



## HERITAGE COUNCIL OF NSW

### RESOLUTIONS – Approvals Committee

Tuesday, 6 May 2025 | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Meeting Room 14, Level 11, 4PSQ, 12 Darcy Street, Parramatta & via teleconference

<b>1.1 Conflict of Interest Declarations</b>
Dr Caitlin Allen declared a potential conflict of interest for <i>Item 2.3 Sydney University (SHR 01974) - SSD 57838709 EIS - Ross Street Teaching and Learning Hub</i> . Members noted that Dr Allen will be excused for this item and the papers were redacted from her view.
<b>1.2 Out of Session Decisions</b>
Nil
<b>1.3 Minutes from Previous Meeting – 1 April 2025</b>
<b>Resolution 2025-13</b>
The Heritage Council Approvals Committee: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Confirms</b> the minutes of the previous ordinary meeting (Tuesday, 1 April 2025) as a complete and accurate record of that meeting.</li></ol>
Moved by Bruce Pettman 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>2.1 142 - 154 Macquarie Street, Parramatta (former Cumberland Press site) - pre-lodgement consultation</b>
<b>Resolution 2025-14</b>
The Heritage Council Approvals Committee: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Supports in principle</b> the proposed Archaeological Conservation Zone (ACZ) comprising Lots 46 and 47 to the north of the sewer, as provided at Tab 2.1E of the Heritage NSW report.</li><li><b>Provides</b> the following comments to the Applicant:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Any building design, including the location of columns, should respect the ACZ and enhance public interpretation of the historical archaeology, Parramatta Sand Body and associated Aboriginal objects.</li><li>A Heritage Interpretation Strategy and implementation plan for the site and ACZ should be developed in consultation with the Heritage Council of NSW. This should consider public display and interpretation of <i>in situ</i> State significant archaeology/relics. It should also consider interpretation of the Aboriginal occupation and use of the site, including public display of Aboriginal objects within the new development.</li></ol></li></ol>

- c. The Heritage Council of NSW should be provided with the opportunity to comment on the brief for the design competition. The heritage interpretation strategy should inform the design competition brief, so that the design of the building can respond to the state significant archaeology.
- d. The Heritage Council of NSW should be consulted on the final proposed building design prior to submission of any Development Application.
- e. Visual impacts, including overshadowing of items of State heritage significance in the vicinity, should be considered in the design development. This includes *Experiment Farm Cottage* (SHR 00768), *Hambledon Cottage* (SHR 01888), *Harrisford* (SHR 00248), *Elizabeth Farm* (SHR 00001), and the buried archaeological remains within *Robin Thomas Reserve*, which contains a portion of the sand body that is listed on the SHR (SHR 01863).

Moved by Caitlin Allen and seconded by David Burdon

## 2.2 Me Mel (Goat Island) (SHR 00989) - section 60 partial demolition of crane

### Resolution 2025-15

The Heritage Council Approvals Committee:

1. **Defers** its decision on this matter, pending the matters below being addressed.
2. **Requests** that National Parks and Wildlife Service NSW:
  - a. Provide a copy of the draft masterplan to enable the Committee to assess and consider the overall conservation of the State heritage listed item.
  - b. Outline how the \$40m funding for the restoration of Me Mel is allocated to demonstrate why it is appropriate to allocate \$3.4m for partial demolition, rather than \$7m for retention of the full crane.
  - c. Outline how, and by what legal mechanism will be used, so that the ongoing funding for the long term management and maintenance of the tower element will be secured, if partial demolition is approved.
  - d. Provide further information on the possibility of adaptive reuse of the potential retained tower element as a viewing platform and interpretation of the crane; and
  - e. Information on what options for adaptive reuse have been considered if the tower element is retained, including, for example constructing a viewing platform to interpret the heritage significance of the whole island and the surrounding harbour - waters relationships.

Moved by David Burdon and seconded by Julie Marler

## 2.3 Sydney University (SHR 01974) - SSD 57838709 EIS - Ross Street Teaching and Learning Hub

### Resolution 2025-16

The Heritage Council Approvals Committee:

1. **Requests** Heritage NSW write to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure noting that:
  - a. The removal of a 40m section of the existing sandstone and wrought iron fencing on the boundary of the University of Sydney is not supported, however options for discrete openings within the fence could be pursued as a part of the project design.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. Additional information regarding the proposed impacts to significant elements, including clear justification for the removal of significant trees, and a revised assessment of archaeological potential must be provided.</li> <li>c. A Heritage Interpretation Plan must be submitted in support of the application.</li> </ul> <p>2. <b>Invites</b> the University of Sydney to present to the Approvals Committee prior to the submission of future applications relating to Building A03.</p>
<p>Moved by Bruce Pettman and seconded by Julie Marler</p> <p><i>Dr Caitlin Allen left the meeting for this item.</i></p>
<p><b>2.4 Welcome Inn hotel (now Bristol Arms Hotel), 81 Sussex St, Sydney (SHR 00408) – unauthorised rooftop awning</b></p>
<p><b>Resolution 2025-17</b></p>
<p>The Heritage Council Approvals Committee:</p> <p>1. <b>Requests</b> that Heritage NSW write to the City of Sydney to note that the works occurred without consent, and that the City of Sydney will address the modification of the awnings to ensure it aligns with the City of Sydney’s planning requirements.</p>
<p>Moved by Nicholas Brunton and seconded by Sally Barnes</p>
<p><b>3.1 Forward agenda</b></p>
<p>The Heritage Council Approvals Committee noted the forward agenda.</p>
<p><b>Meeting Close</b></p>
<p>There being no items of further business, the A/Chair, Nicholas Brunton, closed the meeting at 12:00 PM.</p>

**Secretariat**  
**Heritage Council of NSW**