



## HERITAGE COUNCIL OF NSW

### RESOLUTIONS – Approvals Committee

Tuesday, 1 April 2025 | 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

*via teleconference*

<b>1.1 Conflict of Interest Declarations</b>
Dr Nicholas Brunton declared a conflict of interest for <i>Item 2.2 197 Church St, Parramatta</i> . Members agreed that Dr Brunton will be excused for this item and the papers were redacted from his view.
<b>1.2 Out of Session Decisions</b>
Nil
<b>1.3 Minutes from Previous Meeting – 4 March 2025</b>
<b>Resolution 2025-09</b>
The Heritage Council Approvals Committee: 1. <b>Confirms</b> the minutes of the previous ordinary meeting (Tuesday, 4 March 2025) as a complete and accurate record of that meeting.
Moved by Alan Croker and seconded by David Burdon
<b>1.4 Matters Arising</b>
Nil
<b>1.5 Action report</b>
The Committee noted that there are no outstanding action items.
<b>2.1 Gondwana Rainforests of Australia (SHR 01002) – pre-lodgement consultation – proposed new Dorrigo Arc Rainforest Centre &amp; Dorrigo Escarpment Great Walk</b>
<b>Resolution 2025-10</b>
The Heritage Council Approvals Committee: 1. <b>Supports</b> the vision and direction of the draft master plans for the Dorrigo Arc Rainforest Centre (DARC) and the Dorrigo Escarpment Great Walk (DEGW). 2. <b>Provides</b> the following comments on the project proposals: i. Any detailed proposals must be sensitively designed to minimise impact on the outstanding universal values, in particular the significant views, landscape setting and cultural values of Dorrigo National Park as part of the <i>Gondwana Rainforests of Australia</i> . Final proposals should be informed and supported by visual impact assessments, particularly on views to the DARC from surrounding vantage points within the Dorrigo National Park. ii. The footprint and structure of the proposed DARC, including the new skywalk and the Dorrigo Escarpment Great Walk, should be informed by detailed arboricultural impact assessments, and geotechnical, ecological and structural advice to minimise impact on significant vegetation, geological features, and the biodiversity of the place.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iii. Landscape architectural advice should be considered in any future proposals to inform selection of new plantings. The proposal should be supported by detailed landscape plans.</li> <li>iv. Any proposal involving excavation on the site should be based on an understanding of the archaeological resource (historic and Aboriginal) present on site and the likely impact of the proposal on that resource. The proposal should avoid impacts to significant archaeology present on site.</li> <li>v. Any proposal should be accompanied by a detailed interpretation plan and should reflect the evolution of the site, its history from Aboriginal occupation to present times, and its significance. Aboriginal and community groups should collaborate with the preparation of the heritage interpretation to tell a broad range of stories, which would contribute to the project as it develops.</li> <li>vi. Any proposal should consider the maximum carrying capacity and the impacts of the skywalk, accessibility options and carpark design and potential to reduce the development footprint and opportunities for adaptive reuse of the existing buildings and building materials on the site.</li> <li>vii. Encourage NPWS to work with the Government Architect NSW in the design development and potentially consider a Design Review and Design Integrity Panel.</li> </ul> <p>3. <b>Notes</b> that NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service is progressing the development approval under Part 5 of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act</i> 1979 which requires the preparation of a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) to assess environmental impacts.</p> <p>4. <b>Notes</b> that the REF processes will be completed prior to lodgement of the section 60 applications, to ensure the final designs are informed by public consultation and relevant environmental matters.</p>
Moved by Julie Marler and seconded by David McNamara
<b>2.2 197 Church Street, Parramatta – s140 State significant archaeology</b>
<b>Resolution 2025-11</b>
<p>The Heritage Council Approvals Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Notes</b> the report.</li> <li>2. <b>Confirms</b> the remains of the convict huts and public charity school are of State significance and must be conserved and interpreted in situ, as a first principle, at 197 Church Street, Parramatta.</li> </ul>
<p>Moved by Caitlin Allen and seconded by Sally Barnes</p> <p><i>Dr Nicholas Brunton left the meeting for this item.</i></p>
<b>2.3 Callan Park (SHR 00818) – pre-lodgement consultation – proposed sporting fields and tidal baths</b>
<b>Resolution 2025-12</b>
<p>The Heritage Council Approvals Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Notes</b> the presentation by Inner West Council.</li> <li>2. <b>Notes</b> the significant historic, aesthetic and social values of Callan Park Conservation Area and Buildings (SHR 00818) as listed on the State Heritage Register.</li> <li>3. <b>Supports</b> the continued activation of the Waterfront Drive sports field and the Balmain Road sports field.</li> <li>4. <b>Supports</b> the introduction of new tidal baths that maintain the existing configuration of the foreshore area.</li> </ul>

<p>5. <b>Notes</b> that the Callan Park Landscape Structure Plan includes sports fields and a harbour pool in the proposed locations.</p> <p>6. <b>Provides</b> the following comments to Inner West Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Having regard to the exceptionally significant landscape setting of Callan Park and the recently published <a href="#">DCCEEW best-practice guidelines for sporting fields</a> which provides guidance for climate resilient playing surfaces in NSW, the Approvals Committee has a preference for retention of the existing turf as the playing field surface.</li> <li>b. Any change to the proposed playing surface would require greater justification and more detail.</li> <li>c. Where new plantings are proposed, ensure they are of a historically appropriate species and planted in locations that do not impact significant views.</li> <li>d. Address the impacts of the tidal baths on Aboriginal cultural heritage and bushland at Callan Point through appropriate consultation and consider softening the pathway and approach to the baths.</li> <li>e. Include with any future application: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. A detailed Statement of Heritage Impact that addresses the endorsed Conservation Management Plan and the Landscape Structure Plan.</li> <li>ii. Detailed plans, sections and elevations (including landscape plans) that clearly define the extent of works.</li> <li>iii. Lighting and signage plans.</li> <li>iv. Visual assessment, including photomontages of the proposal from significant viewpoints.</li> <li>v. An arborist report, if necessary.</li> <li>vi. Where it is deemed there is potential for maritime items and impacts (eg. former jetty), a Maritime archaeological assessment for the works both within the reclaimed land and the off-shore seabed areas, with a maritime-focused statement of heritage impact. Include a Maritime Archaeological Research Design and methodology that addresses identified impacts to maritime heritage.</li> <li>vii. Consideration of any potential Aboriginal or historical archaeological impact.</li> <li>viii. An interpretation strategy.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Moved by Julie Marler and seconded by Alan Croker
<b>3.1 Forward agenda</b>
The Heritage Council Approvals Committee noted the forward agenda.
<b>Meeting Close</b>
There being no items of further business, the A/Chair, Nicholas Brunton, closed the meeting at 12:30 PM.

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