

Meeting Minutes

Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Name	Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC) Meeting	Meeting No.	3 of 2014
Meeting Date	Wednesday 11 June 2014		
Meeting Time	10.00am – 11.00am		
Meeting Location	Geraldton Regional Library, Randolph Stow Rooms 1 & 2		
Attendees	Cr. Tarleah Thomas (Chair) (TT)	By Invitation	
	Susan Smith (SS)	Apologies	Cr. Jerry Clune
	Gary Martin (GM)		Cr. Simon Keemink
	Karina Day (KD)		Leigh O'Brien
	Marilyn McLeod (MM)		Lisa Sturis
	Paul Connolly (PC)		Jacqui Bradley
	Graham Alexander (GA)		Rita Stinson
	Serena Schewtschenko (SSc)		Ric McCracken
	Trudi Cornish (TC)		Tanya Henkel
	Shauni Downes (Minutes) (SD)		Andrea Selvey
		Distribution	As above

1. Welcome and Apologies

All welcomed and apologies noted.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved: Paul Connolly Seconded: Gary Martin

3. Agenda Items

3.1. Heritage Seminar, Albany (Cr. Thomas)

TT noted attending the seminar in March 2014 was worthwhile and a great success. The seminar was conducted over 3 days with sessions about planning as well as site visits to The National Anzac Centre and heritage listed buildings in the area. TT demonstrated the use of the Inherit website as a tool for searching for more information on heritage listed sites. The State Heritage Office (SHO) has requested that all Local Government Authorities assist with keeping Inherit up-to-date. SSc noted that the City had been liaising with the SHO with regard to this and that work on overcoming integration issues was ongoing.

3.2. Heritage Strategy Update (Susan Smith)

SS advised that the majority of prioritised actions for 2013/14 were completed.

3.2.1 The City's Heritage Advisor has completed the City's Heritage Asset Survey .The aim of this survey is to provide budget outlines, suggested time frames and priority listing of restoration requirements for City owned heritage listed properties.

3.2.2 Heritage Sign Audit

SS noted Tanya Henkel had also finished stage one of the Interpretive Signage Audit, which is a very comprehensive document and will assist planning maintenance of all signs. Information will be uploaded to My Data software for future reference.

3.2.3 Terms of Reference

The revised CP023 Heritage Policy and Terms of Reference were adopted by Council on 27 May 2014.

3.2.4 Heritage Based School Visits

Students from Nagle Catholic College, Strathalbyn Christian College and John Willcock College had arranged Library visits with an emphasis on historical information. During the month of June, over 500 school children and their teachers will participate in these visits.

3.2.5 Book Publishing Project

On Wednesday, 18 June 2014 the next title for the Midwest Heritage Series, *Geraldton's Story*, by Mr Stan Gratte will be launched. The booklet provides an overview of the Aboriginal Culture and European Settlement in Geraldton. The next booklet to be published will be *The Original Railway Station - Geraldton*, researched and written by Gary Martin.

As part of the annual Big Sky Readers and Writers Festival, *The Search for HMAS Sydney: An Australian Story*, will be launched. The City partially funded the publication of this title.

3.3 State Heritage Awards (Susan Smith)

SS requested that the minutes note that the City of Greater Geraldton was the winner in the Outstanding Heritage Practices by a Local Government category at the State Heritage Awards in April.

3.4 CGG Heritage Awards (Trudi Cornish)

Acknowledgements made to all 2014 Heritage Award recipients (see attached) with special thanks given to this year's judges, Cr. Clune, Cr. Keemink and Lisa Sturis and also to Cr. Thomas and Cr. Clune for their assistance with officiating at the Presentation Evening, Friday 11 April. Feedback from LS has been received offering some suggestions for streamlining the judging process for next year's awards. The Heritage team are creating a CD and booklet for all recipients which will be produced each year.

3.5 Mullewa Goods Shed Update (Susan Smith)

SS reported that Brookfield Rail had been approached about the deteriorating Mullewa Goods Shed. Although there was no budget to completely repair the structure, an allowance has been made to secure it in its current state to protect the building from further deterioration.

Brookfield Rail will also inspect the loading ramp at Tenindewa which is in a state of disrepair.

3.6 Greenough Roads Board Building (Susan Smith)

SS contacted Chris Budhan, Manager from Arts, Culture and Events about the use of the building as part of the Artist in Residence program at Central Greenough. An inspection of the building is planned.

3.7 Original Railway Station (Graham Alexander)

GA provided an overview of the restoration of the building, which is on track for completion in November 2014. GA explained that at all times where possible, salvageable material is being left on the building.

ACTION: GA to forward progress photos to SS.

3.8 Walkaway Shed Update (Graham Alexander)

The Railway Carriage Display Shed will be complete by July 2014. Rolling stock will be transported from Bassendean for display in the new shed, which is part of the Walkaway Station Museum precinct.

3.9 Esplanade Signage Project (Susan Smith)

SS is managing a small project which will see up to nine interpretive signs installed at the Esplanade. This will be a joint project between the City and the Geraldton Port Authority. Signs will include information about the Port, aboriginal names, topography, history of the area and the seal colony on Seal Rocks.

3.10 Future Meeting Dates (Susan Smith)

It was proposed that the next meeting could be held to coincide with the visit of the City's Heritage Advisor, which will be on 11 July. The meeting will be at Mullewa.

4. General Business

4.1 Museums Australia Regional State Conference, 17 – 18 October, Geraldton (Flyer attached)

The Museum will be hosting the welcome and entertainment for the State Conference and encourages HAC members to attend.

4.2 Opening Colin "Scruffy Burgess" Grandstand

The opening of the Grandstand will be held Sunday, 15 June at 1.45pm with Councillors and City Staff invited to attend.

4.3 Local Museum Grant

GM advised that Council had endorsed a curatorial assistance grant for the three volunteer run local museums in the Geraldton area when leases were awarded in 2012. The funding would be provided for three years, so 2014/15 will be the final year of this arrangement. GM requested that the committee make a recommendation to continue the funding. The Committee agreed that this would be a matter to discuss in the latter part of 2014.

4.3 Mullewa Municipal Inventory (MI)

SSc advised that the period for public submissions on the review of the Mullewa MI closed on Friday 23 May. Four submissions with no objections were received, which is to be adopted at the June Council Meeting. The next stage will be to consolidate the Geraldton, Greenough and Mullewa MI into one document. However, within this document, each area will remain as a separate category for ease of searching and to retain old LGA identities. The final stage would see this information loaded on to the InHerit database.

5. Next Meeting

TBA in Mullewa, LG to email proposed times.