

MINUTES

WOLLONGONG HERITAGE REFERENCE GROUP

5.15PM ON THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2023



PRESENT

Cr Ann Martin	Aara Welz
Meredith Hutton – Via Microsoft Teams	Rod Logan
Nicholas Gill	

IN ATTENDANCE

David Green – Land Use Planning Manager WCC via Microsoft Teams	Hillary Powell – Local Studies Library Manager WCC
Joel Thompson – Coordinator Heritage WCC	Chris Stewart – Manager City Strategy WCC
Carly Boag – Heritage Officer WCC via Microsoft Teams	Sofia Gibson – City Culture + Activation Manager WCC

1 WELCOME

The Chair opened the meeting at 5:15pm and welcomed all present.

2 APOLOGIES

Linda Davis, Sandra Pires, David Bottin and Fiona Reynolds

3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chair provided an Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed all Aboriginal people present.

4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Rod Logan declared a significant pecuniary interest relating to item 8.

Cr Martin significant non-pecuniary interest Community Centre and 'The Servo' within the Conservation Area relating to item 8.

The conflicts were noted.

5 MINUTES OF MEETING

The Reference Group recommend that ***the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1 December 2022 are noted and confirmed.***

Moved by Cr Martin and Meredith Hutton

6 WOLLONGONG HERITAGE STRATEGY AND DRAFT ACTION AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2023-2027

Joel Thompson gave overview of Heritage Strategy and Draft Action and Implementation Plan.

The Membership discussed the draft Action and Implementation Plan. Various amendments to actions were recommended:

- Action 8.3 – Consider options for the conservation and appropriate use of the Bulli Miners Cottage and the Heritage Reference continue to provide advice on future conservation outcomes.
- Action 3.3 and 3.4 – Continue to grow, maintain and make accessible the Wollongong Local Studies Library Collection, including acquiring deposits of all complete heritage studies and reports
- Action 7.8 – Internally consult with Community and Cultural Division Cultural Draft Tourism Strategy and Cultural Plan Creative Wollongong 2024
- Flag Action 4.10 for additional consultation – Museums collections rather than buildings
- Action 2.4 – Retain as core business

The membership noted the information provided. A Draft Strategy and Implementation and Action Plan will be brought as an Agenda item at the May meeting for further discussion prior to being reported to Council.

7 WOLLONGONG HERITAGE GRANTS 2023/24

The membership resolved to form a sub-committee consisting of Fiona Reynolds, Meredith Hutton and Rod Logan and to find a suitable time to assess all applications as per the financial assistance policy following close of applications on 31st March 2023.

Moved by Rod Logan and Aara Welz

8 STAGE 2 WOLLONGONG HERITAGE SCHEDULE REVIEW

Joel Thompson gave overview of the Heritage Schedule Review project and history.

A confidential list of potential items was distributed to the Membership during item 4 to ensure any conflicts could be identified.

The membership discussed Aboriginal Heritage and shared and contact sites under representation on Schedule 5 of the Wollongong LEP. It was noted that a recommendation was endorsed as part of the City Centre Heritage Study (2022) to explore opportunities to work with ILALC on a Community lead Strategic Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Study. An action was recommended for inclusion on the Draft Wollongong Heritage Strategy to capture this recommendation.

Due a variety of interest in the items the Committee noted the report for progression by Staff under delegation.

9 HERITAGE STAFF REPORT

Council's Heritage Staff gave an update on the Guidelines as per the Business Paper.

David Green, Hilary Powell and Meredith Hutton left the meeting at 6.30pm.

10 UPDATES

Meredith Hutton gave the following update on behalf of the NSW National Trust -

- National Trust Heritage Forum National, Indigenous and Cultural Heritage forum 8 March 2023
- National Trust Heritage Awards
- National Trust AGM 1st Tuesday March 2023

11 OTHER MATTERS

Joel raised the Climate Change Preparedness Plan Summary Paper prepared by Heritage NSW and encouraged members to make submissions. A range of potential case studies from the LGA were raised.

Councillor Martin closed the meeting at 6.40pm

ACTION SUMMARY

Item	Action	Who	Status
1	Arrange Site Visit to Bulli Miners Cottage (Thursday)	Heritage Staff and Membership	Potential dates Circulated