

Heritage Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name	Heritage Advisory Committee	Meeting No.	4 of 2015
Meeting Date	Friday 14 August 2015		
Meeting Time	10.30am		
Meeting Location	Randolph Stow Meeting Room 1, Geraldton Regional Library		
Attendees	Cr. Tarleah Thomas (TT) (Chair) Cr. Jerry Clune (JC) Susan Smith (SS) Ric McCracken (RM) Marilyn McLeod (MM) Tanya Henkel (TH) Lisa Sturis (LS) Trudi Cornish (TC) (Minutes)	By Invitation	
		Apologies	Cr. Simon Keemink (SK) Catherine Belcher (CB) Andrea Selvey (AS) Rita Stinson (RS) Paul Connolly (PC) Gary Martin (GM) Serena Schewtschenko (SSc) Jacqui Bradley (JB)
		Distribution	As above

1. Welcome & Apologies

Apologies were accepted and Cr. Thomas noted retired members Leigh O'Brien and Graham Alexander.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Amendments to the Minutes from the meeting 11 June 2015 were received from Tanya Henkel. The amendments are as follows:

3.1 Greenough Cemetery

Typo noted - TS should read TH.

4.6 WA Heritage Awards

Pictorial displays at the WA Heritage Awards function were noted by Andrea Selvey, not Tanya Henkel as recorded.

Committee Recommendation:

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC) held 11 June 2015 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

3. Actions

3.1 Anchor Relocation to Esplanade, Batavia Coast Maritime Heritage Association (BCMHA)

SS has corresponded with Dr Howard Gray and he has provided information clarifying the provenance of the anchor and a copy of the preservation advice given by Dr MacLeod (tabled documents available upon request).

The anchor relocation proposal was approved by the Executive Management Committee (EMT) and the anchor was installed in situ at the Esplanade on 8 August. The BCMHA have extended their thanks to the City for its cooperation in this matter.

SS has advised the BCMHA that any signage design for this site must be provided by Creative Spaces.

3.2 Pindar Lonely Grave – Tommy Lintott

TH reported that she visited the gravesite of Tommy Lintott in Pindar on the 13 August with Cr. Thomas and Barbara Thomas. A draft Municipal Inventory item has been prepared for this site (tabled document available on request).

ACTION:

TC to provide Cr. Thomas with copy of the family history research she has conducted into the Lintott family.

3.3 New Interpretation Plan for Walkaway Station Museum / Walkaway Station Precinct

AS has provided Cr. Clune with a Briefing Note update regarding the status of the proposed Walkaway Revitalisation Plan. While there was potential for funding of the Walkaway Revitalisation project in early 2014, unfortunately funding was not secured to enable this project to proceed.

4. Agenda Items

4.1 Heritage Strategy Update

SS tabled the document *Heritage Strategy: Aims and Actions* which provides a summary of heritage activities undertaken by the City since 2013 (document available on request). This document references the CGG Heritage Strategy which is due for revision in 2016.

Cr. Thomas queried the status of the Kembla Zoo plaque. SS advised that the City had made many attempts to move this forward and that a revision of the Memorial Seating Policy currently being undertaken may assist this further.

4.1.1 Mid West Heritage Series Booklet – *The Aboriginal History of Geraldton (Jambinu) and Surrounding Areas*

TC advised that the launch of this Booklet was scheduled to take place at the Geraldton Regional Library on Wednesday 19 August, with copies available from the Library, Geraldton Visitor Centre and WA Museum – Geraldton.

4.1.2 Yamaji Drive Trail

TC advised that copies of the Yamaji Drive Trail will accompany the Aboriginal History Booklet but are also available separately. An online copy of the Trail will also be included on the Geraldton Visitor Centre webpage.

4.1.3 Heritage Advisory Committee – Meeting Procedure Guide

TC reported that a HAC Meeting Procedure Guide had been created with the support of the Personal Assistant, Community Services.

4.2 2015/16 Heritage Budget Discussion

Cr. Thomas provided the Committee with an overview of the 2015/16 budget deliberations process undertaken by Council.

The document *CGG Heritage Strategy – Costed and Times Items (2015/16)* (available on request) was tabled by SS for the Committee's discussion.

SS invited the Committee to provide any feedback, following which this document will be presented to the Director Community Services for further review.

4.3 Greenough Cemetery

The Committee discussed Item 3.1 from the Minutes of the Heritage Advisory Committee, 11 June 2015. It was suggested that if the City was to support restoration works at the Greenough Cemetery, the Community Group of Greenough be invited to take a lead role in this project.

Cr. Clune advised that he had followed up with The Chair of Geraldton Cemetery Board with regard to the possibility of reactivation of the Greenough Cemetery by the Geraldton Cemetery Board and that this was something they might consider.

LS advised that the National Trust of Australia (WA) had been coordinating the delivery of stonemasonry training for Corrective Services prisoners and that this may be a resource that could be accessed in the future.

ACTION:

SS to discuss the Committee's suggestions further with the Director Community Services, including the suggestion of that a letter seeking support is sent to the Community Group of Greenough.

4.4 Copyright Advocacy Campaign

SS advised that the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) are currently conducting a campaign to raise awareness of copyright protected works. At present, copyright in most works lasts for 70 years after the death of the author. However, for unpublished works, copyright never ends. This would affect Libraries, archives, historical societies and museums. Representatives are meeting with the Attorney General's

Department to negotiate possible changes following the findings of a report into Copyright and the Digital Economy (Letters tabled, available on request).

5. Other Business

5.1 Esplanade Signage – Audio Unit

SS advised that the final element of the Esplanade signage, the Audio Unit, has arrived and that its installation will take place following the planned collection of Port shipping recordings.

5.2 National Family History Month

TC reported that in celebration of National Family History Month activities during August, the Library has organised for two subject specialists from the State Library of WA to speak at a Community Information session, 25 August, on *Storylines*, a new West Australian Aboriginal History online archive which includes thousands of photos, oral histories, historical documents, sounds and films.

5.3 Point Moore Lighthouse Open Day

TC informed the Committee that an Open Day for the Point Moore Lighthouse had been planned in collaboration with the Australian Maritime Safety Authority and the BCMHA, to be held on 16 August, 10.30am-1.30pm.

5.4 Eradu Progress Association – Signage Project

Cr. Clune had advised in previous HAC Minutes that the Eradu Progress Association are in the process of winding up and have identified funds which they wish to allocate towards an interpretive signage project at the old townsite of Eradu. The Heritage Services Coordinator has met with Mrs Mena Burton who is in the process of collecting historical information regarding Eradu. Cr. Clune recently spoke with Mrs Burton with regard to the progress of this information.

5.5 Shire of Irwin Oral History Project

The Shire of Irwin recently held a launch on the 11 August for their new Oral History Project. The launch was attended by the Manager Libraries and Heritage and the Heritage Coordinator. The Geraldton Regional Library assisted with this project in an advisory capacity.

5.6 Heritage Green Bill 2015 - Heritage Bill 2015 (Exposure Draft)

LS advised that the State Government are proposing to introduce to Parliament a draft Bill, the *Heritage Bill 2015*, which will repeal the *Heritage of Western Australia Act 1990*. Public submissions are invited and close on the 25 September. More information is available on the State Heritage Office website.

5.7 CGG Council Elections

Cr.'s Thomas and Clune advised the Committee they were standing again for Council in the up-coming elections and wished to express their thanks to the HAC as a group. The HAC

reciprocated by collectively thanking Cr.'s Thomas and Clune. RM mentioned that he believed the HAC had been well served by the Councillors as true heritage champions.

6. Date of next meeting

The date/time/location of the next meeting is to be advised.

7. Close

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.37am.

Signed

Date