

Heritage Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name	Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC)	Meeting No.	D-23-037933
Meeting Date	Thursday 23 March 2023		
Meeting Time	10.00am-11.30am		
Meeting Location	Randolph Stow Meeting Rooms, Geraldton Regional Library		
Attendance by Electronic Means	<i>In accordance with the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 regulation 14C (2) - Attendance has been authorised by the Mayor for voting member Julie Freeman to attend this meeting by electronic means.</i>		
Attendees	Cr. Jerry Clune (JC) (Chair) Cr. Michael Reymond (MR) (Proxy Chair) Cr. Kim Parker (KP) Cr. Natasha Colliver (NC) Fiona Norling (FN) Tanya Henkel (TH) (by electronic means) Trudi Cornish (TC) Farnaz Bairaghi (FB) Gary Martin (GM) Rita Stinson (RS) Marilyn McLeod (MM) Julie Freeman (JF) (by electronic means) Annette Burton (AB (Minutes)	By Invitation	
		Apologies	Cr. Tarleah Thomas (TT) Leigh O'Brien (LO) Denielle Riley (DR) Sam Messina (SM) Karrie Elder (KE) Gary Warner (GW) Rose Ann Jupp (RJ)
		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.

2 Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to respectfully acknowledge the Yamatji people who are the Traditional Owners and First People of the land on which we meet/stand. I would like to pay my respects to the Elders past, present and future for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Yamatji people.

3 Disclosure of Interests

No disclosure of interest declared.

4 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Committee Recommendation:

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting held on 8 December 2022 as previously circulated, be adopted as true and correct record of proceedings.

COMMITTEE DECISION:

Moved: Cr Natasha Colliver, SECONDED: Marilyn McLeod

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CARRIED

5 Review of Action Log

No discussions at this time. Review of Wongoondy Hall is ongoing and to be kept on the Action Log.

6 Update – *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021*

After extensive consultation, in late 2021 WA Parliament passed new laws to reform the way Aboriginal cultural heritage is protected in WA. The *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021* (Act) provides a modern framework for the recognition, protection, conservation, and preservation of Aboriginal cultural heritage. To support administration of the legislative requirements set out in the Act, a new fit-for-purpose ICT platform known as ACHknowledge (pronounced acknowledge) is being developed to replace the existing AHELP system that cannot meet these requirements.

ACHknowledge is scheduled to go-live on 1 July 2023 in alignment with the proclamation date for the new Act.

For more information:

- Information on the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 please click on the link: [Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021](#)
- For any other questions or for further information, please contact the project team at achknowledge@dplh.wa.gov.au.

7 Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan 2023-2025

FN advised that after extensive consultation and engagement with Reconciliation Australia, external stake holders, community groups, and the general public, the draft Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) 2023-2025, is now in the final stages of development.

ACTION: FN to circulate draft copy of the Innovate RAP to HAC members.

8 Regional Heritage Workshop

TC advised that a Regional Heritage Workshop for Local Government and Heritage Stakeholders is in the process of being organised by the Department Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) and will be held on Monday 8 May 2023 (10am to 4pm tba) at the Geraldton Regional Library.

ACTION: TC to circulate invitation and more details when these are made available from the DPLH.

9 Review of CGG Heritage Strategy

At the HAC Meeting held 8 December 2022 the new Strategy document was presented to the meeting. The refreshed design included all feedback previously submitted by the HAC, along with photographs from the Local History Collection.

Final input from the HAC on the Strategy document was sought by 13 January 2023, with the final version of the draft document circulated to the Chair and all members of HAC on the 19 January 2023.

The draft Strategy was presented to EMT on 25 January 2023 and endorsed for community consultation. The community consultation period ran from 31 January – 6 March 2023, with no objecting comments received, only favourable ones about the photographs.

TC advised the DPLH have requested to provide further, informal feedback and will send this through by Monday 27 March.

FN advised that if information received from Senior Heritage Officer, DPLH was significant then a Councillor Briefing note would be circulated.

10 Update on Mullewa Drive Trail Signage

TC advised that a Capital Renewal budget bid has been submitted 2023-24 for the renewal of the Mullewa Trails infrastructure. This includes the northern and southern routes, the walk trails in town and the shifting of signage from the decommissioned site on the Wongoondy-Tardun Rd (to be relocated to the Mingenew-Mullewa Rd). A review of the maps and text would also be completed as a component of these works. The Meeting noted the Trail is extremely popular during the wildflower season.

KP – Noted it is great to see repairs undertaken on the old Tenindewa Stockyards.

FN – Advised that the work was completed with funding via CBH and the City. Repairs to the timber fencing was Stage One of the project and that the second stage would be to repair the old ramp.

JC – Noted congratulations to Tenindewa community members for maintaining their passion for local history.

11 Historic Cemeteries

TC advised site inspections had recently been carried out with regard to the Greenough Pioneer Cemetery, Old Walkaway, Bootenal (St John's) and Narra Tarra Cemeteries.

All sites were in relatively good condition with only minor issues identified. Mowing work at Bootenal and Narra Tarra has since been completed. Some removal of weeds in graves at Greenough would be beneficial and it was suggested as an idea for a possible community

busy bee when the weather becomes cooler, as has been conducted in partnership with the Community Group of Greenough in years past.

A Historic Graves and Cemeteries Memorial Request form and Promapp process were created, primarily to assist staff at Mullewa when they receive enquiries about the Mullewa Pioneer Cemetery. However, the form and process also relate to all historical, non-active burial grounds (7) and pioneer memorial walls in the City (3).

TC showed an example of a plaque that will be installed on the Mullewa Memorial Wall, commemorating infants, along with unknown persons buried without full records.

RS asked about installing markers on unmarked graves on private property grave sites.

TC advised that this while the City could provide some conservation advice, the requesting person would need to speak directly with the landowner.

TC advised that an Operating Budget Request 2023/24 had been submitted for GPR work at the Mullewa Pioneer Cemetery and the original burial ground off Maley Street. This would be a two year project.

12 General Business

10.1 Report from Heritage Services Coordinator

Report tabled by FB.

MR asked what the expected timeframe was for digitizing all the donated photographic items.

FN advised that, with the help of volunteers, that she expects that first group of donated photographs will be digitized before the next meeting.

10.2 Reports from Community Museums and Groups

10.2.1 Greenough Museum and Gardens

Presented by GM - As the only non-Government museum open regularly during the summer months, I am happy to report that we have had a very good start to 2023 with 320 paying visitors in the first 8 weeks. The average for this period over the last 4 years has been 206. January figures were boosted by 2 groups from Bambi Child Care. It is also good to see the international visitors return (we now also have a translation available in Spanish).

Forty people attended the opening of "Capture the Moment" an exhibition of the Midwest Bird Photography Competition on 10th December. This stunning exhibition was very well received by the public. It came down on 29th January, and the current exhibition "Baby" displays the museum's extensive collection of baby wear. Next up is a rehang of "Convict Tracks."

A site was cleared for the new toilets at the end of January. We were hoping they could be officially opened in early May. But nothing has happened since. Meanwhile community facilities have been improved with the provision of air conditioning and access to WiFi in the Community Hub building. Repairs to gutters was also undertaken yesterday and today.

Care of the collection continues with the purchase of three new display cabinets in February. They replace three old cabinets that required two people to lift the Perspex tops off every time a display was changed. Those old cabinets have been given to museums at Morawa and Cervantes.

New donations include a map cabinet made in Geraldton in the 1950s complete with several hundred maps. An unused 1970s wind turbine has been transferred to the Morawa Museum.

Coming up next is a bird nest-box workshop courtesy of NACC and Birdlife on 1st April, a Strategic Planning Session on 6th April, a Creative Writing Workshop for Children on 13th April and the Midwest Chapter Meeting on 6th May. Other events in the planning for the next couple of months include an outdoor movie night courtesy of Shinema, Cancer Council Big Morning Tea, morning tea for volunteers and a Garden Workshop.

MR asked if the maps were going to be digitized?

GM advised that the maps will most likely be relocated to Museums to which the maps had locality relevance. He is unsure if they will then digitized by those locations.

MR asked if the Museum is going to obtain charitable status?

GM advised that this is in the process of being organised and that are working through the many steps to obtain this status.

10.2.2 Walkaway Station Museum

No representative present at the meeting and no report presented.

10.2.3 Geraldton Historical Society

RS advised that the Museum reopened two weeks ago.

RS advised that while the Museum was closed the Society had been very actively involved in the recent exhibition at the Geraldton Regional Art Gallery - *Town Hall 1907-1984*, curated by Ingrid Horn, Lorin Cox and Marina Baker. She said that it was a fantastic exhibition that she believed was very well received by the Geraldton public

10.2.4 Mullewa Heritage Sub-Committee, Mullewa Community Group

JF advised that Mullewa Heritage Sub-Committee had yet to meet since the last HAC meeting. She was pleased to be able to attend the HAC meeting, especially by electronic means.

10.3 Further Business

JC asked if TH had anything to report to the Committee.

TH advised that she had distributed her monthly report and was happy to take questions, either during or outside of the meeting.

NC asked about Edith Cowan talks that she heard were going to be held in Geraldton.

FB advised that the talks are part of the Australian Heritage Festival 2023 and are titled "Edith Dircksey Cowan: A unique Position". The talks will be presented by Hilary Silbert at the Geraldton Regional Library from 1 - 5 May.

FB advised that information about the Edith Cowan talks will be sent to HAC members following this meeting.

ACTION: FB to email poster containing details of Edith Cowan talk to HAC members.

13 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 22 June 2023, 10-11.30am at the Geraldton Regional Library. Calendar invitation to be circulated.

14 Close

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 10.55am.

Signed (Chair – Cr. Jerry Clune)

Date

Initial: _____