

# Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Final Version

Susan Smith / Creative Communities

<b>Meeting Name</b>	Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC) Meeting	<b>Meeting No.</b>	2 of 2013
<b>Meeting Date</b>	Wednesday 24 April 2013		
<b>Meeting Time</b>	10.25am		
<b>Meeting Location</b>	Geraldton Regional Library		
<b>Attendees</b>	Cr Tarleah Thomas (Chair) (TT) Cr Neil Bennett (NB) Tanya Henkel (TH) Leigh O'Brien (LO) Gary Martin (GM) Rita Stinson (RS) Ric McCracken (RM) Susan Smith (SS) Marilyn Mcleod (MM) Serena Schewtschenko (SSc) Tara Cawley (Minutes) (TaC)	<b>By Invitation</b>	Karl Haynes Lisa Sturis Howard Gray
		<b>Apologies</b>	Mayor Ian Carpenter (IC) Wayne McDonald (WM) Andrea Selvey (AS) Barbara Thomas (BT) Graham Alexander (GA) Shirley Valle (SV) Trudi Cornish (TC)
		<b>Distribution</b>	As above

## 1. Welcome and Apologies

Welcome to Karl Haynes (Manager Heritage Services, National Trust of Australia) and Lisa Sturis (Coordinator Heritage Services, National Trust of Australia).

Apologies received from Mayor Ian Carpenter, Wayne McDonald, Andrea Selvey, Barbara Thomas, Graham Alexander, Shirley Valle, Trudi Cornish.

## 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Previous minutes of the meeting 19 February 2013 were confirmed:

Moved: Rita Stinson                      Seconded: Ric McCracken

### 2.1 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

#### 2.1.1 North Road Stock Route - Susan Smith

*Agenda Item CC100 26 March : Proposed North Road Stock Route Drive Trail*

#### COUNCIL DECISION

MOVED CR MCILWAINE, SECONDED CR RAMAGE

That Council by Simple Majority under section 3.18 of the Local Government Act 1995 RESOLVES to:

1. *NOTE the advice received from the following stakeholders that they are unable to make a financial commitment to the project and do not regard the project as a priority;*

- Shire of Irwin;*
- Shire of Coorow;*
- Shire of Carnamah;*
- Shire of Dandaragan;*
- Shire of Gingin;*
- City of Wanneroo;*
- City of Stirling;*
- Department of Environment and Conservation Moora;*

2. *DECLINE to take the lead in progressing the proposed North Road Stock Route Drive Trail;*

3. *OFFER support as a stakeholder should another Council choose to take the lead in progressing the project; and*

4. *INFORM key stakeholders of the decision.*

*Carried 13/1*

### 3. Agenda Items

#### 3.1 Batavia Park Dedication Ceremony Update

Howard Gray, representing the Batavia Coast Maritime Heritage Association, provided an update on plans for the weekend celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the discovery of the wreck of the Batavia, in particular the proposed dedication to the 200 lives lost as a consequence of the wreck. The ceremony would be held on June 1 at Batavia Park, where a plaque would be unveiled. The proposed size and design of the plaque would require approval from the Public Arts Committee, which would be meeting the following week.

**Action: Cr Neil Bennett to list the item on the Agenda of the next Public Arts Committee meeting.**

#### 3.2 HAC Membership Changes

John Sewell has resigned from the Committee. A letter will be sent thanking him for his contribution.

Gary Martin will be standing in for Alex McKinnon as a representative for Community Group of Greenough.

Wayne McDonald will be replacing Jamie Strickland as the Aboriginal Heritage representative.

**Action: Susan Smith to organise for a thank you letter to be sent to John Sewell.**

#### 3.3 Heritage Strategy

A progress report was presented by **KH** who gave an overview of the Strategy and asked if any of the committee had any questions about the Strategy. The Heritage Strategy sub-committee would meet during the afternoon to review feedback from the second draft.

**SS** encouraged members to submit their preferences for the areas of activity so that actions could be prioritised.

**Action: Susan Smith would circulate the final draft when it was ready.**

**Karl Haynes would return to Geraldton to present a workshop with committee members once the final draft was prepared.**

### **3.4 Heritage Advisor – Proposal for Continued Service**

Not reported

### **3.5 Conservation / Interpretation Status Report**

- Drummonds Cottage Wall – no current budget allocation.
- Convict Bridge Wall – \$9,000 budget allocation in Community Infrastructure.
- Narra Tarra Cemetery Interpretation – \$35,000 budget allocation, no expenditure to date.
- Walkaway Memorial Hall – \$45,000 roof, gutters and downpipes have been completed.
- Pioneer Museum – repair work completed to the side of the Caretakers cottage, the side wall of the bathroom and cellar, new gutters and downpipes installed.
- Two Mile Well – quotation for restoration of the Well has been provided.
- Flores Road / Place Road Interpretation – Heritage Services have researched and designed a sign for the area.

### **3.6 Liberal State Government Pledge – State/Local Government Heritage Properties**

**NB** discussed a State Government \$8m policy to develop heritage properties with local government and private enterprise groups. **KH** advised that this may be the revolving fund that identifies Local and State Government heritage properties/assets that are no longer needed, relinquished to heritage bank, conserved and then on-sold to private enterprise. **NB** requested further clarification from **KH**.

**Action: Susan Smith to follow up with Karl Haynes on this matter.**

### **3.7 Central Greenough Business Plan**

**NB** questioned the progress of this business plan.

**Action: Karl Haynes to provide an update to the Heritage Advisory Committee.**

### **3.8 Report on WA Museum Interest in Fate of Asylum Seeker Vessel**

The WA Museum have registered their interest in the future of the Asylum Seeker vessel, when a final decision is made by the relevant authorities with regard to the vessels fate. **LO** noted that it had been incorrectly reported in the media that the WA Museum had wanted to purchase this vessel.

### 3.9 Heritage Expertise Report

**TH** circulated a comprehensive list of tradesmen skilled in heritage building, with contact details and relevant expertise to the committee members. It was proposed that the list could be made available to the public through the Library.

**Action: Trudi Cornish to make the list available through the Library.**

### 3.10 Dr Foley's Tree

**RC** spoke of the importance of recognising Dr Foley's tree, which is 150 years old. The Geraldton-Greenough Historical Society (GGHS) conducted a drive through significant sites in Wooree and Wonthella on Sunday 20 April, which ended at the tree. **RS** commented that the GGHS would like to organise a plaque to raise awareness of the age of the tree and its significance.

**GM** asked if the City of Greater Geraldton had a policy for the placement of plaques by private organisations. **SS** explained that although policies existed for the placement of plaques on memorial seating, as well as at the site of the HMAS Sydney 11 Memorial, there was no policy for other structures.

### 3.11 Annual Meeting in Mullewa

**RM** proposed that the next meeting could be held in Mullewa. All agreed to this idea.

**Action: Susan Smith to book the Council Chambers at Mullewa once Tanya Henkel has confirmed the date of her June visit. Susan Smith will also enquire about the availability of a bus to transport committee members to Mullewa.**

## 4. General Business

### 4.1 Northampton to Ajana Rail Celebrations - Cr Neil Bennett

**NB** commented on the very successful celebrations and raised awareness with the committee about a possible link from Geraldton to Northampton, especially when the Original Railway Station in Geraldton was restored.

### 4.2 Heritage Management and Planning Seminar - Susan Smith

**SS** and **SSc** attended the seminar which had been organised by the Heritage Council. **SS** noted that Councillors from other Local Government Authorities had attended and suggested that this could be of benefit to members of the Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC) in the future.

### 4.3 Mid West Heritage Network Launch - Susan Smith

The launch of this network, which will be held as part of National Archaeology Week, will take place on 19 May 2pm – 4pm at the Central Greenough Café. **SS** encouraged HAC members to attend.

## 5. Next Meeting

**June TBA - Meeting Closed 11:19am**