



# HERITAGE COUNCIL OF NSW

## MEETING MINUTES – 539

4 June 2025 | 9:00 AM – 2:20 PM

*Meeting Room 20, Level 11, 4PSQ, 12 Darcy Street, Parramatta & via teleconference*

## ATTENDANCE

### Members

Ms Sally Barnes	Chair
Dr Nicholas Brunton	Member
Mr Alan Croker	Member
Dr Brian Lindsay	Member
Mr Julian Siu	Member
Ms Lisa Trueman	Member

### Apologies

Ms Vanessa Holtham	Member
Ms Anthea Sargeant	Member

### Heritage NSW

Ms Elizabeth Owers	A/Executive Director
Mr Tim Smith	Director Heritage Assessments
Ms Anna London	Senior Manager Heritage Listing Programs
Ms Lucy Albani	Director Policy and Strategy (items 2.1 & 2.2)
Mr Matthew Clark	Director Policy and Strategy (items 2.1 & 2.2)
Dr Caroline Ford	Senior Policy Manager (item 2.1)
Ms Julia Dowling	Strategic Policy Manager (item 2.1)
Ms Susan Kennedy	Manager Program Strategy & Coordination (item 3.2)
Ms Renae Patterson	Director Customer Services (item 3.3)
Ms Sarah Hinder	Senior Engagement Officer (item 3.3)
Ms Lana Zegura	Manager Incentives and Engagement (item 3.3)

### Secretariat

Ms Olgica Lenger	Manager Committee Services
Ms Elizabeth Thomas	Senior Project Officer

## IN-CAMERA SESSION

This item was not minuted.

### Item 1. Welcome and Formalities

The Chair, Sally Barnes, opened the meeting at 9:00 AM.

The Chair delivered an Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed attendees.

The Chair noted that the apologies received for this meeting and that a quorum had been met.

#### Item 1.1 Conflict of Interest Declarations

*Reference material: SSD Lord Street & Roseville Ave, Roseville*

- Prior to the meeting Lisa Trueman and Vanessa Holtham declared COIs in relation to this State Significant Development proposal. The reference material was restricted from their view and Ms Trueman and Ms Holtham will be excused from any discussion of this matter.

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the following standing declarations:

- Sally Barnes: former head of NPWS (2007-2011) and CEO of OEH (2012-2014)
- Nicholas Brunton: current member of NPWS Audit and Risk Committee
- Alan Croker: Design 5
- Vanessa Holtham: appointed expert on local planning panels for City of Sydney, Inner West, North Sydney, Blue Mountains, Ryde, Sutherland and Liverpool Councils; spouse employed as Director, NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure
- Anthea Sargeant: Executive Director, State Rezoning, NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure
- Julian Siu: GML Heritage.

#### Item 1.2 Out of Session Decisions

Nil.

#### Item 1.3 Minutes from the Previous Meeting – 7 May 2025

Resolution 2025-26
The Heritage Council of NSW resolved to:  1. <b>Confirm</b> the minutes of the previous ordinary meeting (7 May 2025) as a complete and accurate record of that meeting, with minor amendment.
Moved by Brian Lindsay and seconded by Alan Croker

#### Item 1.4 Matters Arising

Nil.

#### Item 1.5 Action Report

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the report and closed the items recommended for closure.

## Item 2. Legal, Policy & Administration

### Item 2.1 2025-28 Heritage Council Strategic Plan and NSW Heritage Strategy

The Heritage Council of NSW reviewed the draft 2025-28 strategic priorities framework prepared by Heritage NSW following the Heritage Council's strategic planning workshop held 6 May 2025.

Members provided feedback on the draft framework which is aligned with the draft NSW Heritage Strategy and discussed the next steps, including development of a measurable delivery plan with identified actions and activities for implementation.

Heritage NSW provided an update on the draft NSW Heritage Strategy that is on public exhibition until 13 July 2025 and open for community feedback via the *Have Your Say* webpage.

*Nick Brunton joined the meeting at 10:25 AM.*

### Item 2.2 Heritage Council self-assessment

The Heritage Council of NSW received a report from Heritage NSW and provided feedback on the draft self-assessment framework prepared for the Council's periodic review of its performance and effectiveness.

Resolution 2025-27
The Heritage Council of NSW resolved to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Invite</b> the Heritage Council, State Heritage Register Committee, and Approvals Committee members, the recently retired Council members, and external presenters to participate in a Heritage Council self-assessment process.</li><li><b>Approve</b> Heritage NSW conducting the survey in July 2025.</li></ol>
Moved by Julian Siu and seconded by Nicholas Brunton

## Item 3. Matters for Consideration

### Item 3.1 St Mary's (SHR 017090) – LEC Class 1 proceedings - update

The Heritage Council received a verbal update from the Chair and Dr Brunton regarding the Class 1 Land and Environment Court proceedings underway for *St Mary's Precinct*, Sydney.

### Item 3.2 Updates to heritage asset management guidelines: Heritage Council guidelines for state agencies

The Heritage Council of NSW received a report from Heritage NSW seeking approval to amend the 2024 *Heritage asset management guidelines* for state agencies.

Members discussed the opportunity to amend the guidelines to provide greater clarity around State Heritage Register (SHR) listed assets or assets identified as having state significance on heritage and conservation registers.

These assets may require referral to the Heritage Council for comment and are subjected to longer notification periods than assets with local heritage significance.

<b>Resolution 2025-28</b>
<p>The Heritage Council of NSW resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Approve</b> a minor addition to section 7.2 of the 2024 <i>Heritage asset management guidelines</i> (as set out in Tab 3.2B of the report), to clarify that the Heritage Council may wish to comment on government instrumentality proposals that remove occupation or demolition of State significant heritage assets.</li> </ol>
Moved by Nicholas Brunton and seconded by Brian Lindsay

### **Item 3.3 Heritage Forum – Heritage NSW update**

The Heritage Council received a presentation from Heritage NSW regarding preparations underway for the Heritage Forum being held 20-21 August 2025 in Sydney.

Forum objectives, logistics and key themes were presented that build upon the success and learnings of the 2024 Heritage Forum.

## **Item 4. Executive Reports**

### **Item 4.1 Chair, Heritage Council of NSW – Monthly Report**

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the verbal update provided by the Chair.

*HCOANZ 2025 forum, 16-17 October*

Members noted the call for agenda items which remains open until 16 June and discussed items that may be proposed for inclusion on the agenda.

### **Item 4.2 Executive Director, Heritage NSW**

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the report and verbal update from the Executive Director.

### **Item 4.3 State Heritage Register Committee**

Brian Lindsay, A/Chair of the State Heritage Register Committee (SHRC), provided an update on the key outcomes for items considered at the 3 June SHRC meeting, including:

- a notice of intention (NOI) to list the *Star Hotel*, Newcastle
- recommendations to list (RtL) *Siedler Offices and Penthouses (including moveable heritage)*, Milsons Point; and the *Seidler Family Precinct*, Wahroonga
- recommendations to amend listings for *Vaucluse House and Setting (and moveable heritage)*, Vaucluse; and the *Paddington Town Hall*, Paddington.

### **Item 4.4 Approvals Committee**

Sally Barnes and Nicholas Brunton, A/Chair of the Approvals Committee (AC) provided an update on the key outcomes for items considered at the 3 June AC meeting, including:

- determination of a section 60 application for partial demolition of the *Tower Crane at Me Mel* (Goat Island)
- determination of a section 60 application following an Integrated Development Application (IDA) for *Jenner House*, Potts Point
- an update on works carried out at *197 Church Street*, Parramatta and State significant archaeology located on the site, and
- an update regarding an IDA proposal for *Tresco*, Elizabeth Bay.

**Item 4.5 Planning Report (DPHI)**

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the monthly planning report.

**Item 4.6 Advisory Panels Report**

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the Advisory Panels report.

**Item 5. Heritage NSW monthly reports**

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the monthly operational reports and verbal updates from Tim Smith and Anna London on heritage assessments, compliance and SHR listings matters.

**Item 6. General Matters****Item 6.1 Membership matters**

Resolution 2025-29
<p>The Heritage Council of NSW resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Appoint</b> Dr Brian Lindsay as Chairperson of the State Heritage Register Committee for the duration of his term on the Heritage Council.</li><li>2. <b>Appoint</b> Dr Nicholas Brunton as Chairperson of the Approvals Committee for the duration of his term on the Heritage Council.</li></ol>
Moved by Julian Siu and seconded by Alan Croker

**Item 6.2 Forward Agenda**

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the forward agenda.

**Item 7. Meeting Close**

There being no further items of business, the Chair, Sally Barnes, closed the meeting at 2:20 PM



Sally Barnes

**Chair, Heritage Council of NSW**

2 July 2025