Members were advised of the following conflict of interest (provided prior to the meeting):
- Dr Deborah Dearing - Item 8.3 Notice of Intention – Sirius Apartments, The Rocks.

Noted The Committee noted the Declarations of Interest.

### Agenda Item 3.1 Confirmation of Minutes

- Discussion
- Members discussed the draft minutes of the 3 June 2015 State Heritage Register Committee meeting.
  - The members requested changes to the title of Item 8.1 - NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group office and wording in item 12.1.

Resolution 2015-25. The Committee resolved to accept the minutes with requested changes as a true record of the State Heritage Register Committee meeting held on 3 June 2015.

Moved by Mr Mark Dunn and seconded by Ms Jenny Davis.

### Agenda Item 4.1 Action Report

- Discussion
- Items on the action report were discussed as follows.
  - Timing of the policy work will be advised at August meeting.
  - NSW Freedom Rides 1965–66: Moree Baths and Swimming Pool nomination - further consultation is being undertaken.
  - Lower Prospect Canal Reserve, Holroyd was gazetted on 30 June 2015.
  - On 26 June, six Aboriginal Places were gazetted under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.

Noted The Committee noted this information.

**Agenda Item 5.0 Minutes, reports and matters arising from Heritage Council Advisory Panels**

*Nil matters*

**Agenda Item 6.0 – Presentations and Discussion**

*Nil matters*

**Agenda Item 7.0 – State Heritage Register – Draft Nomination Review**

**Agenda Item 7.1 A Timber Viaduct of the Prince Alfred Bridge, Gundagai  
7.1 B Prince Alfred Bridge, Gundagai**

Discussion The Timber Viaduct of the Prince Alfred Bridge and the Prince Alfred Bridge items were presented together by Ms Patricia Hale.

- Nominated by Sydney Engineering Heritage Committee, Engineers Australia, both items cross over the Murrumbidgee River converging at Gundagai creating a landmark.
- The Timber Viaduct of the Prince Alfred Bridge is owned by Crown Lands and is managed as a ruin by the Trustee Gundagai Historic Bridges Incorporated.
- The viaduct in its current alignment was originally constructed in 1898, is of typical timber girder construction and is the longest of its type in Australia.
- Members recognised that it is unlikely that any original fabric of the timber viaduct remains, that most of the bridge's timber would likely date from the 1950s to 1970s and, that it is in very poor condition due to rot and termite attack. Engineers Australia considers that the timber has deteriorated beyond repair.
- Members requested the Heritage Division provide additional information with the Notice of Intention report advising on how the item may be able to be considered for listing as a partially managed ruin.
- The Prince Alfred Bridge, (operational iron road bridge) is owned by NSW Roads and Maritime Services (RMS). RMS assessed the Bridge as being of state significance in its s.170 Heritage and Conservation Register and supports the preparation of this nomination.
- The Prince Alfred Bridge is a three span, wrought iron, pin-jointed Warren truss on cast iron cylindrical piers. The Prince Alfred Bridge is still in use and is in good condition.
- The members agreed with the recommendation to consider the two items as separate listings, given the potential difference in their future management.

Resolution 2015-26. The Committee considered the likely level of heritage significance of:  
a) Timber Viaduct of the Prince Alfred Bridge, Gundagai  
b) Prince Alfred Bridge, Gundagai

And

1. Advises the Heritage Division that:
  - a. Timber Viaduct of the Prince Alfred Bridge, Gundagai is potentially of state heritage significance and to progress the nomination
  - b. Prince Alfred Bridge, Gundagai is potentially of state heritage significance and to progress the nomination
2. For those items considered to be of potential state heritage significance, delegates to the Director of the Heritage Division the issuing of any Notice of Intention to Consider Listing in accordance with the *Heritage Act 1977* (NSW).

Moved by Ms Louise Cox and seconded by Mr Mark Dunn.

**Agenda Item 7.1 C Stroud House, Stroud**

Discussion Item presented by Mrs Lucy Hampton.  
▪ Stroud House, Stroud is nominated by the current owners and residents of the

house, Dr Jonathan King and Jane King. Stroud House is likely to be of state heritage significance for its association with the Australian Agricultural Company (AACo).

- Built in 1827, it is an elaborate early colonial two-storey residence with attached servant's quarters set within half an acre of domestic landscaped gardens.
- Stroud House may demonstrate the domestic living standards and style of the superintendents and leaders of the AACo and has potential to reveal further information about domestic colonial life in NSW.
- Due to its central location within the Stroud townscape, the curtilage would be limited to Stroud House and its domestic setting
- Members discussed the nomination and advised that additional information for the nomination is required, but resolved, on the information available, that the site may be of state heritage significance.

Resolution 2015-27. The Committee considered the likely level of heritage significance of:  
c) Stroud House, Stroud

And

1. Advises the Heritage Division that:
  - a. Stroud House, Stroud may be of state heritage significance and to progress the nomination
2. If considered to be of potential state heritage significance, delegates to the Director of the Heritage Division the issuing of any Notice of Intention to Consider Listing in accordance with the *Heritage Act 1977* (NSW).

Moved by Ms Louise Cox and seconded by Mr Mark Dunn.

#### **Agenda Item 7.2 Valley Heights Steam Tram Rolling Stock**

Discussion

Item presented by Mr Cliff Daylight.

- Members were provided a paper with additional information for the statement of significance for each component of the collection.
- The Steam Tram Rolling Stock is located at the Valley Heights Locomotive Depot which is listed on the SHR (No. 1276) but is not included in this SHR listing. The depot is affiliated with community and the Transport Heritage Workers Volunteer Group, indicating a strong sense of community involvement and ownership of the site.
- The Valley Heights rolling collection is unique in that it is focused on steam trams and has one of the few remaining steam tram engines and two carriages - one completed, one partly completed - and a replica of a double decker carriage. The Sydney Tramway museums have a mixture of trains and also electric trams but the only other steam tram is located within the Powerhouse Museum.
- It was noted that this collection included items that are operational.
- Members noted that the collection includes replica items as well as original items that have been restored.

Resolution

2015-28. The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. advises the Heritage Division that the Steam Tram Rolling Stock, Valley Heights may be of state heritage significance and to progress the nomination
2. If considered to be of potential state heritage significance, delegates to the Director of the Heritage Division the issuing of any Notice of Intention to Consider Listing in accordance with the *Heritage Act 1977* (NSW).

Moved by Ms Jenny Davis and seconded by Dr Deborah Dearing.

#### **Agenda Item 8.0 State Heritage Register – notice of intention to consider listing**

#### **Agenda Item 8.1 The Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Saint Sophia (Agia Sophia), Paddington (Sydney)**

Discussion

Item presented by Mrs Lucy Hampton.

- Notice of Intention to consider listing The Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Saint Sophia, Paddington on the State Heritage Register.

- Nominated by John Procopiadis and supported by the owner the Greek Orthodox Community of NSW, it is likely to meet four of the seven Heritage Council criteria for listing on the State Heritage Register.
- The item is the first Greek Orthodox cathedral building in NSW, Australia and the southern hemisphere. The site includes the 1927 cathedral building and the c1930 Saint Sophia hall building. The cathedral continues in its original use, it remains a significant spiritual centre for Christian Orthodox worship in NSW.
- Members noted that this Christian Orthodox cathedral, a landmark place of worship built to service the needs of the Greek-Australian community, played an important role in community life as a focal point for the social, cultural, education and philanthropic life.
- Members agreed that additional information, regarding the social and political schism that occurred in the community at the time of the construction of the cathedral, be included in the information on the item.
- Members noted other sites referred to in the comparative analysis and requested additional information be provided for orthodox sites in the area to further inform the comparative analysis.

- Resolution 2015-29. The State Heritage Register Committee:
1. considers the item known as “The Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Saint Sophia (Agia Sophia)” at 302–304 South Dowling Street, Paddington, 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) 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 56 days after the publication of the newspaper notice and the manner in which submissions may be made.

Moved by Mr Mark Dunn and seconded by Ms Louise Cox.

## Agenda Item 8.2 Urana Soldiers Memorial Hall

- Discussion Mr Stephen Davies joined the meeting as an observer.  
Item presented by Ms Bronwyn Hanna.
- Notice of Intention to consider listing Urana Soldiers Memorial Hall on the State Heritage Register.
  - Nominated by owner Urana Shire Council, it is likely to meet five of the seven Heritage Council criteria for listing on the State Heritage Register.
  - The Urana Soldiers Memorial Hall building, dating from 1923–4, is remarkable for its size and grandeur within the modest town setting of Urana. The building incorporates a beautiful and intact Mechanics Institute hall dating from 1884 along with a substantial second hall built in 1923–4.
  - Members noted the hall had been constructed utilising the technically innovative use of tilt slab concrete wall construction in its façade.
  - Members noted that research was being undertaken into the cinema equipment remaining on the site from period during which it operated as the local cinema.

- Resolution 2015-30. The State Heritage Register Committee:
1. considers the item known as “Urana Soldiers Memorial Hall” at corner of Anna and Osbourne Street, Urana, 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 14 days after the publication of the newspaper notice and the manner in which submissions may be made.

4. Notes that the anticipated closing date for submissions may require that a late paper, documenting the submissions received, needs to be prepared for a subsequent Recommendation to List.

Moved by Ms Louise Cox and seconded by Dr Deborah Dearing.

### **Agenda Item 8.3 Wingham Memorial Town Hall (Greater Taree)**

- Discussion
- Item presented by Ms Bronwyn Hanna
- Notice of Intention to consider listing Wingham Memorial Town Hall, Wingham in the Greater Taree Local Government Area on the State Heritage Register.
  - Wingham Memorial Town Hall was nominated by its owner, the Greater Taree City Council, and is likely to meet three of the seven Heritage Council criteria for listing on the State Heritage Register.
  - The Wingham Memorial Town Hall is likely to be of state significance for its architectural design as a landmark twentieth century civic building in the NSW Mid North Coast region, as a high quality regional town hall building and for its memorial function designed to permanently commemorate the local men who lost their lives in World War I.
  - Members noted the proposed curtilage excludes buildings and structures on the site separate to the hall.
- Resolution
- 2015-31. The State Heritage Register Committee:
1. consider the item known as “Wingham Memorial Town Hall” at 52 Farquhar Street, Wingham, defined in accordance with the curtilage shown at Annexure B, 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 14 days after the publication of the newspaper notice and the manner in which submissions may be made.
  4. Notes that the anticipated closing date for submissions may require that a late paper, documenting the submissions received, needs to be prepared for a subsequent Recommendation to List.

Moved by Mr Mark Dunn and seconded by Ms Jenny Davis.

### **Agenda Item 8.4 Sirius Apartments, 36-50 Cumberland Street, The Rocks**

- Discussion
- This matter was considered as the last item for the meeting, Dr Deborah Dearing was not in attendance for this matter due to declared interest and Ms Lisa Newell participated in discussion of this matter via telephone.
- Item presented by Ms Mary Ann Hamilton
- Notice of Intention to consider listing Sirius Apartments, 36-50 Cumberland Street, The Rocks on the State Heritage Register.
  - Nominated by the National Trust of Australia (NSW) the building is a fine example of late 20th century social housing in the Brutalist architectural style and is likely to meet six of the seven Heritage Council criteria for listing on the State Heritage Register.
  - The land on which the building stands is owned by the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority and is leased to Land and Housing Corporation whose ownership of the

Sirius Apartment Building is soon to be transferred to Government Property NSW in anticipation of the building's sale into private sector ownership.

- Government Property NSW has advised that it does not oppose State Heritage Register listing but is concerned that it will restrict future adaptive reuse.
- Members noted that the item will require a comprehensive Conservation Management Plan that addresses future use and changes permissible to the site.
- Members requested additional clarification of the rarity and representative values for the item.
- Members noted the advertisement period will be 56 days to accommodate submissions and upcoming meeting timelines.

- Resolution 2015-32. The State Heritage Register Committee:
1. considers the item known as "Sirius Apartment Building" at 36-50 Cumberland Street, The Rocks, 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 56 days after the publication of the newspaper notice and the manner in which submissions may be made.

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

**Agenda Item 9.0 State Government Heritage (Section 170 Registers/HAMS)**

*Nil matters*

**Agenda Item 10.0 Interim Heritage Orders**

*Nil matters*

**Agenda Item 11.0 Environmental Planning Instruments & Heritage Studies**

*Nil matters*

**Agenda Item 12.0 Matters for Consideration and Decision**

*Nil matters*

**Agenda Item 13.0 General Business**

*Nil matters*

**CLOSE OF MEETING – 4.47pm**

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



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Chair, State Heritage Register Committee  
Date: 5 August 2015