

# Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Version No1.

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<b>Meeting Name.</b>	Heritage Advisory Committee	<b>Meeting No.</b>	1 of 2012
<b>Meeting Date</b>	23 January 2012		
<b>Meeting Time</b>	10.00am		
<b>Meeting Location</b>	Council Chambers, Edward Road Utakarra.		
<b>Attendees</b>	Mayor Ian Carpenter	<b>By Invitation</b>	
	Andrea Selvey	<b>Apologies</b>	John Sewell Cr Neil Bennett Alex McKinnon
	Chris Budhan	<b>Distribution</b>	All
	Jo Logue		
	Serena Schewtschenko		
	Patricia Powell		
	Tanya Henkel		
	Graham Alexander		
	Marilyn McLeod		
	Barbara Thomas		
	Ric McCracken		
	Catherine Belcher		
	Sanna Nalder		
	Jamie Strickland		
	Rita Stinson		

## 1. Apologies:

John Sewell, Cr. Neil Bennett, Alex McKinnon.

## 2. Introductions:

Barbara Thomas as a community representative of Mullewa and Jamie Strickland, Regional Manager, Department of Indigenous Affairs were introduced and welcomed to the Committee.

## 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The Minutes of the Meeting of 19 December 2011 were accepted on the Motion, moved by Patricia Powell, seconded by Marilyn McLeod and carried.

## 4. Business Arising:

Andrea gave clarification regarding grant applications for the old No1 Railway Station. There are two applications; one for a Community Heritage Grant for interpretation and the site is also part of a larger application for capital works.

## 5. Heritage Awards:

Tanya Henkel and Patricia Powell had previously circulated a draft document relating to Heritage Awards from the City which were discussed by the committee

The proposal is for two awards, one for a place being the City of Greater Geraldton Award for Excellence in Building Design and Conservation, the second being for the City of Greater Geraldton Award for Outstanding Achievement covering groups, individuals or events.

The Awards will be in the form of plaques, not monetary. It is proposed that the Awards be made annually. National Heritage week in mid April provides the opportunity to launch the initiative with the Awards being announced in September during WA Heritage Week.

**Resolution:** That Council be informed of the Heritage Advisory Committee's support for annual Heritage Awards in two categories being the City of Greater Geraldton Award for Excellence in Building Design and Conservation and City of Greater Geraldton Award for Outstanding Achievement. Moved by Patricia Powell, seconded by Rita Stinson and carried.

## 6. Heritage Strategy:

The Heritage Strategy sub-committee are yet to meet. Jamie Strickland to join the sub-committee.

**Action:** Subcommittee to meet.

## 7. Recycling and Storage of Heritage Materials:

The issue arose during a visit to Glengarry following the previous Heritage Advisory Committee meeting. Glengarry original homestead is undergoing restorative works and were able to source timbers for a verandah from a shearing shed owned by the Department of Environment and Conservation.

Tanya Henkel has approached the local DEC office seeking information on other heritage buildings due for demolition as a possible source of heritage materials which may be used on other projects, both public and private. The issue then arose regarding safe storage of such materials.

Discussion was held regarding the role of the City in being able to find a site for the safe storage of materials for future projects. The City currently has some materials in storage at the depot but this not a suitable site in the long term.

Tanya Henkel will provide additional information to the next meeting.

**Action:** Tanya Henkel to further report.

## 8. Dr Foley's Olive Tree:

This olive tree is located in Honeysuckle Blvd. in Strathalbyn on the banks of the Chapman River. The tree is understood to have been planted by Dr. Foley, the medical officer for the Police, on his property in about 1853. As such it is probably the oldest surviving European tree in the mid-west.

The tree, whilst healthy, has been badly pruned in the past and is suckering> Marilyn McLeod has contacted an arboriculturist, Phil Frazee, who is willing to look at the tree and provide advice. Ric to organise with Robyn Nicholas in Sustainable Communities to meet together with Phil to visit the tree and report back.

The view is to recommend appropriate interpretative signage.

**Action:** Ric to organise site visit with Phil and Robyn.

## 9. Original Railway Station:

Andrea Selvey extended the report on the grant application regarding the original railway station building. This site is now part of a precinct which includes the eastern breakwater, town beach, the merry-go-round site and the railway/former museum building.

The precinct is the subject of a major grant application to the Regional Development Australia Fund.

## **10. General Business**

- A. Jo Logue raised the issue of the heritage trails signage outside the Walkaway Primary School in Evans Road. This signage dates from 1988 and is in very poor condition.

**Action:** Ric to visit, inspect and report back.

- B. Rita Stinson raised the issue of the condition of the road verge outside St. James Church in Kojarina. New drive trail signage has been installed but tidying the site would be appreciated.

**Action:** Ric to visit site and report back.

- C. Rita Stinson would like to explore the possibility of a lookout being developed overlooking the Minninooka valley.

- D. The library is launching the latest publication in the Heritage Series on the 16th February at 5.30. The topic is Geraldton Wax, written by Gary Martin.

## **11. Close of Meeting:**

The meeting closed at 11.15am.

## **12. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held in the third week of February. Now confirmed to be on Monday 20 February at 10am in Council Chambers, Edward Road.