

Heritage Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name	Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC)	Meeting No.	D-23-082819
Meeting Date	Thursday 29 June 2023		
Meeting Time	11.30am – 12.30pm		
Meeting Location	Randolph Stow Meeting Rooms, Geraldton Regional Library		
Attendance by Electronic Means	<i>In accordance with the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 regulation 14C (2) - Attendance has been authorised by the Mayor for Cr Michael Reymond to attend this meeting by electronic means.</i>		
Attendees	Cr. Jerry Clune (JC) (Chair) Cr. Michael Reymond (MR) Cr. Kim Parker (KP) Tanya Henkel (TH) (by electronic means) Trudi Cornish (TC) Farnaz Bairaghi (FB) Gary Martin (GM) Denielle Riley (DR) Marilyn McLeod (MM) Shiree Hamersley (SH) Annette Burton (AB (Minutes)	By Invitation	
		Apologies	Cr. Natasha Colliver (NC) Cr. Tarleah Thomas (TT) Rita Stinson (RS) Gary Warner (GW) Leigh O'Brien (LO) Fiona Norling (FN) Sam Messina (SM) Karrie Elder (KE)
		Leave of Absence	
		Distribution	As listed. National Trust (WA)
Purpose of Committee	Refer to Committee Book		

All Committee Members, including external members, are subject to the same rules as a Council Meeting concerning confidentiality, public statements, conflicts of interest and behaviours of members, pursuant to the [Local Government \(Model Code of Conduct\) Regulations 2021](#).

The Presiding Member is to refer to the following Policy, Meeting Procedures and Regulations when chairing a meeting.

[Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011](#)

[Council Policy 4.4. Operation of Advisory Committees](#)

[Council Policy 4.2 Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates](#)

1 Welcome & Apologies

JC opened the meeting and welcomed those present, including new Walkaway Station Museum representative, Shiree Hamersley.

2 Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to respectfully acknowledge the Yamatji people who are the Traditional Owners and First People of the land on which we meet/stand. I would like to pay my respects to the Elders past, present and future for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Yamatji people.

3 Disclosure of Interests

MR disclosed that he is a committee member of the Geraldton Club and there may potentially be a conflict of interest in any discussions regarding the Club.

4 Applications for Leave of Absence

No applications for leave.

5 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Committee Recommendation:

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting held on 23 March 2023 as previously circulated, be adopted as true and correct record of proceedings.

COMMITTEE DECISION:

Moved: Marilyn McLeod, SECONDED: Gary Martin

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CARRIED

6 Action Log

No discussion. Two items on the Action Log are ongoing and are to remain on the Action Log.

7 Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan 2023-2025

MR asked for clarification on the term "Innovate" regarding the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

DR explained that there are different levels or stages that the RAP needs to meet. The RAP had been moved to the "Innovate" level to reflect where the City is at currently. It was noted that the City has been very successful in meeting the set actions and deliverables of the Innovate level. The circulation of the draft Innovate RAP is an ongoing action item.

8 Ex-Victoria District Hospital Staff Association

TC advised the Ex-Victoria District Hospital Staff Association had written to the City, thanking Cr Colliver and other Councillors for their support regarding the Memorabilia they have on display at the Geraldton Heritage Precinct. A copy of the letter has been submitted with the tabled documents for the meeting.

JC asked if the display will be set up again at the proposed new location at the Geraldton Regional Hospital.

TC advised that she is unsure when or if the items will be on display again. She advised that Lorin Cox had helped the Association to digitize some of their items and to be part of the Collections WA website.

DR said that she may have further items and memorabilia in relation to local Aboriginal nurses and will follow-up with staff to see if the Local Heritage Collection or if the Ex Victoria District Hospital Staff Association would be interested.

9 Plaques Program for State Registered Places

TC advised that the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) are running a Plaques Program and offering a limited allowance of stainless-steel plaques and virtual plaques at no cost, for State Registered Places only. Plaques are individually tailored to each place. The Heritage Council chooses annually which places will receive the free plaques.

TC advised that Heritage Services would be submitting a list of 10 places from across the CGG and asked if the Committee would like input into the selection. It was agreed that the three Community Museums should be nominated, among others.

ACTION: TC to submit a list of significant places to the DPLH for consideration for the program, including Walkaway Station Museum, Bluff Point Lighthouse Keepers Cottage and the Greenough Museum and Gardens.

10 Scoping Study: Future Storage Needs of CGG Cultural Collections

TC and TH have been undertaking research and authorship of a Scoping Study into the future storage needs of City Cultural Collections. This Study was included on the New Capital Programme 2021/22 and carried forward to 2022/23. The brief was to inspect those collections owned and managed by the City, and held at the Geraldton Regional Art Gallery, Geraldton Regional Library, QPT, Civic Centre, Royal Wolf Storage, Mullewa District Office and the Mullewa Masonic Lodge, along with collections held by the 3 community museums at Bluff Point, Greenough and Walkaway. It was noted there are many other additional special interest and private collections held in Geraldton of various size and extent. The Report is in its final draft stages and will be shared with the Committee likely in July/August.

TH advised that the collections were in various states of housing, some better than others, and that most collections were already close to or at capacity of their current storage situations.

11 Mullewa Pioneer Cemetery

TC advised that incident occurred at the Mullewa Pioneer Cemetery on 20 June whereby a small grave had subsided. The subsidence was reported to the City in the afternoon and was mediated by 7.00am the following day.

MR asked if we are going to obtain a ground radar study of the cemetery.

JC advised that a previous budget request for this work had not been approved.

DR asked if there were other avenues for funding. The matter is ongoing and will continue to be investigated by Officers.

MM asked if a lonely grave at White Peaks could be included. However, being a private property this would be a different matter.

12 General Business

12.1 CGG Heritage Advisor – Reports Tabled April 2023, June 2023

April and June reports tabled by TH.

TH asked if there were any questions in relation to the reports.

MR asked about damaged windows at the Art Gallery.

TH advised that she had a met with CGG Maintenance team re the matter.

TC advised that the City have since removed the aggregate stones from the building aeration channels, relined them with permeable cloth and replaced the stones so that they are now hidden. Since this work there have been no further reports of stone throwing at the site.

GM advised that the Greenough Museum and Gardens universal access toilets are nearing completion and thanked the City/TH for their help regarding the potential of archaeological finds. He advised that no items were found.

MM advised that the Geraldton Club Committee will no longer be seeking to install a chair lift at the front entrance and stair well.

12.2 Report from Heritage Services Coordinator

Report tabled by FB.

JC asked where he can get a copy of Stan Gratte's new book?

FB advised that it is available at the Walkaway Station Museum.

12.3 Reports from Community Museums and Groups

12.3.1 Greenough Museum and Gardens Community Association

Presented by Gary Martin.

Our major event since the last meeting was the hosting of the AMAGA Midwest Chapter Meeting on 6th May. Over 35 people attended coming from as far afield as Perth, Wubin and Chapman Valley. Our guest speaker was well known local comedian Brian Poller who gave a very thought provoking and humorous talk as to why we should value museums.

Other events held include a bird nest-box workshop courtesy of NACC and Birdlife on 1st April (27 people), a Creative Writing Workshop for Children on 13th April, an outdoor movie night courtesy of Shinema on 13th May (38 people), Sal's Garden Workshop on 27th May (30 people), Cancer Council Big Morning Tea on 18th June (12 people), and our Winter Solstice Bonfire on 24th June, which 15 people attended.

Meanwhile in the Community Hub we had a rehang of "Convict Tracks" in April, which was then replaced in May with "Flowers & Gardens." We have two local exhibitions planned for September/October.

New donations include some antique dolls prams, a table and chair from Thys, and a c1955 St John Ambulance First Aid box.

We received \$1000 grant from Bendigo Bank which we will be used for uniforms and name tags for staff and volunteers.

Looking ahead, I have asked to give a presentation at the State Heritage Conference that will be held on the 23 & 24 October 2023 at the State Theatre Centre in Perth. The presentation will be based on the theme - Sharing case studies: Managing and presenting the multiple values and stories of heritage places.

Thank you, Gary Martin, Curator Greenough Museum & Gardens

MR asked if disabled parking signage will be installed at the Museum?

GM said that this type of signage is installed by the CGG.

12.3.2 Walkaway Station Museum

Presented by Shiree Hamersley.

At Walkaway Railway Station we have had some major changes happening. A new committee took over in April. We have had some speed hump to overcome but things seem to be smoothing out.

We have had great support from the CGG with having the steam engine cleaned and the main shed repaired to stop the pigeons. Also relocking of the museum.

Together with the CWA a market day is held once a month and seems to be growing in popularity each month. Which is seeing many more people come through the Museum.

Robert Taylor has donated 2 Sunshine Harvesters, an 1899 working machine, maybe one of the only one still in operation and 1912. Robert is kindly doing a working demonstration of the 1899 harvester this weekend at the markets which is also another draw card for Walkaway.

We have also had the launch of Stan Gratte's new book which saw train lovers come to see him and buy the book, we are also stocking this in the museum.

We are currently preparing the Museum for wildflower season and have a busy bee set for 5th August.

We are still trying to track down the acquisition register of the museum as it never got handed over.

Working with Heritage services we have been sorting through the old newspapers and they are going to create a separate acquisition register for the newspapers.

We have been in contact with other museums that the newspaper relates to on whether they would like the newspaper in their collection that are relevant to their area.

We have lots of plans but just need time.

JC – Congratulated Shiree and the new Committee on all the great work already undertaken.

JC advised that he recently visited Carnamah and said that is fantastic that these small communities are working so hard to hold on to their heritage, including a substantial amount of work in digitizing their collections.

12.3.3 Geraldton Historical Society

No representative present at the meeting and no report presented.

12.3.4 Mullewa Heritage Sub-Committee, Mullewa Community Group

No representative present at the meeting and no report presented.

13 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 21 September 2023, with the time and location to be advised. Calendar invitation to be circulated.

14 Close

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 12.20pm.

Signed (Chair – Cr. Jerry Clune)

Date