

Heritage Advisory Committee

Informal Meeting Record

Meeting Name	Informal Meeting, Heritage Advisory Committee	Meeting No.	D-25-092707
Meeting Date	Thursday 28 August 2025		
Meeting Time	3.30pm – 4.30pm		
Meeting Location	Walkaway Public Hall, Padbury Rd, Walkaway		
Attendees	Mayor Jerry Clune (JC) Cr. Kim Parker (Deputy Member) Marilyn McLeod (MM) Michael Reymond (MR) Gary Martin (GM) Shiree Hamersley (WSM) Erin Cole (WSM) Tanya Henkel (TH) Heritage Advisory (electronic) Karrie Elder (KE) - CGG Trudi Cornish (TC) - CGG Dawn Holland – CGG (Record Notes)	By Invitation	
		Apologies	Cr. Simon Keemink (SK) Leigh O'Brien (LO) Museum of Geraldton Fiona Norling (FN) - CGG
		Leave of Absence	Cr. Natasha Colliver (NC) (Presiding Member)
		Distribution	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](#)

[Council Policy 4.12 Independent Committee Member Fees and Reimbursements](#)

1 Declaration Of Opening

Mayor Jerry Clune declared the meeting open at 3.33pm.

As this meeting did not meet quorum, no decisions were made at this meeting. Therefore, the following is only a record of the meeting.

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 Welcome & Apologies

Mayor Clune welcomed members and apologies were noted. Special mention to the Walkaway Museum volunteers regarding the Walkaway Hall. It looks beautiful and is so well set up – including the local flora Geraldton Wax.

4 Disclosure of Interests

None.

5 Applications for Leave of Absence

None.

6 Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 31 October 2024

Quorum not met, to be held over to the next meeting of the Committee.

7 Action Log

All actions are completed.

8 Eradu Bridge

K Elder - Arc Infrastructure contacted City regarding construction of new bridge to replace the Eradu Bridge within existing rail corridor. Eradu Bridge listed on City's municipal Inventory (MI) as Greenough Place no. 172, with a management category of 4. The bridge, built around 1930, is considered to have some significance as it contributes to the heritage and /or historical development of locality and conservation is desirable.

Arc Infrastructure have proposed 4 options for decommissioning of the bridge.

Tanya Henkel (via video call) – Feels the story is incomplete and requires more detailed research and heritage survey to gain more information for a full Heritage Impact Statement. Noted construction year as 1934. The bridge is of heritage value, including defence history and people should have opportunity for input, including the local community.

T Cornish - Bridge is also part of War Years Drive Trail as stop #33 due to the significance of the WWII army drilling into the pillars for potential charges to be laid for bridge demolition in case of Japanese invasion.

G Martin – Noted significance of depression era construction.

Mayor Clune – Noted it is a substantial bridge. Contact will be made with the Dalgety family and Eradu Progress association. Bridge will be raised in a meeting tomorrow (29/08) to follow up from a community perspective.

Item to remain on agenda for further discussion.

9 Rail Heritage Signage Update

T Cornish – Doctor Ian Taylor submitted a photo of original railway in-situ behind old Gate Keepers cottage in Bluff Point. Question remains regarding signage regarding significance of the track at Bluff Point. The Walking Trail has signage at Cecily Street. Suggestion of Signage at 2 mile well Gate Keepers cottage. Further discussion is required – Item to remain on agenda.

10 Edith Cowan Statue Update

T Cornish – Originally artists proposed having Edith Cowan statue facing the courthouse, now have re-oriented proposed statue to face away from the courthouse as if walking away. Things are progressing with artist working on sculpture and looking into engineering for installation and maintenance plans for longevity. Further meeting next week to discuss launch.

11 Wongoondy Hall

T Cornish – The old Wongoondy Hall suffered damage during Cyclone Seroja. Although already had existing damage, building is secure and still standing. Input from community and Mullewa councillors was sought on request from the Dept. Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH). The Mendel-Wongoondy Progress Association (MWPA) do not see any continued use of the building but were keen to see further interpretation and possibly shade structures at this site. This advice including the MWPA's wish to divest itself of the Vesting Order in place (granted 20 November 1953) was forwarded by the City to the DPLH.

12 Zeewijk and Batavia Anniversaries

The 300th anniversary of the wrecking of the Zeewijk will be in 2027 and 400th anniversary of the Batavia in 2029.

Mayor Clune referenced Councillor Colliver has queried if the Heritage Advisory Committee recommends community celebrations for these dates or not. Looking for further discussion. Further discussions likely to be regarding scale of celebration and balancing community expectation and funding.

This item to remain on the agenda for further discussion at the next meeting.

13 Use of Historic Non-active Cemeteries and Burial Grounds – Future Policy Development

The Heritage Services team has been investigating the possible development of policy around the use of the City's non-active cemeteries and burial grounds.

Policy might include: Memorial care and maintenance (monuments, headstones, plinths, seats, gardens), General conduct in the Cemetery, Interment Rights and possible future use, Record keeping and genealogy, Aboriginal heritage.

G Martin – Suggested looking into Inclusivity and referenced information from Karrakatta Cemetery regarding memorialising where people are buried without recognition (historical).

T Cornish – This could be applied to non-active cemeteries for members of community not recognised and lost. Referenced an Operational policy to tidy processes for non-active cemeteries.

K Elder – Referenced Application can be made through Minister to have loved ones buried in non-active cemeteries.

This item to remain on the agenda for further discussion.

14 Reports to be Received

14.1 National Trust WA Update Report - Central Greenough and the Geraldton Heritage Precinct

NTWA project update report received.

T Cornish - National Trust WA update provides an update with Central Greenough on Yamatji country project building maintenance and repairs and signage. Also with *Ngurra Barlunggu* (Geraldton Heritage Precinct) Victoria House, Campbell House and Crowley House building and site works including replacing asbestos roof sheeting.

14.2 Heritage Services Coordinator Report

Heritage Coordinator report for Heritage Advisory Committee August 2025 report received.

T Cornish – Editing and reprinting of the Yamatji Drive trail has been undertaken to complement *The Aboriginal History of Geraldton (Jambinu) and Surrounding Areas* booklet.

15 General Business

15.1 Bluff Point Lighthouse Keepers Cottage, 150th Anniversary, 2026

The anniversary of the Lighthouse keepers cottage will be the 23rd of October 2026. The Lighthouse Keepers cottage was built in 1876.

15.2 B6 Locomotive, Walkaway Station Museum

The B6 locomotive, formally located in Spalding Park, is now located in the Goods Shed at the Walkaway Station. A Capital Budget request in 2025/26 was successful with regard to developing a plan for asbestos removal from the Locomotive.

15.3 Heritage Survey

K Elder noted the City has been successful in securing funding towards a Heritage Survey review with a Heritage consultant (Prue). The Municipal Inventory lists over 700 places in the 3 local government areas and the new survey will include fresh photos and records adhering to the New Heritage Act and Guidelines. Asking for public consultation to identify new heritage places. Input is also sought from HAC Members if they have any details to share.

15.4 Greenough Museum and Gardens Report to CGG HAC 28/08/2025

Report received.

G Martin – Rebranding has been undertaken with local marketing consultant, adopting an old logo and a new slogan – *Discover something different every time*. Noted 308 people have been through the Museum in August and they have their first Bus booking for 2026. The Museum will be 60 years old in 2026.

15.5 Walkaway Museum Report

Report received.

Proposed access ramp plans were passed around for viewing. ANZAC day was a success with 176 lots of bacon and egg rolls made. Plans for Christmas long table lunch – funding secured from the Wind farm and support from CWA, Tennis Club and P&C. Also successful with Building Stronger Communities grant. Mayor Clune noted good stories coming out of the town.

15.5 Walkaway - Nangetty Bridge

Mayor Clune noted the moisture in the bridge from recent rain and the need for it to dry out before it can be sealed. Bridge re-opening is planned for October. Notice will be given of official opening date.

16 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting to be advised.

17 Close

There being no further business, Mayor Clune declared the meeting closed at 4.44pm.