

Heritage Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name	Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC)	Meeting No.	D-22-028527
Meeting Date	Thursday 10 March 2022		
Meeting Time	10.00am-11.30am		
Meeting Location	Greenough Museum and Gardens, 11 Phillips Rd, Greenough		
Attendance by Electronic Means	In accordance with the <i>Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 regulation 14C (2) - Attendance by electronic means in public health emergency or state of emergency (Act s.5.25(1)(ba))</i> the Mayor authorised for Cr T Thomas to attend the meeting by electronic means [Reference: D-22-010168].		
Attendees	Cr. Jerry Clune (JC) (Chair) Cr. Michael Reymond (MR) (Proxy Chair) Cr. Kim Parker (KP) Cr. Natasha Colliver (NC) Cr. Tarleah Thomas (TT) (by electronic means) Fiona Norling (FN) Tanya Henkel (TH) Karrie Elder (KE) Trudi Cornish (TC) Lorin Cox (LC) Denielle Riley (DR) (by electronic means) Rose Ann Jupp (RJ) Gary Martin (GM) Marilyn McLeod (MM) Annette Burton (AB) (Minutes)	By Invitation	
		Apologies	Rita Stinson (RS) Leigh O'Brien (LO) Sam Messina (SM) Phil Melling (PM) Gary Warner (GW)
		Leave of Absence	
		Distribution	As listed. National Trust (WA)
Purpose of Committee	Refer to Committee Book		

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[Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011](#)

[Council Policy 4.4. Operation of Advisory Committees](#)

[Council Policy 4.2 Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates](#)

1. Welcome & Apologies

JC opened the meeting and welcomed those present. Apologies were noted from:

Rita Stinson, Leigh O'Brien, Sam Messina, Phil Melling, Gary Warner

2. Disclosure of Interests

No disclosures of interest declared.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Committee Recommendation:

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting held on 23 December 2021 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

COMMITTEE DECISION:

MOVED: Cr Kim Parker, **SECONDED:** Cr Michael Reymond

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CARRIED

4. Action Log

Action Log items will be addressed in the agenda items below.

5. Agenda Items

5.1 Chapman River Road Bridge – Overview of Referrals and Exemptions (KE)

KE advised that the Chapman River Road Bridge was added to the State Heritage Register on 31 January 2022. Future maintenance and works are governed by the Heritage Act 2018 and the Heritage Regulations 2019. Whilst the Act requires that local government refer proposals that will, or are likely to affect the Bridge, there are also exemptions built into the Act. KE has provided a summary of these exempted items to the CGG Manager Engineering Services.

5.2 Natural Burials (KE)

KE reiterated that this item had been considered by the previous HAC with regard to the possible re-opening of the State Heritage listed Greenough Pioneer Cemetery. The previous HAC agreed that this might be problematic due to sensitive nature of the site and the need to engage with many stakeholders for this to proceed. KE advised that the Geraldton Cemetery Board do not currently have any future plans to incorporate natural burials.

MR is a member of the Geraldton Cemetery Board and he advised that he would be happy to progress with the Board the idea of natural burials in the CGG.

5.3 Tardun Hall, Wongoondy Hall, Devil's Creek Hall and the former Eradu Hall (TC)

TC advised that the previous HAC were aware of severe damage to the old Tardun Hall as a result of Cyclone Seroja. The City's Heritage Advisor and the CGG Building and Maintenance team have been liaising with the Department of Planning, Land and Heritage (DPLH are site owners) to make the site safe. TC advised the site is on the southern loop of the Mullewa Wildflower Way Drive Trail. There is a rusty iron sculpture and interpretative signs in place. However, these will be reinspected as may be sun affected and also need to have content updated.

TC advised that the City has again recently followed up with the DPLH as to when they will address the condition of Wongoondy Hall or Devil's Creek Hall, with no response yet received.

JC advised that Eradu Hall is no longer standing and would like to make arrangements for interpretative signage be arranged for this site. He advised that the former Eradu Progress Association may have some funds that can be used for this purpose.

TC advised that this had been a past HAC Agenda item and that the Heritage Services team had previously started the process of organising signage for this site but needed further information for the signs to be supplied by a local.

JC advised that he would be able to supply local names that may be able to contribute.

ACTION: TC to facilitate the further investigation of interpretive signage to be installed at the former Eradu Hall site.

5.4 Bells/Duncan's Cottage (TC)

TC advised that the Heritage Services team are providing the current owners of this property with support regarding the creation of an interpretive sign, noting that all costs for design and installation are the responsibility of the owners. The signage is for the owners and future owners of the site and will not be made available to the public.

GM asked about the process in regarding the demolition of a property.

KE advised that the City of Greater Geraldton has formal guidelines and that many conditions that must be met before a property can be demolished by an owner.

JC asked about the process timeline and whether there was time for public to comment on a demolition of a property.

KE advised that the timeframe was short for the City of Greater Geraldton to process a demolition request and that as the buildings are privately owned that sometimes it was not conducive of asking for public opinion.

5.5 CGG Heritage At Risk Register (MR)

MR requested that the CGG Heritage At Risk Register (2014) be tabled to stimulate discussion around incentives/maintenance processes which might potentially be investigated with respect to protecting privately owned heritage buildings in the CGG.

KE advised that the City of Greater Geraldton must adhere to statutory obligations with regard to these buildings and their inspection given they are privately owned.

KE advised that the City of Greater Geraldton's Municipal Inventory needs updating and that the City may need to consult the community regarding whether the City is meeting its heritage expectations. KE suggested that a review could be made in regard to heritage properties and that we could look at what other Councils are doing with privately owned properties. KE advised that town planning doesn't have the personnel resources at the moment and suggested that there could be a need for a Heritage Officer who has the expertise to liaise with private owners regarding their buildings.

TC advised that City has Conservations Plans in place for all City-owned heritage buildings (aside from the Mullewa Town Hall – to be progressed in 2021/2022). Repairs to these sites are prioritised where budget allows.

5.6 Recycling of Heritage Building Materials (MR)

MR asked about the process in regard to recycling of materials from the demolition of buildings.

TC advised that some items are stored at the Depot, such as stone from Guild Cottage and timbers from Maley Bridge, until a use can be found for them. The timbers and stone from the bridge were offered by the City to the Greenough Museum and Gardens in 2020.

ACTION: TC to follow-up on status of timbers and stone at Depot.

5.7 Historical Mullewa Burials – Pioneer Cemetery, Pindar and Wooderarrung Spring (TC)

TC advised that a Request for Quote has been sent out by the City with regard to Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) works at the Mullewa Pioneer Cemetery. In addition, the City has been liaising with Corrective Services re assistance with the clearing of scrub to make the area assessable for the GPR work.

Small plaques have been installed onto grave sites that were previously at unmarked at Mullewa Pioneer Cemetery (1), Pindar (2) and Wooderarrung Spring (1).

The Mullewa Heritage Sub-Committee has advised TC that they will be seeking to re-engrave stone cairns located at Wooderarrung and also at the Butterabby Graves (off the Mingenew Rd).

5.8 Rocks Laneway – CBD Heritage Walk Trail (TC)

TC advised that five new heritage signs will be installed prior to June 2022 taking people on a short walk through Rocks to Post Office Lane.

KP asked about whether voice signage is possible and TC advised that the Heritage Team will be including QR codes which link to the Library website, with a chapter for each site, along with a downloadable version of the trail booklet. MR thanked the Heritage Services for their work on this project.

5.9 Review of CGG Heritage Strategy (2017-2022) (TC)

TC advised that the CGG Heritage Strategy which was created in 2016 is due for review. This document was prepared by the National Trust WA, following a lengthy consultation period. The meeting discussed the currency of items in the Strategy, which on the whole are strong and still valid.

JC asked if the HAC should review the Heritage Strategy or form a Sub-Committee.

It was agreed that each member of the HAC should review the Heritage Strategy and give their opinion on any changes that may need to be considered as a starting point. Following revision by the HAC, further community input will be sought.

ACTION: All members of the HAC to review the Heritage Strategy (2017-2022) and submit their comments to TC for compilation and discussion at the next HAC Meeting.

6. General Business

6.1 Report from Heritage Services Coordinator

LC advised the following:

- Application submitted for CHART grant funding for photography, creation and printing of community museums promotional flyer. It has been a 50 year partnership with all three community museums and associated LG.
- Upcoming Event - Yamaji Yanda Image Drive at Bundiyarra, 04 April 2022, 1:00-4:00pm
- Upcoming Event - Junior Writing Workshop at Greenough Museum and Gardens, 14 April 2022, 1:00-3:00pm
- Upcoming Event - History of the Town Hall exhibition at GRAG scheduled to be opened towards the end of September. Will include images on top floor from Abdullah family private collection featuring the first Aboriginal Debutante Banksia Ball held in 1972. Opportunity to include a celebration of the creation of the Aboriginal Development and Cultural Council (which preceded Bundiyarra).
- Upcoming Event - Beginners Family History Workshop presented by Geraldton Family History Society scheduled for 18 June 2022.
- Signage replacement Dec 2021 at Lion's lookout featuring Pages Beach and Fisherman's Harbour history.
- Signage has been replaced at Bluff Point Midden site which was suffering terribly from deterioration.
- Queens Park Theatre 40th this year which will be celebrated via social media posts.
- Lighthouse memorial bench seat at Bluff Point: Environment and sustainability team are working in this area to improve access, revegetate and stabilise pathways. Liaising with all parties to ensure sensitivity around original site of lighthouse and lighthouse stone utilised to create memorial.
- Follow up from August 2021 meeting note: Year 3 Local History Education Pack delivered to all primary schools Dec 2022. Western Australian History Foundation Grant.
- Time capsule – we are looking into installing a capsule at the Art Gallery Park to be opened on 12/7/2057 which will be 150 years since the town hall was opened.
- Plaque Chapman River Railway Bridge – was stolen, however, a replacement has arrived ready for installation.
- Mystery Photo collection was a success and a descendant was found. There may be more filming by ABC which may possibly air in April.

- Air Mail Centenary booklet was completed and launched in December 2021.

6.2 Reports from Community Museums

6.2.1 Greenough Museum and Gardens Community Association

Before commencing this report, I would like to acknowledge the deaths of two friends and supporters of this museum, being Stan Maley on 29/01 and Lindsay Royce on 17/02.

Visitors - Despite reduced opening hours, and occasional closures because of COVID, 2021, has been our busiest year with 2,709 paying visitors and 577 children. On 16/10 we raised admission prices to \$9.00 adults and \$7.00 concessions.

Successes - Won the Centacare Volunteer Involving Organisation Award on 3/12. Also successful in obtaining CHART funding for new signs and banners incorporating our new logo and colour scheme.

Collection - Transferred an ice-chest to Dongara's Museum of Fishing and the Sea; Warren Twomey donated a portable Buffalo forge, CVHS a 1941 Sromberg-Carlson radio, Beth Sievenpiper – painting of Raphoe and Wayne Sutton – organ from St James Church, South Greenough.

Collection online - Through funding from CGG, work continues on making the collection digitally accessible. We now have 275 objects listed on CollectionsWA and they are linked to TROVE.

Displays in the Community Hub – “Wild Flowers,” August – October, “Summer at Greenough,” November- February; “Life in the ‘50s,” from March.

Community Events – Alastair McKechnie's book launch 21/08; Barbara McKinnon's 66th Birthday in Kitchen 6/09; Baby Shower on side lawn 26/09; farewell to Helen Clarke & Ric McCracken 13/11; and GM&GCA Xmas Function 19/12.

Events coming up – Unveiling of plaque remembering Stan Maley 16/03 (has been postponed)

Kids Curios Writing Workshop 14/04.

Outdoor cinema courtesy of Shinema 30/04 (all being dependent on COVID restrictions).

6.2.2 Walkaway Station Museum

Report included with tabled documents. RJ read out the report to Committee.

6.2.3 Geraldton Historical Society

No representative present at the meeting and no report presented.

6.2.4 Mullewa Heritage Sub-Committee, Mullewa Community Group

No representative present at the meeting and no report presented.

6.3 Heritage Operational Item Budget (MR)

MR asked if the HAC has or could have an operational budget.

FN advised that the HAC is an Advisory Committee only and that this is not possible. However, project ideas or suggestions that arise via the HAC and which align with the CGG Heritage Strategy may be worked forward by Officers as future budget requests.

6.4 Heritage Staffing (MR)

MR asked if the City should look at the current number of officers who deal with heritage matters and assess whether this needs to be increased.

NC advised that we should address this through the budget process.

FN advised that this need could be identified in the revision of the CGG Heritage Strategy.

7. Date of next meeting

Proposed date of the next meeting is Thursday 9 June 2022, 10-11am, Geraldton Regional Library. Calendar invitation to be circulated.

8. Close

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.14am.

Signed (Chair – Cr. Jerry Clune)

Date