



# STATE HERITAGE REGISTER COMMITTEE

## MEETING MINUTES

3 June 2025 | 9:00 AM – 10:55 AM

*Meeting held via Teams videoconference.*

## ATTENDANCE

### State Heritage Register Committee

Dr Brian Lindsay	Chair
Mr Julian Siu	Member
Dr Stephen Gapps	Member
Dr Wayne Johnson	Member
Ms Natalie Vinton	Member
Ms Lisa Trueman	Member
Ms Danièle Hromek	Member

### *Apologies*

Ms Vanessa Holtham	Member
Ms Sally Barnes	Alternate Member

### Heritage NSW

Ms Anna London	Senior Manager, Heritage Listing Programs
Ms Nicola Roche	Manager, State Heritage Register listing
Mr Nikolas Orr	Senior Heritage Officer ( <i>item 2.1</i> )
Dr Stuart Read	Senior Heritage Officer ( <i>item 3.1, 3.2</i> )
Ms Sarah Hawkins	Senior Heritage Officer ( <i>item 3.3</i> )
Ms Meggan Walker	Senior Heritage Officer ( <i>item 3.4</i> )

### Secretariat

Ms Olgica Lenger	Manager, Committee Services
Ms Natasha Agaki	Project Officer, Committee Services

## Item 1. Welcome and Formalities

The Chair, Brian Lindsay, opened the meeting at 9:05 AM and delivered an Acknowledgment of Country.

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

### Item 1.1 Conflict of Interest Declarations

The Committee noted the following perceived conflicts of interest declared with items on the agenda:

- Julian Siu – item 3.1 Vaucluse House and Setting (and moveable heritage) – GML Heritage are currently preparing an update to the conservation management plan for the property, however, Mr Siu has no direct involvement in it.
- Natalie Vinton – item 3.3 Seidler Offices and Penthouses (including moveable heritage); and item 3.4 Seidler Family Precinct – Curio Projects is not involved in any discussions and has not been engaged to work on either of the proposed listings, however, works with the Seidler family on other properties. Ms Vinton chose to leave the meeting for the duration of these items.

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 – 6 May 2025

Resolution 2025-39
The State Heritage Register Committee: 1. <b>Confirmed</b> the minutes of the previous ordinary meeting (6 May 2025) as a complete and accurate record of that meeting.
Moved by Natalie Vinton and seconded by Stephen Gapps

### Item 1.4 Matters Arising

The Committee noted a minor typographical correction to Tab 3.4C (mapping of Abercrombie Bridge over Abercrombie River) presented at the 6 May 2025 meeting.

## Item 1.5 Action Report

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report.

## Item 2 SHR Nominations – Notice of Intention

### Item 2.1 Star Hotel (King Street Building), Newcastle – NOI

The State Heritage Register Committee noted a report on Star Hotel (King Street Building), Newcastle – NOI, from Nikolas Orr, Heritage NSW.

The Committee briefly discussed the owner and strata management positions and supported a longer submission period to ensure adequate time to develop appropriate site-specific exemptions.

Members suggested further exploring intersectional communities (e.g. Aboriginal LGBTQIA+) and inviting Aboriginal perspectives from the 1970s and/or the current youth during the exhibition period, with a view to further examining the site's continuing connection to contemporary Aboriginal culture.

The Chair emphasised the importance and nuance in capturing negative associations in listing narratives, where they exist, for accurate and meaningful stories.

The Committee thanked Nikolas Orr for his presentation.

#### Resolution 2025-40

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. **Considers** the item known as Star Hotel (King Street Building) at 410 King Street, Newcastle West, defined in accordance with the curtilage shown 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 to recommend the State listing of the item) (refer to section 33(1)(a) of the *Heritage Act 1977*).
3. Within 14 days of giving notice to owners and occupiers, will also **publish** the **notice** in a newspaper circulating in the area in which the item is situated (refer to section 33(1)(b) of the *Heritage Act 1977*).
4. The notice will invite submissions on the listing, explaining how submissions can be made and specify the closing date for submissions, with that date being no less than 14 days after the publication of the newspaper (refer to section 33(1)(c) of the *Heritage Act 1977*).

Moved by Wayne Johnson and seconded by Julian Siu

## Item 3. SHR Nominations – Recommendation to List

### Item 3.1 Vacluse House and Setting (and moveable heritage) – Amendment – RTL

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report on Vacluse House and Setting (and moveable heritage) – RTL by Stuart Read, Heritage NSW.

The Committee acknowledged the holistic approach to the Statement of Country and the need to demonstrate the site's continuing connection to Aboriginal culture throughout the

listing. The statement of significance was expanded to include references to recreational activities attended by a wide range of the community, including members of the Aboriginal community.

It was requested that updates be made at a later stage to address the broader story of William Charles Wentworth, including the darker history and the manner in which his wealth was amassed.

The Chair thanked Stuart Read for his presentation.

#### Resolution 2025-41

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. Has **considered** the submissions received in response to its notice of intention to consider amending a listing and **finds** that Vacluse House and Setting (and moveable heritage) at 69A Wentworth Road, Vacluse, satisfies criteria a, b, c, d, e, f and g for determining whether an item is of State heritage significance (refer to section 33(1)(d) of the *Heritage Act 1977*), as amended.
2. **Recommends** that the Minister **direct** the amendment of the State Heritage Register listing of Vacluse House and Setting (and moveable heritage) at 69A Wentworth Road, Vacluse, as shown in the plan at 3.1C 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*).

Moved by Lisa Trueman and seconded by Natalie Vinton

### Item 3.2 Paddington Town Hall (Amendment) – RTL

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report on Paddington Town Hall (Amendment) – RTL by Stuart Read, Heritage NSW.

The Committee noted minor amendments made since the NOI stage, including additions to the site-specific exemptions, and made changes to the statement of Country to acknowledge associations with a prominent Wangal family.

The Chair thanked Stuart Read for his presentation.

#### Resolution 2025-42

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. Has **considered** the submission received in response to its notice of intention to consider amending the listing and **finds** that Paddington Town Hall at 249 Oxford Street, Paddington, satisfies criteria (a), (c), (d) 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 amendment of the State Heritage Register listing of Paddington Town Hall at 249 Oxford Street, Paddington, as shown on the plan at Tab 3.2C of the report (refer to sections 32(1) and (2) of the *Heritage Act 1977*), as amended.

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 Stephen Gapps and seconded by Julian Siu

### Item 3.3 Seidler Offices and Penthouses (including moveable heritage) – RTL

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report on Seidler Offices and Penthouses (including moveable heritage) – RTL by Sarah Hawkins, Heritage NSW.

The Committee discussed the ownership and management of the property.

It was noted that an Aboriginal elder may wish to share further knowledge around Aboriginal cultural heritage (ACH) values of the site, which could be incorporated into the listing in the future.

The Chair thanked Sarah Hawkins for her presentation.

#### Resolution 2025-43<sup>1</sup>

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. Has **considered** the submissions received in response to its notice of intention to consider listing and **finds** that Seidler Offices and Penthouses (including moveable heritage) at 2-4 Glen Street, Milsons Point, 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 Seidler Offices and Penthouses (including moveable heritage) at 2-4 Glen Street, Milsons Point, 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 Julian Siu and seconded by Lisa Trueman

*Natalie Vinton left the meeting for the duration of this item.*

### Item 3.4 Seidler Family Precinct – RNTL

The State Heritage Register Committee noted a report on the Seidler Family Precinct – RNTL by Meggan Walker, Heritage NSW.

<sup>1</sup> Resolution 2025-43, Item 3.3 *Seidler Office and Penthouses (including moveable heritage) – RTL* was rescinded on 10 June 2025 due to the emergence of additional information, as per Resolution 2025-45.

The Committee noted the extenuating circumstances resulting in the recommendation not to list the Siedler Family Precinct at this time.

Members provided advice on points to be addressed should the listing proposal proceed in the future, while acknowledging the complexity and contestation around the Country of the Ku-ring-gai people.

The Chair thanked Meggan Walker for her presentation.

#### Resolution 2025-44

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. Has **considered** the submissions received in response to its notice of intention to consider amending a listing and **finds** that the Seidler Family Precinct, at 67-71 and 75-75a Clissold Road, Wahroonga, 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. **Decides not to recommend** that the Minister direct the amendment of the State Heritage Register listing of Rose Seidler House (SHR 00261) at this time due to exceptional circumstances.
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*).

Moved by Lisa Trueman and seconded by Stephen Gapps

*Natalie Vinton left the meeting for the duration of this item.*

## Item 4. Other matters for consideration

### Item 4.1 Imperial Hotel, Erskineville – Site specific exemptions

Item deferred.

## Item 5. Preliminary Assessment of New SHR Nominations

Nil reported.

## Item 6. SHR Listings Monthly Report

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report.


## Item 7. General Matters

### Item 7.1 Forward Agenda

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the forward agenda.

## Meeting Close

There being no further items of business, the Chair, Brian Lindsay, closed the meeting at 10:55 AM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Lindsay', is centered on a light gray rectangular background. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'B' and a long, sweeping underline.

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Dr Brian Lindsay

**Chair, State Heritage Register Committee**

Date: 1 July 2025