



HERITAGE COUNCIL OF NSW

MEETING MINUTES – 542

3 September 2025 | 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

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

ATTENDANCE

Members

Ms Sally Barnes	Chair
Dr Nicholas Brunton	Member
Mr Alan Croker	Member
Ms Vanessa Holtham	Member
Dr Brian Lindsay	Member
Ms Anthea Sargeant	Member
Mr Julian Siu	Member

Absent

Ms Lisa Trueman	Member
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Heritage NSW

Ms Elizabeth Owers	A/Executive Director
Ms Anna London	Senior Manager Heritage Listing Programs
Mr Tim Smith	Director Assessments
Ms Lucy Albani	Director Policy and Strategy
Ms Rochelle Johnston	Senior Manager Major Projects
Dr Caroline Ford	A/Director Policy and Strategy
Ms Sonia Limeburner	Manager Operational Policy (<i>item 2.1</i>)
Ms Katrina Stankowski	Manager Assessments (<i>item 2.2</i>)
Mr Damian Lucas	Senior Policy Officer (<i>item 3.2 and 3.3</i>)
Ms Margo Stuart	Team Leader Heritage Programs (<i>item 3.4</i>)
Ms Julia Dowling	Manager Strategic Policy (<i>item 6.2</i>)

External Presenters

Ms Sarah McKay	Transport for NSW (<i>item 2.2</i>)
Ms Flavia Scardamaglia	Transport for NSW (<i>item 2.2</i>)
Mr Bob Rimac	Transport for NSW (<i>item 2.2</i>)
Ms Anna Summerhayes	Transport for NSW (<i>item 2.2</i>)
Ms Camille Bonnot	Transport for NSW (<i>item 2.2</i>)
Mr Rakhbir Singh	Transport for NSW (<i>item 2.2</i>)
Ms Bribie Stansfield	Transport for NSW (<i>item 2.2</i>)
Mr David Logan	Chair, Technical Advisory Panel (<i>items 6.2, 6.3</i>)
Mr Gianluca Ranzi	Member, Technical Advisory Panel (<i>items 6.2, 6.3</i>)
Ms Joy Singh	Member, Technical Advisory Panel (<i>items 6.2, 6.3</i>)
Mr Harilal Gohil	Member, Technical Advisory Panel (<i>items 6.2, 6.3</i>)
Mr Stephan Netting	Member, Technical Advisory Panel (<i>items 6.2, 6.3</i>)
Mr Peter Phillips	Member, Technical Advisory Panel (<i>items 6.2, 6.3</i>)
Mr Yuanyuan Song	Member, Technical Advisory Panel (<i>items 6.2, 6.3</i>)
Mr Alexander Been	Member, Technical Advisory Panel (<i>items 6.2, 6.3</i>)

Mr Eric Martin
Mr Bruce Pettman

Member, Technical Advisory Panel (*items 6.2, 6.3*)
Member, Technical Advisory Panel (*items 6.2, 6.3*)

Committee Services

Ms Olgica Lenger
Ms Jo Pickles
Ms Lily O'Connor

Manager Committee Services
Project Officer
Assistant Policy Officer

IN-CAMERA SESSION

This item was not minuted.

Item 1. Welcome and Formalities

The Chair, Sally Barnes, opened the meeting at 9:59 am, delivered an Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed the attendees.

Members welcomed Steve Meredith as a new member of the Heritage Council. Steve brings valuable knowledge and skills related to Aboriginal heritage, along with extensive experience and expertise in protecting, conserving, and managing heritage values in NSW.

It was noted that Lisa Trueman would not be at the meeting and that a quorum had been met.

Item 1.1 Conflict of Interest Declarations

The Heritage Council of NSW reviewed the following declarations during the in-camera session:

- Item 2.1 State-wide Heritage Priorities Project:
 - Alan Croker disclosed possible interest.
 - Nicholas Brunton is a member of the National Parks and Wildlife Audit and Risk Committee
- Item 2.3 Balls Head Coal Loader Wharf: Julian Siu disclosed possible interest.
- Item 3.1 Former Kenmore Psychiatric Hospital: Julian Siu disclosed possible interest.

The Council determined that there were no conflicts of interest, allowing all members to participate in the decision-making process.

Item 1.2 Out of Session Decisions

Nil

Item 1.3 Minutes from the Previous Meeting – 6 August 2025

Resolution 2025-37
The Heritage Council of NSW resolved to: 1. Confirm the minutes of the previous ordinary meeting (6 August 2025) as a complete and accurate record of that meeting, with minor amendments.
Moved by Brian Lindsay and seconded by Anthea Sargeant

Item 1.4 Matters Arising

Nil

Item 1.5 Action Report

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the report.

Item 2. External Presentations

Item 2.1 Confidential

Item 2.2 Balls Head Coal Loader Wharf – s60 advice – TfNSW Presentation

The Heritage Council of NSW received a paper from Heritage NSW and a presentation from Transport for NSW (TfNSW) about the proposed make-safe works and future interpretation for Balls Head Coal Loader Wharf.

The Council discussed the scope of make-safe works permitted under the current approval and emphasised the need for a new Section 60 application. They highlighted the importance of public consultation to ensure compliance with the approval process.

Resolution 2025-38

The Heritage Council of NSW resolved to:

1. **Thank** Transport for New South Wales for presenting about the Balls Head Coal Loader Wharf, their proposed interpretation strategy and providing their understanding of the project regulatory process to date.
2. **Considers** that the current Heritage Act approval for Stage 1 'Make Safe Works' at the Balls Head Coal Loader Wharf (as part of the Balls Head Coal Loader Complex - SHR 02051) does not include the scope as outlined in the Heritage Salvage Management Plan presented to the Council at this meeting, and accordingly a new s.60 application is required for these works. The new application would be advertised in accordance with Section 61 of the Heritage Act 1977 and determined by the Heritage Council at the first available opportunity.

Moved by Vanessa Holtham and seconded by Alan Croker

Item 3. Legal, Policy & Administration**Item 3.1 Confidential****Item 3.2 Heritage Council HC Self-Assessment – Preliminary Report**

The Heritage Council of NSW received a report and presentation from Heritage NSW about the methodology and preliminary findings from the Heritage Council self-assessment survey.

Members were invited to provide further feedback on the proposed action plan to be discussed at a future meeting.

Item 3.3 Heritage Council of NSW 2024-25 Annual Report - draft

The Heritage Council of NSW noted that this item would be completed out-of-session.

Item 3.4 Sludge Audit update – State Heritage Register nomination process

The Heritage Council of NSW received a report and presentation from Heritage NSW on sludge audits conducted as part of internal process reviews aimed at streamlining workflows and improving user experience.

Heritage NSW presented a sludge audit findings of the State Heritage Register nomination process and welcomed suggestions from members for future improvements.

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.

Item 4.2 Executive Director, Heritage NSW

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

Item 4.3 State Heritage Register Committee

Brian Lindsay, Chair of the State Heritage Register Committee (SHRC), provided an update on the key outcomes for items considered at the 2 September SHRC meeting.

Brian Lindsay left the meeting after this item.

Item 4.4 Approvals Committee

Nicholas Brunton, Chair of the Approvals Committee (AC), provided an update on the key outcomes for items considered at the 2 September AC meeting.

Item 4.5 Planning Report (DPHI)

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the monthly planning report.

Item 4.6 Advisory Panels Report

Nil

Item 5. Heritage NSW monthly reports

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the monthly operational reports.

Item 6. General Matters

Item 6.1 Forward Agenda

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the forward agenda.

Item 6.2 NSW Heritage Strategy – revised actions

Members of the Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) joined the meeting for agenda items 6.2 and 6.3.

The Heritage Council of NSW received a presentation from Heritage NSW on the revised actions for the Draft Heritage Strategy following public submissions. Further updates will be provided at the upcoming meetings.

Item 6.3 Heritage Council Strategic Priorities 2025-28 – TAP engagement

The Heritage Council of NSW discussed the opportunities for engagement with the Technical Advisory Panel in delivering its strategic priorities.

The Council thanked TAP members for their valuable input and expertise and invited them to propose revisions to the TAP terms of reference, considering alternative models and resourcing opportunities.

Item 7. Meeting Close

There being no further items of business, the Chair, Sally Barnes, closed the meeting at 4:30 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Lindsay', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

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Dr Brian Lindsay

Acting Chair, Heritage Council of NSW

1 October 2025