

Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Version No. 1

Trudi Cornish / Creative Communities

Meeting Name	Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC) Meeting	Meeting No.	8 of 2012
Meeting Date	Wednesday 12 December 2012		
Meeting Time	10.00am – 11.20am		
Meeting Location	Randolph Stow Meeting Room, Geraldton Regional Library		
Attendees	Mayor Ian Carpenter (Chair) (IC) Cr. Neil Bennett (NB) Cr. Tarleah Thomas (TT) Marilyn McLeod (MM) Barbara Thomas (BT) Tanya Henkel - Midwest Heritage Advisor (TH) Catherine Belcher - WA Museum Geraldton (CB) Alex McKinnon – Community Group of Greenough (AM) Rita Stinson - Geraldton Greenough Historical Society (RS) Shirley Valle – Lighthouse Keepers Cottage (SV) Ric McCracken – Walkaway Station Museum (RM) Susan Smith (SS) Serena Schewtschenko (SSc) Trudi Cornish (Minutes) (TC)	By Invitation	Howard Gray (BCMHA) (HG)
		Apologies	Gordon Gray (Chair MAOA) Jamie Strickland (DIA) Karl Haynes (National Trust WA) Wayne McDonald (DIA)
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1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies received from Gordon Gray, Jamie Strickland, Karl Haynes and Wayne McDonald.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Correction submitted by Rita Stinson – Item 3.2, page 4.

RS –The Pioneer Museum doesn't exist anymore. All items that are asked after will be returned *on receipt of donor forms.*

Previous minutes of the meeting 11 October 2012 were confirmed.

Moved: Alex McKinnon

Seconded: Susan Smith

2.1. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

2.1.1. Heritage Awards – Susan Smith

Letter of decline sent to 2012 nominating party.

2.1.2. WA Museum Request for Acquisition Support – Susan Smith

A letter was received from Alec Coles, WA Museum, providing further details with regard the Museums request for financial support towards the acquisition of the Early Days Bush Family artwork.

ACTION: Susan Smith to forward letter to Director Creative Communities.

2.1.3. North Road Stock Route – Susan Smith

Representatives from City of Greater Geraldton (CGG), Neergabby Community Assoc., Transplan Pty Ltd, Dept. of Environment and Conservation, City of Stirling, Shires of Irwin, Dandaragan, Gingin and the Wheatbelt Development Commission attending a meeting in Jurien Bay on the 5 November 2012. SS reported it was agreed each representative would determine if their organisation still had an interest in this project and their level of commitment. Once this had been established, it would require a Council to be willing to take the lead in coordinating the project.

2.1.4. Invitation to MAOA Chair to attend HAC Meetings – Trudi Cornish

TC reported that the Committee had received an apology from the MAOA Chair, Gordon Gray. Gordon will raise the matter of ongoing HAC representation with the MAOA Board.

2.1.5. Brand Highway Signage to Bootenal Springs – Susan Smith

SS has followed up with Main Roads with regard to this signage and has been advised that this job is should be finalised by early in the New Year.

2.1.6. Bicentennial Signs Maintenance – Susan Smith

No actions to report.

ACTION: Susan Smith to liaise with Neil Arbuthnot with regard to immediate maintenance concerns programme for the Bicentennial signs.

2.1.7. Mullewa Goods Shed – Susan Smith

SS has been advised by Tom Hartman that they are waiting for a Works Crew to become available so that these repairs may be undertaken.

2.1.8. Role of the Heritage Advisory Committee – Mayor Ian Carpenter

IC referred to the CGG Heritage Policy ([CP 023](#)) stating that the HAC provides a mechanism for formal input from a variety of heritage organisations and the management of Council approved community museums, with the following Terms of Reference:

- a. Oversee the Heritage Policy;
- b. Report to Council on matters relating to the Heritage Policy; and
- c. Advise Council on Heritage Matters.

3. Agenda Items

3.1. 50th Anniversary of the discovery of the wreck of the Batavia (Howard Gray – Batavia Coast Maritime Heritage Assoc.)

HG circulated copies of the BCMHA request for support of proposed celebrations. Approval in principal has been given by the Mayor in support of this proposal. HG highlighted the importance of the story of the Batavia with regard to “firsts” and explained a primary aim of planned celebrations was to commemorate the full scope of the discovery, including significant events in the timeline leading up to the event. It was noted by HG that 2013 is also the 10th anniversary of the Batavia Longboat and the 20th anniversary of BCMHA.

CB outlined the close involvement of the WA Museum – Geraldton in this project, citing the opportunity for many positive benefits. CB advised that the Museum has received Commonwealth funding to commence re-investigative fieldwork on the Wallabi Group in March / April 2013 and that community consultation affiliated with this would also provide a context within which to assess any proposed future development of Batavia Park.

NB mentioned that the naming of Batavia Park has been considered by Council before, and suggested that the Public Arts Committee should also be consulted with regard to any proposed changes.

IC requested that BCMHA hold a Strategic Workshop with key stakeholders, including the Public Arts Committee, to develop an overall plan for Batavia Park so the name and plan could be put to Council for approval as soon as possible.

AM raised the suggestion that Gary Warner begin writing promotional articles now.

RS reported that the Theatre 8 group are producing a play on the Batavia and are seeking any community involvement. CB suggested that Theatre 8 also contact BCMHA with regard to adding to diversity of celebrations.

HAC Members thanked HG for his presentation.

3.2. Draft CGG Heritage Strategy Document

It was agreed that more time was needed for Committee Members to consider this document. SS suggested that the Heritage Policy Sub-Committee reconvene – current members are the Mayor, Catherine Belcher, Susan Smith and Jamie Strickland.

ACTION: HAC Members to forward their comments to Sub-Committee via Trudi Cornish.

ACTION: Sub-Committee reconvene to examine the draft Heritage Strategy document and report back to HAC.

ACTION: Susan Smith to send letter to Jamie Strickland, Dept. of Indigenous Affairs, with regard to his continuing role on the HAC Sub-Committee / delegation of representation.

3.3. Request from Railways Football Club regarding naming of Recreation Ground Grand Stand

SS advised that a request has been received by the City from the Railway Football Club that the Grandstand at the Recreation Ground be named the Colin “Scruffy” Burgess Grandstand following the completion of planned renovations. A Timeline History of the

use of the Grandstand prepared by the Library Heritage Services Team was circulated amongst Committee members.

It was agreed that the opinion of the Recreation Ground Management Committee should be canvassed.

ACTION: Susan Smith to forward a copy of the Railway Football Club's letter of request to name the Recreation Grandstand the Colin "Scruffy" Burgess Grandstand, along with the Timeline History, to the Grounds Management Committee, seeking their feedback to the HAC.

3.4. Request for assistance from Max Royce for funding towards restoration of the St. Catherine's Church bell during centenary celebrations in 2013

SS advised that a request had been received by the City from Max Royce with regard to the use of timbers salvaged from past repairs to Maleys Bridge. It is requested that the timbers would be used to build a new stand for the St. Catherine's bell. These timbers are currently stored at the Depot.

TH highlighted previous HAC discussions and support for the recycling of local heritage materials.

IC mentioned that possible future repairs on the bridge should be considered with regard to use of these timbers.

SS advised that this request was currently being considered by Neil Arbuthnot.

CB suggested that the Heritage Services Team keep a record of the use of the timbers.

3.5. Railway Siding Interpretation Project

NB raised the need for the follow-up of payment for interpretive signage installed at the old Racecourse Siding off Edward Road in 2011. This was a joint project initiated between the City and Main Roads.

ACTION: Trudi Cornish to follow-up payment of outstanding invoice raised by Two Fish Drowning for the interpretive signage at the old Racecourse Siding.

3.6. Heritage Trail Signage Report – Mullewa

TH presented the completed Signage Inventory Report for the Mullewa Heritage Trail to the Committee. TH mentioned that neither directional signage nor the Bicentennial plaque could be located for the Woodenooka Government Well, east off Carnavon Road, 14.9km north of Mullewa.

RS suggested that she may have access to information about the location of the well.

The following motion was raised:

That the Heritage Advisory Committee make provision in the next budget to carry out actions required as a result of receipt of Bicentennial Signage reports.

Moved: Mayor Ian Carpenter

Seconded: Susan Smith

ACTION: That a recommendation be made By Susan Smith for provision in the next budget to carry out actions required as a result of receipt of Bicentennial Signage reports.

ACTION: Rita Stinson to make enquiries into the location of the Woodenooka Government Well and advise the Committee.

4. General Business

4.1. Community Group of Greenough – Changes to Committee Update

AM reported the following updates to the Committee:

The Community Group of Greenough Inc. held it's AGM in October and appointed a new Committee as follows:

Alex McKinnon, Chair
Peta Riley, Deputy Chair
Suzanne Ryall, Treasurer
Jan Featherby, Secretary
Julie Nelson, Committee
Norma Martin, Committee
Isabelle Greenfield, Committee
Stan Maley, Committee

We now have more than 140 members, fully paid.

We have re-opened the Greenough Pioneer Museum and have recorded 221 adult visitors and 15 children since that date.

Major projects are the Greenough Pioneer Museum, Greenough Community Garden and Greenough Historic Hamlet Business Plan in conjunction with the National Trust.

The City is currently undertaking renovation work on the Pioneer Museum including walls and reticulation.

The garden has been funded by the Federal Government "Go Gero" and major works include paving, shade cloths etc. The garden is attracting many visitors each day and is a whole of community project.

The garden is managed by Peter Dameon.

Gary Martin has been reappointed Curator of the Greenough Pioneer Museum and he is accessioning more than 600 items that have now been returned or donated.

Alex McKinnon will be donating six weeks of his time towards the Greenough Historic Settlement Business Plan which will take in all existing plans and create a new executable business plan which will be presented to the City of Greater Geraldton Council in mid-late 2013.

4.2. Dept. of Indigenous Affairs Heritage Forum Update

NB, SS and RS reported that they had attended the Dept. of Indigenous Affairs Heritage Forum held on the 25 October.

SS reported that this had been an informative forum with good networking opportunities.

NB commented on the change in direction in Indigenous affairs to an increased focus on registered sites, with some seven in the Mid West region to be concentrated on.

RS commented on the concept of a “Scattered Site” which refers to the finding of one artefact potentially leading to the discovery of others.

4.3. Library / Heritage Website Update

TC provided a demonstration of the Geraldton Regional Library website which is in the process of being updated to reflect the move of Heritage to the Library portfolio. Changes are not live to the public yet – anticipated to be live late January.

4.4. Other

4.4.1. Mullewa Rail Shed Railway Precinct Interpretation Plan – Neil Bennett

Queried the future maintenance and interpretation of this precinct.

ACTION: Susan Smith to investigate as to ownership of grounds and then make a recommendation that funds be set aside at a future time for conservation/interpretation.

4.4.2. ANZAC Celebrations (2014-2018) – Catherine Belcher

The WA Museum is planning to host a variety of exhibitions and community events to mark ANZAC celebrations (2014-2018) and will be calling out for local stories.

4.4.3. Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies (Edith Cowan) – Rita Stinson

Edith Cowan is no longer offering this course and is looking for another training body to run this.

4.4.4. Changes to Funding for the Midwest Regional Heritage Advisor – Neil Bennett

Asked if the HAC could provide a supporting statement towards the retention of the services of the Regional Heritage Advisor, following the cessation of the current regional-based model in June 2013.

The following motion was raised:

That the Heritage Advisory Committee supports the continuation of the role of a Regional Heritage Adviser to provide guidance and assistance to the Committee.

Moved: Neil Bennett

Seconded: Marilyn McLeod

5. Next Meeting

Wednesday 6 February 2013, 10.00am at the Geraldton Regional Library

Meetings to be held the first Wednesday of every second month.