



STATE HERITAGE REGISTER COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

6 May 2025 | 9:00 AM – 11:40 AM

Meeting held via Teams videoconference.

ATTENDANCE

State Heritage Register Committee

Dr Brian Lindsay	Chair
Ms Vanessa Holtham	Member
Mr Julian Siu	Member
Dr Stephen Gapps	Member
Dr Wayne Johnson	Member
Ms Natalie Vinton	Member
Ms Danièle Hromek	Member
Ms Sally Barnes	Alternate Member

Apologies

Ms Lisa Trueman	Member
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Heritage NSW

Ms Elizabeth Owers	A/Executive Director
Ms Anna London	Senior Manager, Heritage Listings Programs
Ms Nicola Roche	Manager, State Heritage Register listing
Ms Meggan Walker	Senior Heritage Officer (<i>item 2.1</i>)
Dr Damian Tybussek	Senior Heritage Officer (<i>item 3.1</i>)
Dr Stuart Read	Senior Heritage Officer (<i>item 3.2</i>)
Ms Sarah Hawkins	Senior Heritage Officer (<i>item 3.3</i>)
Ms Katrina Stankowski	Manager Assessments (<i>item 3.4</i>)
Ms Ruth Berendt	Senior Assessments Officer (<i>item 3.4</i>)
Mr Nikolas Orr	Senior Heritage Officer (<i>item 3.5</i>)
Ms Judith Coombes	Senior Heritage Officer (<i>item 5.0</i>)

Secretariat

Ms Olgica Lenger	Manager Secretariat
Ms Natasha Agaki	Secretariat Officer

Item 1. Welcome and Formalities

The Chair, Brian Lindsay, opened the meeting at 9:00 AM and delivered an Acknowledgment of Country.

The Committee welcomed Danièle Hromek who has transferred across from the Heritage Council Approvals Committee.

Apologies were accepted from Lisa Trueman, and it was noted that a quorum had been met.

Item 1.1 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared with items on the agenda.

The Committee noted a potential future conflict raised by Julian Siu, unrelated to the current agenda: Thales Australia has commissioned GML Heritage (Mr Siu's employer) to prepare a heritage assessment and provide expert advice on the potential SHR listing of Lithgow Small Arms Factory. The Committee agreed to reconsider the potential conflict should the item return to the SHRC following the 90-day exhibition period.

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the following standing declarations:

- Sally Barnes: Former Head of NPWS (2007-2011) and CEO of OEH (2012-2014)
- Wayne Johnson: Place Management NSW
- Natalie Vinton: Curio Projects; Powerhouse Museum, Ultimo and MLC Building, North Sydney
- Stephen Gapps: Artefact Heritage and Environment
- Julian Siu: GML Heritage
- Vanessa Holtham: Spouse employed as Director, NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

Item 1.2 Out of Session Decisions

Nil

Item 1.3 Minutes from the Previous Meeting – 1 April 2025

Resolution 2025-29
The State Heritage Register Committee: 1. Confirmed the minutes of the previous ordinary meeting (1 April 2025) as a complete and accurate record of that meeting.
Moved by Julian Siu and seconded by Wayne Johnson

Item 1.4 Matters Arising

Nil

Item 1.5 Action Report

Nil

Item 2 SHR Nominations – Notice of Intention

Item 2.1 BHP Administration Precinct, Mayfield North – NOI

The State Heritage Register Committee noted a report on the BHP Administration Precinct – NOI, from Meggan Walker, Heritage NSW.

Key points:

- The BHP Administration Precinct in Mayfield North was nominated for SHR listing in 2015.
- The Committee considered how the site may be of state heritage significance for its historical, associative, aesthetic/technical and representative values.
- While the entire precinct's curtilage was assessed, the current proposed curtilage is non-contiguous, capturing the key heritage values of the site while excluding the Laboratory and IT building due to their deteriorated condition and contamination risks.
- Members discussed the known and potential Aboriginal cultural heritage (ACH) values of the site, emphasising the importance of consultation with traditional custodians, intangible ACH, and the connection to contemporary Aboriginal culture for all potential listings.
- The Committee briefly discussed the importance of maintaining visual connections between the two portions of the site, which will be considered during the State Significant Infrastructure (SSI) process.
- Energy Co and Property Development NSW support the listing, with a proposed 60-day submission period for detailed consultation.

The Committee acknowledged Meggan Walker, Nicola Roche, and Anna London for their hard work in bringing the BHP Administration Precinct to this point.

Resolution 2025-30

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. **Considers** the item known as BHP Administration Precinct at 99 Selwyn Street, Mayfield North, within the area shown as 'Proposed State Heritage Register curtilage' at Tab 2.1C of the report, may be of State heritage significance.
2. 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 State listing of the item (refer to section 33(1)(a) of the *Heritage Act 1977*).
3. Additionally, within 14 days of giving notice to owners and occupiers, will also **publish** the **notice** in a newspaper circulating in the area where the item is located (refer to section 33(1)(b) of the *Heritage Act 1977*).
4. The notice will invite submissions on the listing, explain how submissions can be made and specify the closing date for submissions, with that closing date being a date no less than 14 days after the publication of the newspaper (refer to section 33(1)(c) of the *Heritage Act 1977*).

Moved by Vanessa Holtham and seconded by Julian Siu

Item 3. SHR Nominations – Recommendation to List

Item 3.1 Balls Head Reserve, Waverton – RTL

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report on Balls Head Reserve – NOI by Damian Tybussek, Heritage NSW.

Key points:

- Balls Head Reserve was nominated by the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) NSW Chapter as one of eight landscapes on Sydney Harbour referred to as the 'green necklace' in 2018.
- Heritage NSW considers the item meets five criteria for listing on the SHR: historical, associative, aesthetic, rarity, and representativeness.
- During the NOI period, 59 submissions were received (including four late submissions). Of these, 53 were supportive of the listing, one opposed, four were unsure, and one was a comment only. Transport for NSW has not provided a formal submission.
- The Committee noted minor amendments and additions made to the listing proposal based on feedback received during the exhibition period.
- The Committee noted the efforts undertaken by Heritage NSW to consult with appropriate organisations and individuals regarding the ACH values of the site. It was noted that a known and significant Whale story associated with the area had not arisen in consultations or through the submissions.
- The Committee offered to assist in reaching out to traditional custodians for further information to incorporate into the listing at a later time, noting that there are mechanisms within the submission process to ensure confidentiality, data sovereignty, and cultural safety.
- Heritage NSW has developed site specific exemptions in consultation with both North Sydney Council and Transport for NSW to support ongoing management activities.
- Both NSW Crown Lands and North Sydney Council are supportive of the proposed listing.

The Chair thanked Damian Tybussek for his presentation.

Resolution 2025-31
<p>The State Heritage Register Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has considered the submissions received in response to its notice of intention to consider listing and finds that Balls Head Reserve at Balls Head Drive, Waverton, satisfies criteria (a), (b), (c), (f), and (g) for determining whether an item is of State heritage significance (refer to section 33(1)(d) of the <i>Heritage Act 1977</i>). 2. Recommends that the Minister direct the State Heritage Register listing of Balls Head Reserve at Balls Head Drive, Waverton, as shown in the plan at Tab 3.1C of the report (refer to sections 32(1) and (2) of the <i>Heritage Act 1977</i>). 3. Gives notice of its decision to affected owners or occupiers, the relevant local council, and everyone who made a submission (refer to section 33(1)(e) of the <i>Heritage Act 1977</i>). 4. Recommends that the Minister grant the site-specific exemptions listed in Tab 3.1D of the report (refer to section 57(2) of the <i>Heritage Act 1977</i>).
Moved by Julian Siu and seconded by Vanessa Holtham

Item 3.2 Yurulbin Park, Sydney – RTL

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report on Yurulbin Park – NOI by Stuart Read, Heritage NSW.

Key points:

- Yurulbin Park and Foreshore was nominated by AILA in 2018 as part of the 'green necklace' landscape nominations.

- Heritage NSW considers that the item meets four criteria for listing on the SHR: historic, associative, aesthetic and rarity values. The Committee discussed the similarities and differences between the values of this nomination and Balls Head Reserve.
- The owners, Transport for NSW and the Office of Strategic Lands (Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure), do not object to the listing.
- Inner West Council, which manages Yurulbin Park and Foreshore, supports the listing, subject to site specific exemptions for future capital restoration and management works.
- Submissions from the Australian Garden History Society and the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council supported the proposed listing.
- Transport for NSW did not make a formal submission but requested that site specific exemptions around maritime activity be harmonised across the 'green necklace' nominations.

The Chair thanked Stuart Read for his presentation.

Resolution 2025-32

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. Has **considered** the submissions received in response to its notice of intention to consider listing and **finds** that Yurulbin Park and Foreshore at Louisa Road, Birchgrove, satisfies criteria (a), (b), (c) and (f) for determining whether an item is of State heritage significance (refer to section 33(1)(d) of the *Heritage Act 1977*).
2. **Recommends** that the Minister **direct** the State Heritage Register listing of Yurulbin Park and Foreshore at Louisa Road, Birchgrove, as shown in the plan at Tab 3.2C of the report (refer to sections 32(1) and (2) of the *Heritage Act 1977*).
3. Gives **notice** of its decision to affected owners or occupiers, the relevant local council, and everyone who made a submission (refer to section 33(1)(e) of the *Heritage Act 1977*).
4. **Recommends** that the Minister **grant** the site-specific exemptions listed in Tab 3.2D of the report (refer to section 57(2) of the *Heritage Act 1977*).

Moved by Natalie Vinton and seconded by Stephen Gapps

Item 3.3 Australian Museum, Sydney (Amendment) – RTL

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report on the Australian Museum, Sydney (Amendment) – RTL by Sarah Hawkins, Heritage NSW.

Key points:

- The Australian Museum was listed on the SHR in April 1999 as part of the section 170 bulk transfers, which included limited information.
- In August 2024, the Australian Museum submitted a nomination for an amendment with additional information.
- The Committee noted the proposed amendments to the listing, including the inclusion of social significance and Aboriginal cultural heritage.
- The Australian Museum, as the owner, is supportive of the amendment and has been consulted in the development of appropriate site-specific exemptions.
- A public submissions period was held from 13 March 2025 to 9 April 2025. No submissions were received.

The Chair thanked Sarah Hawkins for her presentation.

Resolution 2025-33

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. Has **noted** that no submissions were received for consideration in response to its notice of intention to consider amending a listing and **finds** that the Australian Museum at 6-8 College Street, Sydney, satisfies criteria a, b, c, d, and g for determining whether an item is of State heritage significance (refer to section 33(1)(d) of the *Heritage Act 1977*).
2. **Recommends** that the Minister **direct** the amendment of the State Heritage Register listing of the Australian Museum at 6-8 College Street, Sydney, as shown in the plan at Tab 3.3C of the report (refer to sections 32(1) and (2) of the *Heritage Act 1977*).
3. Gives **notice** of its decision to affected owners or occupiers, the relevant local council, and everyone who made a submission (refer to section 33(1)(e) of the *Heritage Act 1977*).
4. **Recommends** that the Minister **grant** the site-specific exemptions listed in Tab 3.3D of the report (refer to section 57(2) of the *Heritage Act 1977*).

Moved by Natalie Vinton and seconded by Vanessa Holtham

Item 3.4 Abercrombie Bridge, Abercrombie – RTL

The State Heritage Register Committee noted a report on Abercrombie Bridge – RTL by Ruth Berendt, Heritage NSW.

Key points:

- Transport for NSW (owner) nominated Abercrombie Bridge as part of its Timber Truss Bridge Conservation Strategy.
- Heritage NSW considers the item to meet four criteria for listing on the SHR: associative, aesthetic, rarity and representative values.
- Transport for NSW has indicated its support for the listing and advised that a package outlining this would be lodged as a late submission.
- During the exhibition period, a total of 4 submissions were received, all supporting the listing.
- Bathurst Regional Council supports the listing but raised concerns that the proposed curtilage would unintentionally include private property. Heritage NSW responded with updated mapping and a revised curtilage description to clarify that any adjacent private property is excluded from the curtilage. The curtilage remains unchanged since the NOI period.
- Heritage NSW has drafted site specific exemptions in consultation with Transport for NSW to manage ongoing regular activities.

The Chair thanked Ruth Berendt for her presentation.

Resolution 2025-34

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. Has **considered** the submissions received in response to its notice of intention to consider listing and **finds** that Abercrombie Bridge over Abercrombie River, at Goulburn Road, Abercrombie satisfies criteria (b), (c), (f) and (g) for determining whether an item is of State heritage significance (refer to section 33(1)(d) of the *Heritage Act 1977*).

2. **Recommends** that the Minister direct the State Heritage Register listing of Abercrombie Bridge over Abercrombie River, at Goulburn Road, Abercrombie, as shown in the plan at Tab 3.4C of the report (refer to sections 32(1) and (2) of the *Heritage Act 1977*).
3. Gives **notice** of its decision to affected owners or occupiers, the relevant local council, and everyone who made a submission (refer to section 33(1)(e) of the *Heritage Act 1977*).
4. **Recommends** that the Minister **grant** the site-specific exemptions listed in Tab 3.4D of the report (refer to section 57(2) of the *Heritage Act 1977*).

Moved by Julian siu and seconded by Vanessa Holtham

Item 3.5 Transport House, Macquarie Street – RTL

The State Heritage Register Committee noted a report on Transport House, Macquarie Street – RTL by Nikolas Orr, Heritage NSW.

Key points:

- Transport House, Macquarie Street may be State significant due to its historical, associational, aesthetic/technical, rarity and representative values.
- The listing description, statement of significance, and significance assessment have been updated to reflect the building's profile visibility from the streetscape and additional interior details.
- The proposed curtilage remains the same since the NOI period.
- Three submissions were received during the exhibition period: one in support from the Royal Australian Historical Society, and one in support and one objection from members of the public.
- Heritage NSW has developed site specific exemptions with the owner, their heritage consultant, City of Sydney Council, and Heritage NSW Assessments team.
- The owner expressed their support for the listing subject to the exemptions.

The Chair thanked Nikolas Orr for his presentation.

Resolution 2025-35

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. Has **considered** the submissions received in response to its notice of intention to consider listing and **finds** that Transport House at 99–113 Macquarie Street, Sydney, satisfies criteria (a), (b), (c), (f) and (g) for determining whether an item is of State heritage significance (refer to section 33(1)(d) of the *Heritage Act 1977*).
2. **Recommends** that the Minister **direct** the State Heritage Register listing of Transport House at 99–113 Macquarie Street, Sydney, as shown in the plan at Tab 3.5C of the report (refer to sections 32(1) and (2) of the *Heritage Act 1977*).
3. Gives **notice** of its decision to affected owners or occupiers, the relevant local council, and everyone who made a submission (refer to section 33(1)(e) of the *Heritage Act 1977*).
4. **Recommends** that the Minister **grant** the site-specific exemptions listed in Tab 3.5D of the report (refer to section 57(2) of the *Heritage Act 1977*).

Moved by Julian Siu and seconded by Natalie Vinton

Item 4. Matters for consideration

Item 4.1 Imperial Hotel, Erskineville – Site specific Exemptions

Item deferred.

Item 5. Preliminary Assessment of New SHR Nominations

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the Preliminary Assessment of New SHR Nominations report by Judith Coombes, Heritage NSW.

MV Beardmore

The MV Beardmore is a tugboat that served the Harwood Sugar Mill, the oldest continually operating sugar mill in NSW, and the Nungera Aboriginal Cooperative for over 80 years.

It may have heritage values at a State level, relating to the sugar industry as well as colonial impacts on Aboriginal people and Pacific Islander labour in the cane cutting and sugar industries.

Resolution 2025-36

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. **Considers** that MV Beardmore may be of State significance and therefore the nomination should be progressed (Tab 5B of the report).

Moved by Julian Siu and seconded by Stephen Gapps

Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre

Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre is nominated for its significance as a post-World War II power station and its award-winning adaptive re-use as a major arts centre in Western Sydney focusing on Aboriginal and culturally diverse Western Sydney artists.

The Committee considered its potential heritage values and discussed the process of nomination submission.

Resolution 2025-37

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. **Considers** that the Casula Powerhouse may be of State heritage significance but is not a current thematic or strategic priority. The nomination will not be progressed for assessment (Tab 5C of the report).

Moved by Stephen Gapps and seconded by Vanessa Holtham

Kings Beach and Surrounds

The nominators consider that Kings Beach has State heritage values associated with it being an important meeting place for the LGBTQIA+ community for over 50 years.

Local Aboriginal communities have expressed concern about the use of this beach as 'clothing optional' as there is a significant Aboriginal Place nearby.

Resolution 2025-38
The State Heritage Register Committee: 1. Considers that Kings Beach, Byron Bay is unlikely to be of State significance and therefore the nomination should not be progressed (Tab 5D of the report).
Moved by Julian Siu and seconded by Stephen Gapps

Item 6. SHR Listings Monthly Report

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report.

Members were encouraged to regularly review the workplan and provide input on potential consultations with relevant individuals and organisations early in the nomination process.

Item 7. General Matters

Item 7.1 Forward Agenda

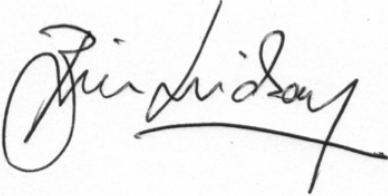
The State Heritage Register Committee noted the forward agenda.

Item 7.2 Other matters raised during the meeting

The Committee discussed ways to acknowledge and welcome comments on heritage values that may not meet the state threshold based on existing evidence, whilst ensuring that the criteria assessments for nominations remains robust.

Meeting Close

There being no further items of business, the Chair, Brian Lindsay, closed the meeting at 11:40 AM.



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Dr Brian Lindsay
Chair, State Heritage Register Committee
Date: 3 June 2025