

# MINUTES

## WOLLONGONG HERITAGE REFERENCE GROUP

5.15PM ON THURSDAY 14 MARCH 2019



PRESENT	
Martin Gorrick	Fiona Reynolds
Meredith Hutton	Lorraine Neate
Douglas Boleyn	
Georgina Element	

IN ATTENDANCE	
David Green – Manager Land Use Planning WCC	Carly Boag – Heritage Officer WCC
Joel Thompson – Coordinator Heritage WCC	Jenny Mcconchie– Local Studies Library WCC
Chris Stewart – Manager City Strategy WCC	Sharralyn Robinson – Aboriginal Liaison Officer
Councillor Ann Martin	Councillor Mithra Cox

### 1 WELCOME

- 2 APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Andrew Carfield, Mark Riordan (Acting Director Planning + Environment), Mark Sleigh (Destination Wollongong) and John Shipp.

Joel Thompson raised the absence of Mark Sleigh, advising that Thursdays are problematic for his attendance. Joel advised that he has continued contact with Mark, obtaining his comments on the meeting topics, and they have discussed alternate arrangements such as a meeting delegate, however at this stage this will continue to be monitored.

- 3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY – Councillor Mithra Cox provided an Acknowledgement of Country.

- 4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST – Councillor Mithra Cox declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to Item 6 the former Corrimal Coke Works site and stated that she would remove herself from the meeting for the discussion and resolution.

Members discussed what would be considered as a conflict of interest.

**ACTION: Memorandum of Understanding documentation and Reference Group Charter outlining member's responsibilities to be circulated by email to the Heritage Reference Group membership for their information.**

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2018

The Reference Group Resolved that:

***The minutes of the meeting held on 28 February 2019 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.***

Moved by Georgina Element and seconded by Lorraine Neate.

5.25pm – Councillor Mithra Cox left the meeting.

6 CORRIMAL COKE WORKS PLANNING PROPOSAL

David Green (Manager Land Use Planning) provided a brief overview of the site's history and details of the Planning Proposal, including the recent Gateway determination and timelines for the submission of the revised Masterplan, public exhibition and finalisation of the proposal.

Members discussed the consideration of the Heritage significance of the site and the potential legacy issues in regards to the former Coke works industrial areas. David Green advised that Council is currently waiting on further Heritage studies from the proponent to provide guidance on the significant Heritage elements proposed to be retained as part of the proposed Masterplan design. He also advised that the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment report was one of the studies yet to be provided for Council's consideration.

***ACTION: Members recommended that in order to provide further input to the planning proposal that a site visit to the former Corrimal Coke Works be organised for the Heritage Reference Group Members and Councillors.***

6:02pm - Councillor Mithra Cox returned to the meeting.

7 WOLLONGONG HERITAGE STRATEGY REVIEW

Joel Thompsons gave a brief update of the changes made to the draft Heritage Strategy 2019-2022 and Implementation Plan documents as discussed at the last meeting.

Members provided a number of comments and suggestions to improve the delivery of the detail and layout within the document and provide more recognition of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage.

The Reference Group Resolved that:

- 1. Members resolved that the Wollongong Heritage Reference Group recommends that members provide feedback to Heritage Staff by 29 March.***
- 2. If there is consensus by email that we endorse the Strategy, it can proceed to exhibition.***
- 3. If no consensus, the Strategy is to be brought back to the Group for further discussion.***

Moved by Councillor Mirtha Cox and seconded by Councillor Ann Martin.

Carly requested the Groups further consideration of the wording within *Strategy 6 – Identify and manage key heritage precincts and streetscapes* of the Draft Implementation Proposal Plan.

Members discussed the current action wording, noting the responsibility placed on Council and the requirements needed for the delivery of these actions. Members will consider and comment as agreed within the above resolution.

**ACTION: Thematic History documentation to be circulated by email to the Heritage Reference Group membership for their information.**

The Thematic History of Wollongong can be accessed from Council's website via the link below/:

<http://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/services/artculture/Documents/Final%20Thematic%20History%20of%20the%20City%20of%20Wollongong.pdf>

## 8 NAMING PROPOSAL PUBLIC RESERVES, KEMBLA GRANGE

Joel Thompson briefed the members of the naming proposal from a developer, for three unnamed public reserves in the Sheaffes Road subdivision, Kemplla Grange. The reserve names form part of a larger Heritage Interpretation Plan for the Kemplla Grange Estate subdivision.

Sharralyn Robinson expressed her frustration and disappointment on the misspelling of the Aboriginal people's name "Wodi Wodi". Councillor Martin also voiced objection to the use of the name for such an insignificant park.

Following the discussion, the Heritage Reference Group resolved to recommend that:

- 1 ***The Heritage Reference Group does not support No 3 Wadi Wadi Park, as the name is inaccurate and the Reserve is not worthy of this name.***
- 2 ***A more strategic approach for the naming of new Parks and Reserves be adopted by Council;***
- 3 ***The use of any Aboriginal words or names should be referred to the Local Aboriginal Land Council for comment.***

Moved by Councillor Ann Martin and seconded by Sharralyn Robinson.

## 9 WOLLONGONG HERITAGE GRANT FUND 2019/2020

The Members welcomed and noted the increase in the funding amount allocated to the Heritage Grant Funding. The following four Group members nominated to form the sub-committee to assist with the assessment of the 2019/2020 Heritage Grant Fund Applications:

1. Martin Gorrick
2. Meredith Hutton
3. Douglas Boleyn
4. Fiona Reynolds

Moved by Councillor Ann Martin and seconded by Sharralyn Robinson.

## 10 UPDATES FROM LOCAL HERITAGE INTEREST GROUPS

**Sharralyn Robinson** – Sharralyn enquired on status of the draft Mountain Bike Strategy and in particular highlighted the concerns of the local Aboriginal Community with respect to Mount Keira.

David Green clarified that the State's Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) are developing the Mountain Bike Strategy, whilst Council has developed a draft Plan of Management for the Mt Keira Summit Park. David Green confirmed that the previous comments of the Wollongong

Heritage Reference Group were included in Council's submission to OEH, and to date Council is yet to receive any further correspondence on this matter.

**Councillor Ann Martin** – Councillor Martin followed up on whether Council was able to obtain an Interim Heritage Order on Dick's Wharf, Berkeley.

Joel advised that as the Wharf is situated within Crown land, Council is unable to apply for an Interim Heritage Order as Council's Delegations do not allow use in relation to Crown Land. Joel advised that he spoke with the Crown Lands Office, who advised that there is no intention to demolish the wharf at this stage.

## 11 HERITAGE STAFF REPORT

11.1 Creative Wollongong – Cultural Plan 2019/2022

11.2 Helensburgh Town Centre Plan

11.3 Design Guide for Heritage

Joel noted that information for the above projects have been provided in the Business Paper for Members review.

## 12 OTHER MATTERS

Joel advised that the Lord Mayor's Office has received a request from Neighbourhood Forums 4 and 5 requesting the consideration of placing a Memorial within Stuart Park for "Alexander Stuart".

Members discussed their concerns with the random placement of memorials in parks and suggested that it is important to ensure that a diverse range of heritage stories are told. It was agreed that heritage interpretation material including recognition of Alexander Stuart's role in securing the reserve, should form part of a broader interpretation strategy for the precinct.

It was noted that Council has previously developed and implemented components of a "Blue Mile Heritage Strategy" which includes interpretation guidance relevant to the park.

Following the discussion, the Heritage Reference Group resolved to resolved that:

**The Wollongong Heritage Reference Group have noted the request, however Council should explore more appropriate opportunities to tell our various heritage stories as they arise.**

Moved by Councillor Ann Martin and seconded by Fiona Reynolds.

The meeting concluded at 7.05pm.

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Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held on 16 May 2019.

### ACTION SUMMARY

Item	Action	Who	Status
4	Memorandum of Understanding documentation and Reference Group Charter outlining member's responsibilities to be circulated by email to the Heritage Reference Group membership for their information	Heritage Staff	Complete
6	A site visit to the former Corrimal Coke Works be organised for the Heritage Reference Group Members and Councillors.	Heritage Staff	
7	Members resolved that the Wollongong Heritage Reference Group recommends that members provide feedback to Heritage Staff by 29 March.	Heritage Reference Group Membership/ Heritage Staff	Complete
7	Thematic History documentation to be circulated by email to the Heritage Reference Group membership for their information.	Heritage Staff	Attached to this document