



HERITAGE COUNCIL OF NSW

MEETING RESOLUTIONS – 547

4 March 2026 | 9:00 am – 12:45 pm

Meeting Room 20, Level 11, 4PSQ & via teleconference

Item 1.1 Conflict of Interest Declarations

The Heritage Council of NSW noted that Sally Barnes is a member of the Biodiversity and Heritage Regulator Advisory Board. The Heritage Council agreed that this did not constitute a conflict of interest in relation to Item 3.1 Biodiversity and Heritage Regulator (meet and greet including Q2 2025/26 Compliance report). However, with an abundance of caution the Chair asked Anthea Sargeant to Chair this item.

Item 1.2 Out of Session Decisions

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the out-of-session circular decision dated 25 February 2026, Resolution 2026-03.

Resolution 2026-03

The Heritage Council of NSW resolved to:

1. **Note** that a publicly advertised expression of interest process will be undertaken in early 2026 to fill upcoming vacancies on the Heritage Council.
2. **Note** the winding up of the Approvals Committee by the end of FY2025–26 and the increased volume of State Heritage Register nominations.
3. **Approve** the short terms appointment of Ms Sally Barnes as the Chair of the Approvals Committee until its dissolution.
4. **Approve** the short-term appointment of Dr Brian Lindsay as Chair of the State Heritage Register Committee until 30 June 2026, pending completion of recruitment.
5. **Invite** Dr Brian Lindsay to attend Heritage Council meetings in an observer capacity, pending completion of recruitment.

Moved by Nicholas Brunton and seconded by Julian Siu

Item 1.3 Minutes from previous meeting – 4 February 2026

Resolution 2026-04

The Heritage Council of NSW resolved to:

1. **Confirm** the minutes of the previous ordinary meeting (4 February 2026) as a complete and accurate record of that meeting, as amended.

Moved by Alan Croker and seconded by Julian Siu

Item 1.4 Matters Arising

The Heritage Council of NSW continued discussions on the implications of planning reforms on heritage approvals and reaffirmed its statutory role under the *Heritage Act*, emphasising the importance of remaining visible, influential and transparent within the new planning system.

Members confirmed the Council's wish to continue its involvement in State Significant Development matters and the need to maintain strong working relationships with the Development Coordination Authority to ensure heritage considerations remain central to decision-making.

The Council also confirmed its ongoing engagement with industry stakeholders to communicate planning reforms and their implications for heritage outcomes.

Item 1.5 Action Report

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the report.

Item 2. External Presentations

Nil

Item 3.1 Biodiversity and Heritage Regulator (BHR) – Meet and Greet including Q2 2025/26 Compliance Report

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the report.

Item 3.2 Heritage Specialist Register

Resolution 2026-05

The Heritage Council of NSW resolved to:

1. **Approve** the governance framework and administrative arrangements for establishing and operating the Heritage Specialist Register with minor amendments as discussed, including any further comments provided to the Committee Services through the Chair in the next two weeks. (Tab 3.2A to 3.2D)

Moved by Anthea Sargeant and seconded by Sally Barnes

Item 3.3 Heritage Council Strategic Priorities quarterly status update

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the report.

Item 3.4 Regional Visit (10-12 March 2026) update

The Heritage Council of NSW noted the update.

Item 4.1 Balls Head Coal Loader Complex (including Platform Pier & Administrative & Workshop Buildings) (SHR 02051) – s60 Make Safe Works

Resolution 2026-06

The Heritage Council of NSW resolved to:

1. **Note** the advice that the current condition of the Balls Head Coal Loader Wharf constitutes a danger under section 63(3)(a) of the Heritage Act 1977.
2. **Approve** the section 60 application (HMS 12756) for Stage 1 Wharf 'Make Safe and Retrieval Works'; including the partial demolition (as per defined in section 4(5)(e) of the Heritage Act 1977) of the Balls Head Coal Loader Wharf, as part of the Balls Head Coal Loader Complex (SHR 02051), because it constitutes a danger to users and the public under section 63(3)(a) of the Heritage Act 1977; with conditions as outlined in the approval letter.

Moved by Anthea Sargeant and seconded by Alan Croker

Item 4.2 Heritage Strategy: Proposal for new SHR nomination themes
Members invited input from the State Heritage Register Committee meeting on 4 March 2026 before proceeding with an out-of-session circular decision.
Item 5.1 Chair, Heritage Council of NSW – Monthly Report
The Heritage Council of NSW noted the verbal update provided by the Chair.
Item 5.2 Executive Director, Heritage NSW
The Heritage Council of NSW noted the report and verbal update provided by the Executive Director Heritage NSW.
Item 5.3 BHR: Executive Director Report
Refer to Item 3.1
Item 5.4 Planning Report (DPHI)
The Heritage Council of NSW noted the report.
Item 6. Heritage NSW Reporting
The Heritage Council of NSW noted the reports.
Item 7.1 Forward Agenda
The Heritage Council of NSW noted the forward agenda.
Item 7.2 HC, SHRC, AC Leave Tracker 2026
The Heritage Council of NSW noted the report.
Meeting Close
There being no items of further business, the Chair, Sally Barnes, closed the meeting at 12:45 pm.

Committee Services

Heritage Council of NSW