



HERITAGE COUNCIL OF NSW

MEETING MINUTES – 543

1 October 2025 | 9:00 am – 1:55 pm

Meeting Room 9, Level 14, 4PSQ, 12 Darcy Street, Parramatta & via teleconference

ATTENDANCE

Members

Dr Brian Lindsay	A/Chair
Mr Alan Croker	Member
Ms Vanessa Holtham	Member
Ms Anthea Sargeant	Member
Mr Julian Siu	Member

Apologies

Ms Sally Barnes	Chair
Mr Steve Meredith	Member
Dr Nicholas Brunton	Member

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 Tempe Beaven	Senior Assessments Officer (<i>item 2.1</i>)
Mr Spiro Spyrou	Senior Assessments Officer (<i>item 2.1</i>)

External Presenters

Grant Ashton	67 Pall Mall (<i>item 2.1</i>)
John Burton	67 Pall Mall (<i>item 2.1</i>)
Kerime Danis	67 Pall Mall (<i>item 2.1</i>)
Cameron Ashton	67 Pall Mall (<i>item 2.1</i>)
Brenton Smith	Bates Smart (<i>item 2.1</i>)
Chris Nash	Nash Management (<i>item 2.1</i>)

SHRC & AC members

Bruce Pettman	Member, Approvals Committee (<i>item 3.2</i>)
Julie Marler	Member, Approvals Committee (<i>item 3.2</i>)
Natalie Vinton	Member, Approvals Committee (<i>item 3.2</i>)
Caitlin Allen	Member, Approvals Committee (<i>item 3.2</i>)

Committee Services

Ms Olgica Lenger	Manager Committee Services
Ms Jo Pickles	Project Officer
Ms Lily O'Connor	Assistant Policy Officer

IN-CAMERA SESSION

This item was not minuted.

Item 1. Welcome and Formalities

The A/Chair, Brian Lindsay, opened the meeting at 9:00 am, delivered an Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed the attendees.

It was noted that Lisa Trueman had resigned from the Heritage Council of NSW. The Council recognises Ms Trueman's contribution on the Heritage Council and the State Heritage Register Committee.

It was further noted that Sally Barnes, Nicholas Brunton and Steve Meredith were apologies for this meeting and that a quorum had been met.

Item 1.1 Conflict of Interest Declarations

The Council noted that there were no conflicts of interest declared, enabling 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 – 3 September 2025

Resolution 2025-40
The Heritage Council of NSW resolved to: 1. Confirm the minutes of the previous ordinary meeting (3 September 2025) as a complete and accurate record of that meeting, with minor amendment.
Moved by Julian Siu and seconded by Alan Croker

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 Lands Department Building (SHR 00774) - Food and Beverage fit out – Pre-lodgement Service IDA

The Heritage Council received a paper from Heritage NSW, as well as a presentation from the 67 Pall Mall group regarding their proposed food and beverage fit out within the Lands Department Building with preliminary concepts.

The Council noted the proposed fit out will be reversible, and that the wine club will be primarily accessible to members only.

Members raised questions about technical details, public access, and integration with the building's heritage interpretation strategy and requested further details on structural, service, and interpretation aspects.

The Council also noted plans to ensure that key parts of the building, including the Oculus, the Observatory, and the ground floor of the Strong Room, will be accessible to the public.

Resolution 2025-41

The Heritage Council of NSW resolved to:

1. **Support** the ongoing adaptive re-use of the Lands Department Building.
2. **Request** the proponent provide:
 - a. Structural details of the proposed steel truss for suspending the wine tower in order to understand heritage impacts and reversibility with regard to the existing significant fabric and spaces.
 - b. Detail of services required for the proposed fit outs and uses.
 - c. Detail of plans for activation of spaces related to the octagonal and dome dining, observatory, and dome fit out.
 - d. Information regarding integration with lead tenant's public interpretation strategy.
3. **Recognise** the significant public building and **emphasise** the importance of public access in a variety of forms.
4. **Delegate** to Heritage NSW the issuing of General Terms of Approval, once lodged as an Integrated Development Application.

Moved by Alan Croker and seconded by Julian Siu

Item 3. Legal, Policy & Administration

Item 3.1 Exemptions Framework Review

The Heritage Council of NSW received a paper and presentation from Heritage NSW about the review of the standard exemptions framework.

Proposed changes include both expanding existing and adding new exempt activities, including energy-saving and sustainable technologies. The updated exemptions aim to make it easier for owners to manage heritage properties, align with NSW government priorities, and ensure consistency with other regulatory frameworks.

Resolution 2025-42

The Heritage Council of NSW resolved to:

1. **Recommend** that the Minister administering the *Heritage Act 1977* approve and sign the Order to grant Standard Exemptions under s.57(2) of that Act (Tab 3.1A of the report).

Moved by Julian Siu and seconded by Vanessa Holtham

Item 3.2 NSW Planning Reforms

Members of the State Heritage Register Committee and Approvals Committee joined the meeting for agenda item 3.2.

The Heritage Council of NSW received a verbal update from Heritage NSW regarding the NSW Planning Reforms.

Item 4. Matters for Consideration

Item 4.1 Catherine Hill Bay Precinct (SHR01828) – 19 Clarke St – s.120 Order next steps

The Heritage Council of NSW received a paper and verbal update from Heritage NSW regarding the case for compliance and enforcement actions for the property at 19 Clarke St, Catherine Hill Bay Precinct (SHR01828) and discussed appropriate options.

Resolution 2025-43

The Heritage Council of NSW resolved to:

1. **Direct** urgent restoration works to be undertaken by Heritage NSW under s.120K of the Act. Work required includes:
 - a. tree (Camphor Laurel) and foliage removal
 - b. a structural engineer's report to assess what works are required to stabilise the cottage to prevent further deterioration/collapse
 - c. potential shoring up of the structure for temporary stabilisation
 - d. improved security around the cottage to minimise trespass and vandalism.
2. **Instruct** Heritage NSW to formally advise the owner of the Heritage Council's intent to oversee works undertaken by Heritage NSW and charge costs.

Moved by Vanessa Holtham and seconded by Alan Croker

Item 5. Executive Reports

Item 5.1 Chair, Heritage Council of NSW – Monthly Report

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the report and verbal update provided by the A/Chair.

Item 5.2 Executive Director, Heritage NSW

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

Item 5.3 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 30 September SHRC meeting.

Item 5.4 Approvals Committee

Alan Croker, member of the Approvals Committee (AC), provided an update on the key outcomes for items considered at the 30 September AC meeting.

Item 5.5 Planning Report (DPHI)

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the monthly planning report.

Item 5.6 Advisory Panels Report

Nil

Item 6. Heritage NSW monthly reports

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the monthly operational reports.

Item 7. General Matters**Item 7.1 Forward Agenda**

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the forward agenda.

Item 7.2 Heritage Council of NSW Draft Annual Report 2024-25

The Heritage Council of NSW received the draft annual report prepared by Heritage NSW. Members were invited to submit any further comments or updates prior to finalisation.

Resolution 2025-44
The Heritage Council of NSW resolved to: 1. Endorse the draft Heritage Council of NSW Annual Report 2024-25. 2. Delegate to the Chair of the Heritage Council of NSW the final approval and signoff of the report, subject to any further minor amendments.
Moved by Julian Siu and seconded by Anthea Sargeant

Meeting Close

There being no further items of business, the A/Chair, Brian Lindsay, closed the meeting at 1:55 pm.



Sally Barnes

Chair, Heritage Council of NSW

5 November 2025