

# MINUTES

## WOLLONGONG HERITAGE REFERENCE GROUP

5.15PM ON THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018



PRESENT	
Martin Gorrick	Fiona Reynolds
Meredith Hutton	John Shipp
Douglas Boleyn	Lorraine Neate
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	Megan McKell – Coordinator Cultural Development WCC
Kiosha Gardener – Community & Cultural Planner WCC	

### 1 WELCOME

- 2 APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Sharralyn Robinson, Cr Mithra Cox (Chairperson), Cr Ann Martin, Mark Riordan (Acting Director Planning + Environment) and Mark Sleight (Destination Wollongong).

Due to the absence of both Councillors, Members discussed the appointment of a Chairperson and subsequently appointed Chris Stewart as Chair of the meeting.

- 3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY – Chris Stewart (Manager City Strategy) provided an Acknowledgement of Country.

- 4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST – No interests were declared.

- 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 November 2018 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.***

Moved by Meredith Hutton and seconded by Fiona Reynolds.

## 6 CREATIVE WOLLONGONG – WOLLONGONG CITY CULTURAL PLAN

Megan McKell (Coordinator Cultural Development) and Kiosha Gardner (Community and Cultural Planner) provided a brief overview of the Wollongong City Council 2019-2022 Cultural Plan – Creative Wollongong and detailed the specific actions relating to cultural heritage.

Members discussed the need for a single platform to promote smaller community events within the Destination Wollongong platform.

Action 3.4.2 to investigate the feasibility of an “Iconic Cultural Institution” for Wollongong and Action 3.4.4 to investigate the long term storage options for museum collections were discussed in the context of possible models to support the establishment of a Regional Museum.

**Members resolved to note the information received and consider this further in the discussion of Item 7 – Wollongong Heritage Strategy Review.**

**Moved by John Shipp and seconded by Lorraine Neate.**

## 7 WOLLONGONG HERITAGE STRATEGY REVIEW

Joel Thompsons gave a brief overview of the changes made to the draft Heritage Strategy 2019-2022 and Implementation Plan documents.

Members were asked to review the documents and provide comments to be discussed at the next Reference Group meeting scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2019.

Members noted that funded and unfunded actions should be distinguished in the implementation plan.

### **ACTION:**

**Members review the Draft Heritage Strategy 2019 – 2022 and Draft Implementation Plan for comment at the next Reference Group Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019.**

## 8 BREAKWATER BATTERY MUSEUM PORT KEMBLA

Megan McKell discussed the ongoing work of the Illawarra Museums Network to establish an overarching Incorporated Association known as “The Illawarra Regional Museums Network Incorporated” to support the collections of the Breakwater Battery Museum and the Mt Kembla Mining Heritage Museum as well as other vulnerable museums in the region.

Members of the Wollongong Heritage Reference Group were invited to volunteer on the Committee of the Association and Doug Boleyn expressed his interest.

Fiona Reynolds noted that the matters raised by the Illawarra/Shoalhaven Branch National Trust have been addressed by the discussion and the information will be communicated to the National Trust membership.

**Members resolved to note the information discussed.**

**Moved by Meredith Hutton and seconded by John Shipp.**

## 9 UPDATES FROM LOCAL HERITAGE INTEREST GROUPS

**Martin Gorrick:**

- Martin gave a general update in relation to the Thirroul Village Committee and noted that Committee has been mobilised due to development pressure in the Thirroul area.
- Martin noted that the Committee has identified a number of possible conservation areas and local character precincts in the Thirroul locality and expressed the Committee's desire to have further studies done to investigate these areas.
- The Reference Group noted the importance of grassroots heritage management and encouraged Martin Gorrick to ensure the Committee opens dialogue with the local branch of the National Trust and Council in relation to these issues.

## 10 HERITAGE STAFF REPORT

Joel provided a brief overview of the information provided in the Heritage Staff Report relating to various Council and other projects.

**Members resolved to note the information in the report.**

**Moved by John Shipp, seconded by Fiona Reynolds.**

## 11 GARRAWARRA HOSPITAL – DEMOLITION PLANS

The Department of Health proposal for the demolition of a range of significant structures and buildings on the Garrawarra Hospital Site was discussed by the Reference Group.

The membership noted that it holds significant concerns with the proposal and that these concerns should be reflected in Council's formal response to the development notification.

**ACTION: Heritage Impact Statement prepared by BIOSIS in support of the proposal be circulated by email to the Heritage Reference Group membership for their information.**

**Members resolved to receive the information in the report**

**Moved by Meredith Hutton, seconded by John Shipp.**

## 12 OTHER MATTERS

### **Corrimal Coke Works Planning Proposal**

Doug Boleyn raised a number of issues in relation to the Corrimal Coke Works Planning Proposal that is currently being assessed by Wollongong City Council.

Joel Thompson noted that a range of additional information is being sought from the applicant, including updated Heritage Studies and ongoing environmental investigation.

This matter will be included on the Agenda for the next Reference Group meeting in March 2019 or once the relevant additional information is received.

The meeting concluded at 7.15pm.

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Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held on 14 March 2019.

Thursday 28 February 2018

Level 9 Function Room

5.15 pm

