

NOTES

WOLLONGONG HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

5.17 PM ON WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 2015



PRESENT

Councillor Ann Martin (Acting Chair)

Carol Herben

Annette Williams

Meredith Hutton

IN ATTENDANCE

Renee Campbell – Manager Environmental Strategy and Planning

Joel Thompson – Strategic Project Officer – Heritage

Marisa O'Connor – Local Studies Team Leader

Martin Jameson – Development Project Officer (Acting)

Amanda Atkinson – Niche Environment and Heritage

NOTE: As a quorum was not reached, the meeting was held as an information discussion only. The following notes are provided as a record of this discussion.

- 1 WELCOME – Councillor Martin (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2 APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Councillor Vicki Curran, Ben Meek, Douglas Boleyn, Sharralyn Robinson, Mitchell Gordon, Alana Hansell and David Green.
- 3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY – Councillor Martin (Chair) provided the Welcome to Country.
- 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Carol Herben declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in relation to Waterfall General (Garrawarra) Cemetery – State Heritage Nomination (Item 12.1 of Heritage Officer's Report).

- 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11 FEBRUARY 2015

Due to quorum not being reached, the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2015 were not confirmed.

Confirmation of these Minutes to be held over to the next meeting which is to be held on 13 May 2015.

- 6 HILL 60 CMP REVIEW – PROJECT UPDATE

Martin Jameson provided an update on the Hill 60 Conservation Management Plan project.

Amanda Atkinson from Niche Environment and Heritage provided a presentation on the initial findings of the report and the community consultation outcomes. A copy of the power point presentation is attached.

The Committee thanked Amanda and Martin for attending the meeting.

7 BULLI MINER'S COTTAGE

Joel provided update as per the Business Paper.

Continued updates to be provided at future committee meetings.

8 HERITAGE SCHEDULE REVIEW – PROJECT UPDATE

Joel provided update as per his Business Paper and advised where to next.

Members were requested to spend some time reviewing the updated State Heritage Inventory forms over the coming months and provide any feedback or suggestions for improvements to Joel for consideration.

A further report on the project will be provided to the 13 May 2015 meeting.

9 ILLAWARRA 200 (BI-CENTENARY) COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Expression of Interest process closes on 31 March. This is for the initial program of events. Once this is established the Expression of Interest process will re-open and will remain open to add events to the program.

Joel encouraged members to look at the Expression of Interest and consider nominating events.

The Aboriginal community is being engaged and are positive about the project and keen to be engaged.

Richard Davis attended the last meeting and showed a film titled "Together Wall".

Joel to look into having the film shown at a future WHAC meeting.

10 SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. *Heritage Festival Sub-Committee:*

Annette provided update of where sub-committee is up to, and also provided a draft of festival pamphlet for members comment/input.

Wollongong Council logo and National Trust logo to be placed on pamphlet – Meredith to forward National Trust logo to Annette.

Joel advised that use of the Council logo on the pamphlet requires a process of approval then it can be promoted through Council's website.

Any comments/input to be emailed directly to Annette.

2. *Historic Cemetery's Policy Sub-Committee:*

Annette advised that nothing has happened as yet and Joel advised he has sent an email to the cemetery staff but has not yet received a response.

11 UPDATE DATES FOR LOCAL HERITAGE INTEREST GROUPS

Carol Herben

Carol advised that of the 14 WWI names she is aware of the Department of Veterans Affairs have acknowledged 12. Six additional names have been located and these are awaiting confirmation.

Carol advised that she has been in contact with the Department of Veterans Affairs in relation to a Boar War man who died in 1915 and the Department have offered her a plaque for his grave in Waterfall Cemetery. Carol suggested that a service be held before ANZAC Day at the Waterfall Cemetery and requested the Lord Mayor dedicate the Cemetery at the same time. Also thought someone for the Department of Veterans Affairs should be present in relation to putting the plaque on Matthew Sturman's grave.

Joel noted that Carol has written to Council and a response is being prepared.

The Illawarra Museum building was gazetted last week and has been added to the State Heritage Register.

Carol advised she is now working on a nomination for the Museum's collection, as a moveable heritage item.

Berkeley Pioneer Cemetery Restoration Group – Annette Williams

Annette advised that at the AGM she was again appointed President and Treasurer.

They are preparing Expression of Interest for Bicentenary events as well as preparing for the upcoming heritage tours.

Old Court House Management Committee – Meredith Hutton

Meredith advised that the paint colours have been decided and they are waiting on State Heritage Exemption.

Illawarra Shoalhaven Branch of the National Trust – Meredith Hutton

Meredith advised they are currently updating their listing database and building on the data by requesting members to provide information on sites.

They are still working on getting classification report prepared on sea baths in Wollongong.

The Rock Pools photographic exhibition is on at the moment at Red Point Gallery in Port Kembla.

Upcoming events include walking tours, vintage bazaar and war time event.

The Trust has written emails to Joel concerning Bulli Miners Cottage and Gleniffer Brae.

Illawarra Historical Society and Museum – Marisa O'Connor

Marisa advised that at the AGM, Tony Ball was elected President and John Schipp was elected Museum Manager.

12 HERITAGE OFFICER'S REPORT

Joel provided information as per his Heritage Officer's Report in relation to the following items:

- 12.1 Waterfall General (Garrawarra) Cemetery – State Heritage Nomination.
- 12.2 State Heritage Listing – Original Wollongong Telegraph and Post Office.
- 12.3 Gleniffer Brae – Call for Proposals Process.

- 12.4 Sandon Point and McCauley's Beach Plan of Management – Project Update.
- 12.5 Bald Hill Proposed Works.
- 12.6 War Memorial Restoration Works.
- 12.7 Public Spaces/Public Life – Project Update.
- 12.8 (Former) Dwyer's Site – Archaeological Open Day and Site Interpretation.

The information was received and noted.

13 OTHER MATTERS

Carol advised that "The Hat Pin" would be playing at the Phoenix Theatre from 7 to 15 August 2015.

The meeting concluded at 7.07 pm.

These information meeting notes to be noted at the next meeting to be held at 5.15 pm on Wednesday 13 May 2015.

2015 – Future Meetings Schedule

Wednesday 11 February	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	5.15 pm
Wednesday 11 March	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	5.15 pm
Wednesday 13 May	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	5.15 pm
Wednesday 15 July	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	5.15 pm
Wednesday 9 September	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	5.15 pm
Wednesday 11 November	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	5.15 pm



Hill 60 Reserve, Port Kembla

Presentation to WCC Heritage Committee

Amanda Atkinson

niche
Environment and Heritage

11 March 2015 Wollongong City Council

Background

- Niche Environment & Heritage (Niche) commissioned to review the existing Conservation Management Plan completed by Dallas (2000)
- Aboriginal and Historic Heritage significance of subject area.
- Niche engaged community stakeholders to inform supplementary Conservation Management Plan (Niche 2015).
- Niche completed 2 reports as part of this commission.
 - *Hill 60 Reserve Port Kembla NSW, Draft Conservation Management Plan Supplementary Report (Niche 2015)*
 - *Hill 60 Port Kembla NSW, Community engagement report (Niche 2015b)*

Location



Supplementary Report

- A Supplementary European History (Section 2.0)
- Aboriginal Cultural Heritage, including a summary of consultation with Aboriginal stakeholder groups and confirmation of the subject area's contemporary Aboriginal heritage values (Section 3.0)
- Revised significance assessment for both Aboriginal and European heritage (Section 4.0)
- A summary of previous Conservation Policies and management (Section 5.0)
- A discussion the current heritage and management status of the Reserve (Section 6.0)
- Revised Conservation Policies to guide and inform future management of Hill 60 (Section 7.0)

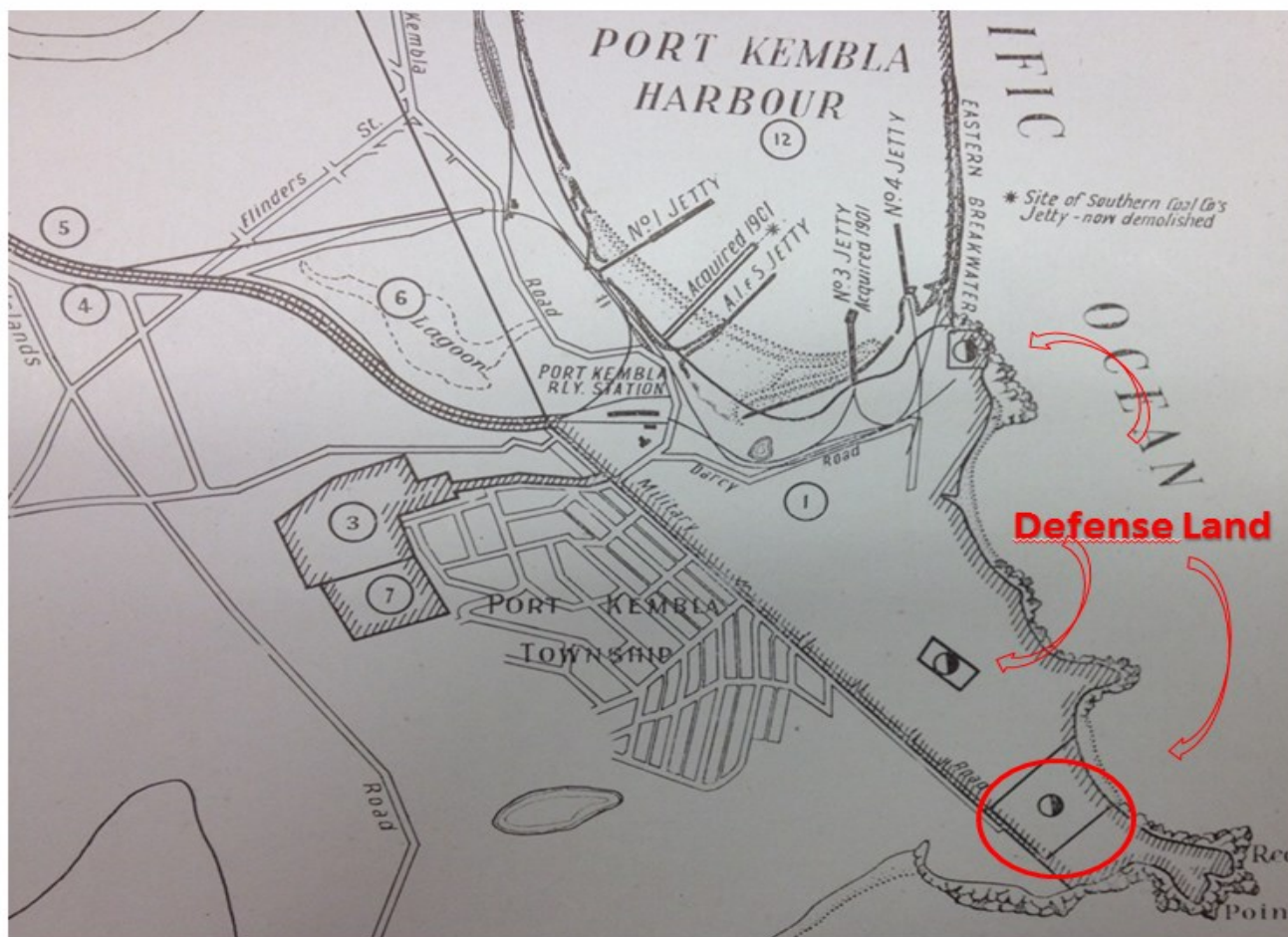
Background Research

Report presents an historical analysis of the European history of the Hill 60 Reserve post 1901, as it was not previously outlined by (Dallas 2000).

Key Points

- Land acquired in 1909 but little was done with it for defence purposes.
- Land had always been occupied by Aboriginal people.
- Built in 1942-3 to protect Port Kembla's industry and Australian shores.

Hill 60 land acquisition



Historic Images



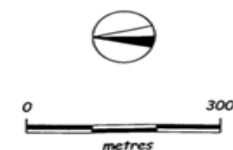
Plate 1: Kembla Fortress Area, NSW. Australia. 1944-10-12. No. 2 Gun, Illowra Battery Kembla Coast Artillery, showing its emplacement in hillside and its section post. (Source. AWM item Id. 81445).



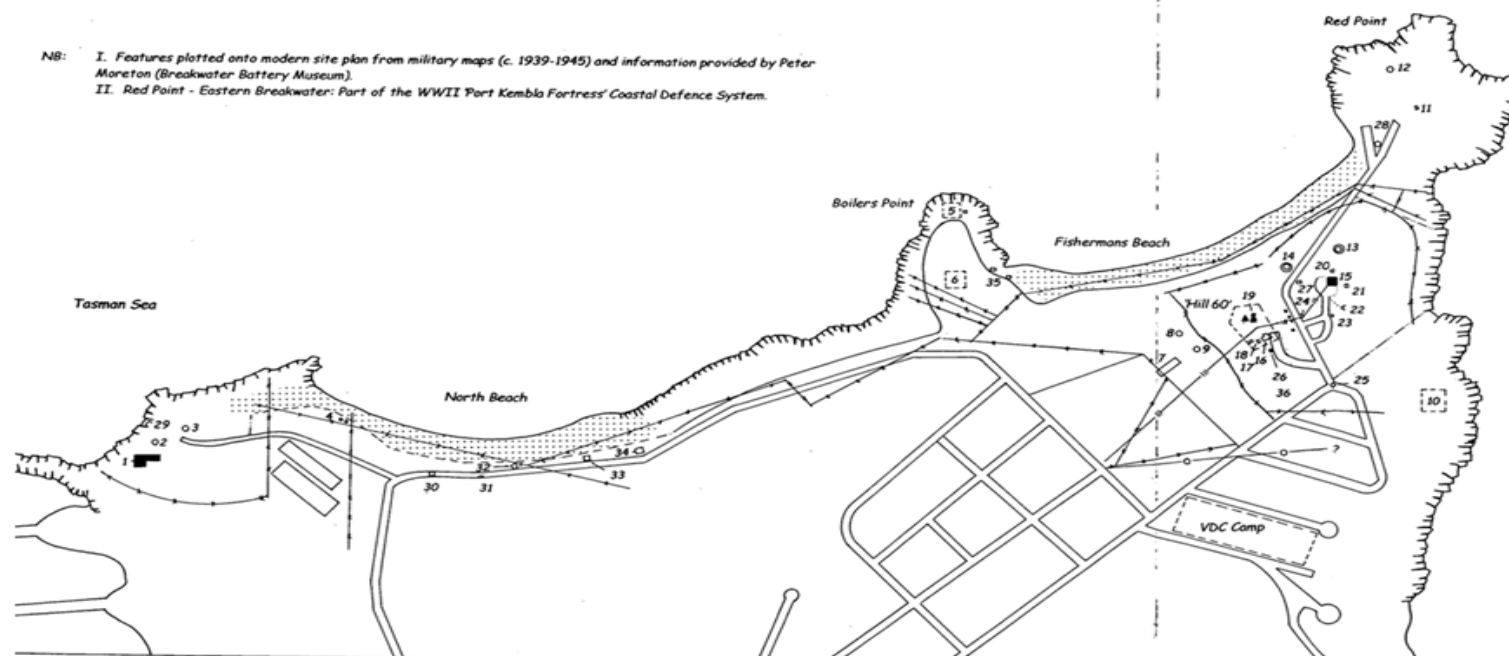
Plate 3: Kembla Fortress Area, NSW. Australia. 1944-10-12. No. 6 Coast Artillery searchlight emplacement Illowra Battery Kembla. (Source. AWM item Id. 81442).

Key					
1	No.1 Control Tower (main command building)	16	Officer's Quarters	30	G.I. Cottage
2	6" Gun Emplacement	17	Garage	31	G.I. Cottage
3	6" Gun Emplacement	18	Engine Room	32	Machine Gun Post
4	Machine Gun Post	19	No. 2 Control Tower	33	G.I. & W.B. Cottage
5	Electric/Beach Light	20	Security Post	34	'Surf Sheds'
6	Engine Room	21	? Cottage	35	G. I. huts
7	Cottage (Red Cross)	22	Entrance to Service Tunnel	36	unlabelled: ? huts/sheds
8	Machine Gun Post	23	? G.I. Shed		
9	Search Light	24	Transformer		
10	Electric Light	25	Engine Room		
11	Engine Room	26	Signals Box	—+—	Barbed Wire & Defensive Earthworks
12	Electric/Beach Light	27	Security Post	---x---	Compound fence
13	Gun Emplacement (No. 1)	28	Machine Gun Post	—x—	High Power cable
14	Gun Emplacement (No. 2)	29	Livestock Disposal Ramp	—○—	4" water main
15	No. 3 Control Tower		(dead stock fed to sharks)	---x---	study area boundary

— Barbed Wire & Defensive Earthworks
 - - - Compound fence
 — High Power cable
 — 4" water main
 - - - study area boundary



NB: I. Features plotted onto modern site plan from military maps (c. 1939-1945) and information provided by Peter Moreton (Breakwater Battery Museum).
 II. Red Point - Eastern Breakwater: Part of the WWII Port Kembla Fortress' Coastal Defence System.



Aboriginal Heritage

An extensive AHIMS search (Appendix 1) was carried out for the subject area on 1 October 2014 (Client ID #149692). There were no sites identified during this search that had not been previously identified by Dallas (2000: 48). These sites comprise of three middens, two ceremonial and dreaming locations and a human skull

AHIMS Site Number	Site Name	Description
52-2-0072	Red Point	Human skull, excavated in 1974.
52-2-0476	Red Point	Midden including stone artefacts.
52-2-1728	Red point	Midden
52-2-1289	North Beach 2; Hill 60	Midden
52-2-3208	Hill 60/ Red Point	Ceremonial/ Dreaming
52-2-3202	Five Islands	Ceremonial Dreaming

Aboriginal Heritage Sites



AHIMS
Hill 60 Reserve CMP Supplementary Report
FIGURE 9
Aerial Imagery: (c) AAM Pty Ltd (2011)

Aboriginal Community Consultation



Aboriginal community consultation was undertaken in accordance with the DECCW 2010 *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation requirements for proponents 2010*.

- Stage 1 – Notification of Project proposal and registration of interest
- Stage 2 - Presentation of information about the proposed Project
- Stage 3 - Gathering information about the cultural significance
- Stage 4 – Review of draft cultural heritage assessment report

Registered Stakeholders

Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council

Mr Gary Caines- Individual

Mr Ali Maher- Koori Site Management

Mr Paul Charles-Kullila Site Consultants

Mr James Davis- Wodi Wodi Elders Corporation

Community Consultation



Local Residents	Tourists	Fishermen	Hanggliders
Wollongong City Council internal staff	Bushcare	Sydney Water	Volunteer Coast Guard Service
Department of Education	Destination Wollongong	Local Land Services (formerly Catchment Management Authority)	Illawarra District Weeds Authority
Illawarra Local Aboriginal Land Council	Mr Rueben and Mrs Gwen Brown-Korewal Elouera Jerrungurah Elders Council	Mr James Davis- Wodi Wodi Elders Corporation	Coomaditchie United Aboriginal Corporation
Mr Paul Cummins- Woronora Plateau Elders Corporation	Registered Aboriginal Parties/individuals	WCC Aboriginal Reference Group	Wollongong Heritage Advisory Committee
Illawarra Shoalhaven Branch of the National Trust	Battery Park/ Port Kembla Heritage Park	Illawarra Historical Society	Five Islands Secondary College
Port Kembla Public School	St Patricks Parish Primary School	Kemblawarra Public School and Preschool	Denis Rath-Port Kembla Surf Life Saving Club
Port Kembla Cricket Club	Port Kembla Soccer Club	Mr Daniel and Mrs June McNamara	Mr Russell and Mrs Shirley Massey
Jim Lyon-Port Kembla RSL	Lord Mayor Gordon Bradbury	Deputy Mayor Chris Connor	Councillor Ann Martin
Councillor Vicki Curran	Councillor Bede Crasnich	Mr Gary Caines	Ms Josie Rose
Mr Brendon Ward			

Community Consultation

Outcome of consultation	Number of people in favour of this outcome
Keep the area of the subject area green	51
Build a walking trail with signage	26
Cafe or restaurant on Hill 60	10
General reopening of the tunnels on Hill 60	7
General tenting and bitou removal	6
More infrastructure seating/picnicking	6
An ice cream truck or coffee van on Hill 60	5
Viewing platform off Hill 60	5
Permits or a formalised agreement for the para gliders and hang gliders	5
Information sign board describing the history of the area with photographs	5
Move the RSL's war memorial and cannon to the Hill	5
No fitness groups	5
No cafe or restaurant	2
SQS training on Hill 60	2
No permit or formalised agreement for para gliders and hang gliders	2
Make the existing lookout on Hill 60 safer	2
General vegetation trimming on Hill 60	2
Reopen the tunnels with a cafe/restaurant or canteen	2
Open the tunnels for guided tours	2
Concern for bats living in tunnels	2
No more infrastructure seating/picnicking or signage	2
Vegetation clearance at the northern end of MM	2
Childrens playground with shade cloth on MM Beach	2
Staircase for access to northern end of MM Beach	2
Generally more rubbish collection	2
Paint a mural on the look out at Hill 60	1
Warning signs in place about para glider and hang glider launching	1
A club house for the para gliders and hang gliders to use for storage and meetings on Hill 60	1
Conduct ANZAC ceremonies on the Hill	1
Build a walk way made of recycled industrial remains ie. Wood and steel	1
Reopen the tunnels with a mushroom farm	1
Reopen the tunnels with a cinema	1
Trimming of vegetation on Redpoint	1
A sculpture in place that represents the industrial past of the area	1
No dogs on Fishermans beach	1
Repair the access ramp to Fishermans Beach	1
Rehabilitate the Green and Gold Bell frog pond	1
Conference centre and/or hotel at existing sawage works location	1
An area to practice hang glider launching on MM Beach	1
Repair the Aboriginal totem poles	1
Bike rack on MM Beach	1
Exercise equipment on MM Beach	1
Shower on MM Beach	1
Plant pines along MM Beach	1
Vegetation planted along Gloucester Blvd	1
Generally more bins	1
Build a skate park	1
Total	177

Results of Consultation



- Consider upgrades to the current lookout and make it safer for the public to access.
- Investigate reopening the tunnels; if the tunnels could not be reopened then permanent closure needs to be looked into.
- Look into building a small café or restaurant on the hill. If this is not viable perhaps look at getting a coffee van or ice cream truck to attend the site.
- Look at putting in a more permanent walking track; that is kept clear of vegetation and trip hazards.
- The RSL would like to see a place set aside for their war memorial and cannon on the hill, possibly near where the old depot building was once located.
- Trim the vegetation that is quite overgrown at the Hill 60 lookout.
- Put in place a formal agreement between the hanggliders/paragliders and Wollongong City Council for use of the hill for the purposes of recreational gliding.
- Look into putting some more seating and tables along MM Beach so visitors can enjoy the view.
- Trim the vegetation at the northern end of MM Beach.
- Upgrade the access to FishermansBeach.

Recommendations

Urgent – Required in 1-3 months

- A full audit of military structures on Hill 60 Reserve should be undertaken by WCC in conjunction with a structural engineer. These structures include the semi-circular brick gun emplacement, stormwater drains as well and the observation deck and tunnels. The audit should include a condition assessment of the structures.
- A more detailed heritage assessment of the military structures should then be undertaken by a suitably qualified heritage consultant. This assessment would be informed by the audit and condition assessment and should include a maintenance schedule.
- This detailed assessment should be forwarded to the NSW Heritage Division and a request made to amend the current SHR listing for Hill 60 / Illowra Battery. The amendments should include a more detailed significance assessment of the military structures that remain within Hill 60 Reserve.

Recommendations

Short term - Required within 6 to 12 months

- Investigate the possibility of opening a tunnel for public access and safely closing off those sections of tunnel that have fallen into disrepair. This investigation must comply with the outcomes of the audit and assessments outlined above.
- Audit and repair the staircase and handrail currently present on the observation deck. The hand rail and staircase is currently unsafe and will need upgrading if the building is to continue to be used as an observation deck. Advice from a heritage architect should be sought to identify appropriate materials and designs to suit the heritage building.

Recommendations

Medium to Long Term 1-3 years

- Re-open a military tunnel on site for public access, through either guided tours or organised open days. This will require looking at specific options for the tunnels clean up and safe access. Detailed advice from a heritage architect will be required.
- Carry out a detailed Concept Landscape Master Plan and Interpretation Plan for the site. This will require the advice of a heritage architect to provide specialist advice on conservation options for the built heritage items within the Hill 60 Reserve area. The master plan would look at interpretation options for the former military buildings including the tunnels, observation deck and gun emplacement.

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