

# Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Final Version

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<b>Meeting Name</b>	Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC) Meeting	<b>Meeting No.</b>	1 of 2013
<b>Meeting Date</b>	Tuesday 19 February 2013		
<b>Meeting Time</b>	10.00am – 11.30am		
<b>Meeting Location</b>	Randolph Stow Meeting Room, Geraldton Regional Library		
<b>Attendees</b>	Mayor Ian Carpenter (IC) Cr. Neil Bennett (NB) Cr. Tarleah Thomas (TT) Barbara Thomas (BT) Tanya Henkel (TH) Leigh O'Brien (LO) Rita Stinson (RS) Ric McCracken (RM) Andrea Selvey (AS) Susan Smith (SS) Serena Schewtschenko (SSc) Graham Alexander (GA) Trudi Cornish (Minutes) (TC)	<b>By Invitation</b>	Wayne McDonald (not present)
		<b>Apologies</b>	Shirley Valle, Alex McKinnon, Marilyn McLeod
		<b>Distribution</b>	As above

## 1. Welcome and Apologies

Welcome to Leigh O'Brien (Acting Regional Manager, WA Museum – Geraldton). Apologies received from Shirley Valle, Alex McKinnon and Marilyn McLeod.

## 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Correction submitted by Catherine Belcher – Item 4.4.2, page 6.

**CB** - Suggested an agenda item be included at the next HAC Meeting that allowed for discussion around whether a working group that brought the Museum, Library, community groups such as the RSL together so that Greater Geraldton had some capacity to work together, share resources and cross promote events that groups might do during the four years.

Previous minutes of the meeting 12 December 2012 were confirmed:

Moved: Mayor Ian Carpenter

Seconded: Susan Smith

### 2.1. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

2.1.1. *Bicentennial Signs Maintenance – Susan Smith*

SS has discussed costs associated with the ongoing maintenance of all heritage related signs with the Department of Community Infrastructure. A provisional amount will be allocated for maintenance as well as for an audit of existing signage in the proposed 2013/14 budget.

#### 2.1.2. *Outstanding Invoice, Two Fish Drowning – Trudi Cornish*

The outstanding invoice for the interpretative signage at the old Racecourse Siding has been finalised. The City of Greater Geraldton (CGG) and Main Roads Department have jointly shared costs.

#### 2.1.3. *Location of Woodenooka Well – Rita Stinson*

Not reported.

#### 2.1.4. *Railway Site at Mullewa – Susan Smith*

**SS** confirmed that according to the Conservation Management Plan for the Mullewa Railway Station Group (Laura Gray for Shire of Mullewa, 2010), this site is on Crown Land. **SS** has followed up with the current Mullewa District Manager, Tom Hartman, and Brian Lumley with regard to requested maintenance work on the Goods Shed, on which there has been no progress yet to date. **SS** has been advised that a Works Crew should be allocated very soon.

### 3. Agenda Items

#### 3.1 Draft CGG Heritage Strategy Document

The Heritage Strategy Sub-Committee met on the 29 January and following input from other Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC) members, and a teleconference with the National Trust (WA), feedback on the draft was submitted. A second draft was received by **SS** on the 18 February (copies tabled at meeting) to be circulated to all HAC members for further discussion and feedback.

#### 3.2 Request from Railways Football Club regarding naming of Recreation Ground Grand Stand

**SS** received notification from Tony Caniglia on the 3 January that *“the general consensus from the Recreation Ground Committee is that we are all in favour of the naming of the grandstand after Colin “Scruffy” Burgess”*. **SS** has prepared an Agenda item (CC093 NAMING OF RECREATION GROUND GRAND STAND) for the Forum dated 19 February. **RS** questioned if consideration be given to other involved community members and stated her concern about the naming of the Grand Stand after a person from one football club. **AS** suggested the Great Northern Football League as another representative body to gain feedback from.

**ACTION: Susan Smith to contact the Great Northern Football League for further feedback.**

#### 3.3 North Road Stock Route Drive Trail Update

**SS** has received notification back from the majority of organisations who sent representatives to the Stakeholder Meeting, 5 November 2012 at Jurien. Responses received are as follows: Shire of Irwin – No. Shire of Dandaragan - Low priority. Shire of Gingin - Support in principal. City of Stirling – considering including monies in next year’s budget. Shire of Carnamah – support in principle, but cannot commit funds. City of Wanneroo – not a priority, no budget allocated.

**ACTION: Susan Smith to prepare an Agenda Item for Council with regard to the City's future involvement in this project.**

### **3.4 Cramer Shed Funding**

**SS** advised that following the return of funds for the renovation of the Cramer Shed at the Greenough Museum by the Geraldton-Greenough Historical Society (GGHS), a request to transfer this funding to the Community Group of Greenough (CGOG) was received from the Chairman of the group. The request was accompanied by an outline of proposed expenditure by CGOG in order to complete the renovations.

**SS** is preparing a Council Agenda item which will seek a Council Resolution on the provision of funding to CGOG.

A motion was moved by **NB** and seconded by **RS** that the Heritage Advisory Committee support the proposal submitted by the CGOG.

### **3.5 Dr Foley's Olive Tree**

**RM** reiterated from previous HAC Meetings that Dr Foley's Olive located in Honeysuckle Boulevard, Strathalbyn, will celebrate its 150th birthday in 2013. The tree is understood to have been planted by Dr. Foley, the medical officer for the Police, on his property in about 1853.

**TC** noted that she had followed up with Robyn Nicholas, CGG Senior Environment and Sustainability Officer, with regard to a planned interpretation trail. Robyn advised the interpretative signage is mostly at the West end of the river and relevant to items at that end only. The Meeting discussed the need for a small commemorative event to be planned for the later part of 2013.

### **3.6 Annual Meeting in Mullewa**

**RM** mentioned that it had been the original intent of the HAC to host an annual meeting in Mullewa. It was unanimously agreed that the meeting in June be considered as an appropriate time, subject to consultation with Mullewa.

### **3.7 ANZAC Commemorations (2014-2018)**

**LO** elaborated on the suggestion by Catherine Belcher to form a local ANZAC Commemorative Events Sub-Committee. This would assist to encourage synergy between events. The WA Museum is in the process of organising a number of projects, both regionally and city based. Three Expressions of Interest have already been received from the Mid West Region by the WA Museum. Key stories from the state will be drawn into a display in Perth in 2017.

### **3.8 CGG Heritage Reports Table**

**TH** reported on the CGG Heritage Reports Table emailed to HAC Committee Members on the 14 February. This is a work in progress and is a consolidated approach to assist all (Council and other) with the scope of plans. The Planning and Heritage Services Departments at the CGG were consulted by **TH**. Some gaps in both collections were identified, which are being followed up.

Mistakes in conservation plans were queried. **TH** suggested keeping a file of mistakes and providing these to Consultants as plans are renewed. **IC** confirmed that review dates are a part of CGG records management system (TRIM). **SS** reported that some difficulties have been experienced with old and missing documents. Future problems will

be overcome by the scanning and referencing of hard copies into the Corporate Library in Planning. **NB** commented on the importance of promoting conservation plans to the wider community.

### **3.9 CGG Heritage Awards**

**TC** reported that the CGG Heritage Awards 2013 are now open for nomination and entries close 4pm on Friday 5 April. Entry forms can be downloaded from the library website [www.library.cgg.wa.gov.au](http://www.library.cgg.wa.gov.au) Hardcopies are also available from the Library, and the CGG Administration Offices in Geraldton and at Mullewa.

### **3.10 Two Mile Well**

A Councillor Help Desk Item was received from Cr. Bennett on 17 January with regard to urgent repair works. **TC** tabled an Information Sheet with regard to this request. Whilst immediate issues have been addressed (removal of bench seat off well, storage of damaged plinth at Depot) the long term interpretation, signage and structural integrity of this site still needs review.

## **4. General Business**

### **4.1 Heritage Research – Andrea Selvey**

**AS** raised the question - how is heritage research prepared for the HAC captured? **TC** is to ensure that relevant additional information is sent for inclusion on the appropriate MI. Documents are saved on TRIM. Some information will also be available via the Heritage Services section of the Library website.

### **4.2 Geraldton Greenough Historical Society (GGHS) – Rita Stinson**

**RS** reported that Geraldton-Greenough Historical Society had applied to the Mid West Development Commission (MWDC) for a variation on the Regional Development Scheme Grant and that the variation had been approved by the MWDC Board. The variation was for two display cases, wheel stands for the Boolardy Wool Wagon and cut-outs for the Nickolodeon, totalling over \$12,000. The Boolardy Wool Wagon was relocated to the Shire of Murchison and the Nickolodeon to Shire of Cue at no cost to the GGHS.

### **4.3 Batavia Park – Cr. Neil Bennett**

**NB** reported that further discussion regarding the naming of Batavia Park is planned for the next Arts Committee Meeting, 3 April. **IC** is also meeting with the Batavia Coast Maritime Heritage Association for further discussions. **SS** and **AS** met with Mr Howard Gray to discuss the naming of the reserve and the appropriate steps which need to be taken before this can occur.

### **4.4 Display Anchor at Lighthouse Keepers Cottage – Rita Stinson**

**RS** asked the Meeting for feedback on how the GGHS might consider the future display of the Furlong anchor, currently on external display at the Cottage. It was recommended that the GGHS consider the need for an overall Interpretation Plan and defer their decision on the anchor for the time being. **AS** asked if the WA Museum might provide some assistance through their Maritime Conservation Department. The GGHS were also encouraged to liaise with **TH** for suggested Interpretation Consultants.

#### **4.5 Unauthorised Burial at Bootenal Cemetery**

**NB** updated the HAC on the above matter. This refers to the unauthorised burial of an animal ("Scruffy") at this site, in a location to the south side of the cemetery and surrounded by four star pickets connected with chains. **NB** advised that the CGG Department of Community Infrastructure is handling the process of removal of this burial. A Briefing Note (File Ref: A64055) has been created by Mark Atkinson, Manager Infrastructure, Planning and Design.

Further discussion relating to the location of unmarked graves in old cemeteries, centred around the use of ground probing radar, such as that employed at the Aquarena and at Greenough.

#### **4.6 Convict Bridge Timbers – Graham Alexander**

**GA** requested the use of approximately 36m worth of old timbers from the Convict Bridge at Greenough to further works on the Walkaway Railway Museum Shed. There are currently about 200m in supply in storage at the CGG Depot. **IC** reminded the HAC of the commitment to record the provenance of these timbers, as asked of the Heritage Services Team.

**ACTION: Susan Smith to provide Graham Alexander with a copy of the template used for the application by Max Royce to the EMT for use of timbers for the St. Catherine's Bell Tower.**

#### **4.7 Tenindewa Town Site Centenary – Mayor Ian Carpenter**

The town site of Tenindewa was gazetted in 1913. **IC** suggested the installation of a plaque to commemorate this date. Further community consultation with Mullewa on this matter will take place.

#### **4.8 Future HAC Meeting Dates – Barbara Thomas**

**BT** asked if the next day/date for the HAC could take into consideration the Monsignor Hawes Heritage Inc. Meeting, which is attended by Barbara T., Tanya H. and Trudi C.

### **5. Next Meeting**

**Tuesday 16 April 2013, 10.00am at the Geraldton Regional Library. To be confirmed.**

*Special note: This meeting falls in Heritage Week (13-24 April)*