



HERITAGE COUNCIL OF NSW

MEETING MINUTES – Approvals Committee

Tuesday, 1 July 2025 | 9:00 AM – 12:40 PM

via teleconference

ATTENDANCE

Members

Dr Nicholas Brunton	A/Chair
Dr Caitlin Allen	Member
Mr David Burdon	Member
Mr Alan Croker	Member
Ms Julie Marler	Member
Mr David McNamara	Member
Mr Bruce Pettman	Member

Apologies

Ms Sally Barnes	Heritage Council Chair / Alternate Member
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Heritage NSW

Mr Tim Smith	Director Heritage Assessments
Ms Niamh Lowe	A/Manager Operational Policy (item 2.1)
Ms Ashley Edwards	Senior Policy Officer (item 2.1)
Ms Rochelle Johnston	Strategic Manager Heritage Referrals (items 2.2 & 2.3)
Ms Tempe Beaven	Senior Assessments Officer (items 2.2 & 2.3)
Ms Lily Chu	Senior Assessments Officer (items 2.2 & 2.3)
Mr Spiros Spyrou	Senior Assessments Officer (item 2.2)
Ms Andreana Kennedy	Senior Assessments Officer (item 2.4)
Ms Elizabeth Thomas	Senior Project Officer

1. Welcome and formalities

The Chair, Nicholas Brunton, opened the meeting at 9:00 AM.

The Chair delivered an Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed attendees.

The Chair noted apologies for this meeting, and it was confirmed that a quorum had been met.

1.1 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Item 2.2 CBC Bank (former) (SHR 00428) – IDA

- Prior to the meeting, Mr Alan Croker declared a conflict of interest for *Item 2.2*. Members noted that Mr Croker will be excused for this item and papers were redacted from his view.

Item 2.3 The Royal Botanic Gardens & Domain (SHR 01070) – contemporary service memorial

- Prior to the meeting, Mr Bruce Pettman advised a potential perceived conflict of interest for Item 2.3 noting that he sits on the State War Memorials committee administered by Veterans Affairs but has no knowledge or involvement in this project. This declaration will be recorded on the COI register, but no further action is required.

The Approvals Committee noted the following standing declarations:

- Dr Nicholas Brunton: current member of NPWS Audit and Risk Committee
- Dr Caitlin Allen: Sydney University; current President ICOMOS; appointed Member of the Sydney Opera House Conservation Council
- Sally Barnes: Former head of NPWS (2007-2011) and CEO of OEH (2012-2014)
- Alan Croker: Design 5.

1.2 Out of Session decisions

Nil.

1.3 Minutes from Previous Meeting – 3 June 2025

Resolution 2025-23
The Heritage Council Approvals Committee: 1. Confirms the minutes of the previous ordinary meeting (Tuesday, 3 June 2025) as a complete and accurate record of that meeting.
Moved by David Burdon and seconded by Bruce Pettman

1.4 Matters Arising

Nil.

1.5 Action Report

The Committee noted that there were no outstanding action items.

2. Matters for Consideration

2.1 Exemptions Framework review

The Approvals Committee received a report and presentation from Heritage NSW on the exemption framework review.

Members provided feedback on the proposed changes to the Standard Exemptions and the draft solar panels practice note and acknowledged the excellent and comprehensive report prepared by Heritage NSW.

2.2 CBC Bank (former) (SHR 00428) – IDA – building upgrades

Mr Alan Croker left the meeting for this item.

The Approvals Committee received a report from Heritage NSW seeking determination of the Integrated Development Application (IDA) (HMS 10226) with conditions for the *CBC Bank former (SHR 00428)*.

Members discussed various elements of the proposal and noted the complex nature of the application for building upgrade works which aim to improve accessibility, fire safety and ongoing heritage conservation of the building. The Committee asked that a site visit be arranged prior to finalising its determination of this application.

Resolution 2025-24

The Heritage Council Approvals Committee:

1. **Agrees** to hold a site visit prior to determining the Integrated Development Application out of session for building upgrades to the CBC Bank (former) (SHR 00428).

Moved by David Burdon and seconded by Bruce Pettman

Mr Alan Croker left the meeting for this item.

2.3 The Royal Botanic Gardens & Domain (SHR 01070) – contemporary service memorial

The Approvals Committee received a report from Heritage NSW seeking determination of an Integrated Development Application (IDA) (HMS 10475) for a Contemporary Service Memorial and associated landscaping at the Domain, Sydney.

The Committee discussed the design, accessibility requirements and the location proposed and emphasised the need for an archaeological assessment to be provided.

The Committee welcomed the restraint and elegant design scheme for the memorial and discussed the broader context of the site, noting that a masterplan for the Royal Botanic Gardens with zoning areas for current and future memorials, would enable a more holistic approach.

Resolution 2025-25

The Heritage Council Approvals Committee:

1. **Approves** the Integrated Development Application (IDA) for a Contemporary Service Memorial in the Domain in accordance with the General Terms of Approval in the draft approval letter to the City of Sydney Council provided at Tab 2.3B of this report, subject to:
 - a. the inclusion of historical archaeological conditions to the General Terms of Approval by Heritage NSW (under delegation) when the Historical Archaeological Assessment is received and assessed.

Moved by Julie Marler and seconded by David McNamara

2.4 Bat and Ball Field, Moore Park – section 60 application – preliminary assessment

The Approvals Committee received a report from Heritage NSW on the preliminary assessment of a section 60 application (HMS 9860) for a new amenities building at Moore Park.

The Committee noted the response to the public exhibition for the project, and provided feedback on the application to Heritage NSW.

The Committee discussed the bulk and scale of the proposal, the pedestrian movements and the broader context of the site noting the community uses and additional playing fields located in this vicinity and the opportunity to consider an overall strategy for Moore Park and the broader Centennial Parklands setting

Resolution 2025-26

The Heritage Council Approvals Committee:

1. **Notes** the information contained with the preliminary paper, particularly the large number of submissions on the proposed development.
2. **Notes** that Heritage NSW is yet to complete its full assessment of the proposal.
3. **Provides** the following initial feedback on the proposal:
 - The siting of the proposed building would result in a significant change in character of this important recreational space.
 - It is inconsistent with aspects of the Statement of Significance which recognises that it is part of the first designed suburban park based on the English model of integrated suburban residential development and recreational open space.
 - It is contrary to various policies in the 2010 Conservation Management Plan regarding the upgrade of existing facilities prior to the addition of new facilities (refer policy 35 & 36).
 - The bulk and scale is excessive and impedes the views and public enjoyment of this important State listed park.
4. **Invites** the applicant to consider a revised proposal with reduced bulk and scale in another location closer to existing pedestrian and vehicle access and carparking.
5. **Invites** the applicant to consult with Heritage NSW on a revised proposal to be resubmitted for the Committee's further consideration.
6. **Requests** the matter be referred back to the Committee for a final decision

Moved by Alan Croker and seconded by Caitlin Allen

3.0 General Business

3.1 Forward agenda

The Approvals Committee noted the forward agenda, and Tim Smith provided a verbal update on various matters currently being managed by Heritage NSW.

The Chair provided a verbal update regarding the Class 1 Land and Environment Court proceedings underway for *St Mary's Precinct*, Sydney.

4.0 Meeting Close

There being no further items of business, Dr Nicholas Brunton, Chair, declared the Approvals Committee meeting closed at 12:40 PM.



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Dr Nicholas Brunton
Chair, Heritage Council Approvals Committee
Date: 5 August 2025