

# TASMANIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 20190417

### Wednesday 17 April, 2019

Venue: 200 Collins Street, Hobart  
 Start time: 10:03am

#### 1. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

##### 1.1. Welcome

##### 1.1.1. Present and Apologies

##### **Tasmanian Heritage Council**

Brett Torossi	Chair
Kathy Evans	Member with expertise in history
David Gatenby	Member representing the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association
Denise Gaughwin	Member with expertise in archaeology
Roger Hesketh	Member representing the Tasmanian Council of Churches
Stuart King (via Skype)	Member representing heritage conservation interests
Genevieve Lilley	Member with expertise in architecture
Kathryn McCann	Member representing the Tourism Council of Tasmania
Philip Mussared	Member representing the National Trust
Frazer Read	Member representing the building development industry

##### Apologies

Danielle Gray	Member with expertise in planning, nominated by the Local Government Association of Tasmania
Alex van der Hek	Member representing community interests

##### **Heritage Tasmania**

Pete Smith	Director
Ester Guerzoni	Senior Executive Officer
Annita Waghorn	Registration Manager
John Stephenson	Data and Geospatial Coordinator
Ian Boersma	Works Manager
Felicity Britten	Minutes

### 1.1.2. Declarations of Interest

- Kathy Evans advised in interest in item 2.2.2 – *Determination on application to enter – Waratah Dam Reservoir, Waratah*, by virtue of the fact that her partner works for Taswater. This was noted, and it was agreed by the Heritage Council that there is no conflict and that Kathy should fully participate in discussion and determination of this matter.
- Kathryn McCann advised in advance of the meeting of a conflict of interest in relation to item 2.2.1 – *Halls Island Hut, Lake Malbena – nomination to the Tasmanian Heritage Register* and elected not to receive any paperwork in relation to this matter.  
The applicant for the current development application at Halls Island is a fellow TICT Director and this is part of the EOI process for new tourism opportunities in parks and reserves that the TICT have been heavily involved in. Kathryn advised that she would not be participating in any discussion or determination of this matter. This was agreed by the Heritage Council.
- Frazer Read advised in advance of the meeting of a conflict of interest in relation to item 2.2.1 – *Halls Island Hut, Lake Malbena – nomination to the Tasmanian Heritage Register* and elected not to receive any paperwork in relation to this matter. Frazer advised that he would not be participating in any discussion or determination of this matter. This was agreed by the Heritage Council.
- The Chair informed the meeting that she has recently been appointed to the Brand Tasmania Board as the tourism nominee; and that following expiry of her term with Creative Partnerships Australia on 15 May 2019, she will not be standing again.
- The Chair also advised that she wished to provide some points of clarification in relation to the Heritage Places Renewal Loan Scheme:
  - she has been widely promoting the Heritage Places Renewal Loan Scheme, including via an op-ed in the Examiner newspaper;
  - one of the approved loans under the scheme has been made to the owners of the Ritchies Mill building in Launceston, who are friends of the Chair;
  - the Chair has no financial interest in this accommodation venture; and has not participated in the decision making process for this, or any other loan under the Scheme, by the Tasmanian Development and Resources (TDR) Board (of which she is a Director); and
  - noted that media coverage of the new accommodation venture included reference to mattresses designed by her. She advised that although she has been involved in their design and development, and her name has been used, she receives no financial benefit from these products.

In addition, Pete Smith, Director Heritage Tasmania, advised that both the launch of the Scheme and the Ritchie's Mill case study included in The Examiner's op-ed had been initiated and facilitated by Heritage Tasmania as part of their promotion of the Scheme.

- In addition, the Chair referred to recent contact between Heritage Tasmania and the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG) regarding works and conservation of the Watergate Wall at TMAG. She noted that she has not been part of any Tasmanian Heritage Council discussion of the Wall.

### 1.1.3. Register of Interests

See item 1.2.2 below.

1.1.4. Work Health and Safety

Pete Diggins, Australian Taxation Office Hobart Site Manager, joined the meeting to provide the Heritage Council with an overview of emergency and evacuation procedures for 200 Collins Street.

1.1.5. Round Table

Members reported their engagements with events and projects relating to historic cultural heritage in recent months.

- Frazer Read has recently met with Heritage Tasmania to discuss the current suite of amendments proposed to the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995*. He advised that he doesn't see any risks with the proposed amendments. The Chair thanked Frazer for his assistance and expertise with this process.
- Denise Gaughwin advised that she had recently visited the Kings Meadows convict road station site with Heritage Tasmania Registration Manager, Annita Waghorn. They attended on the second last day of excavations, and had obtained a good overview of the site.  
Denise also recently joined northern Heritage Tasmania staff and Heritage Council members for a tour of the CH Smith site in Launceston. She advised that the redevelopment had resulted in a good heritage outcome, with some compromises.  
In addition, Denise also attended the opening of Patterdale at Deddington as part of the Glover Prize Weekend. She noted that the works to this place were very well done and had achieved a fantastic heritage outcome for the property. Finally, Denise is currently assisting Professor Eleanor Casella with the analysis of stone remnants from the excavations at Kerry Lodge (Strathroy Bridge).
- David Gatenby advised that he has undertaken some research, and possibly found the location of the quarry where the stone for the Penny Royal was obtained.
- Kathryn McCann recently visited the Green Door Restaurant in Westbury, which is located in a heritage listed property. The owners provided very positive feedback on their dealings with the Heritage Council/Heritage Tasmania. Kathryn also recently competed in the Ross Marathon, and noted that the event really embraced the heritage of the town, which is looking its beautiful autumn best.
- Philip Mussared advised that he had recently discussed the Heritage Places Renewal Loan Scheme with the Board of the National Trust, and that there are some queries regarding the Trust's eligibility which they are pursuing further. Philip also queried the process in relation to the recent Heritage Council determination on the permit application at Wirksworth, Bellerive. This matter was discussed further later in the meeting.

1.1.6. Presentation and update on the Tasmanian Collection Project

Janet Carding, Director Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, joined the meeting to provide a presentation on the Tasmanian Collection project, which has now evolved into 'tasmanac'. Janet described the background to the project, funding, milestones to-date and future directions. She also gave a demonstration of the web site format and current appearance.

1.2. **Minutes, Agenda Review and Action Sheet**

1.2.1. Draft Minutes of 20 February 2019 THC Meeting

**Move:** Genevieve Lilley **Second:** Frazer Read  
**20190417/1 Resolved:**

**That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:**

ACCEPT as a true and accurate record, the draft minutes of 20 February 2019 Tasmanian Heritage Council meeting (meeting 20190220).

1.2.2. Action Sheet and other items for noting

**Move:** Roger Hesketh **Second:** David Gatenby

**20190417/2 Resolved:**

**That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:**

NOTE those items from the agenda marked with an asterisk:

1.2.2 THC Action Sheet dated

1.2.4 THC Contact List

1.3.2 THC Strategic Plan

1.3.3 THC Works Plan

1.3.4 THC Risk Register

1.4.1 Heritage Tasmania Report to 31 March 2019

1.5.1 THC Finance Report to 31 March 2019

1.5.2 Registration Committee Action Sheet as at 20 March 2019

1.5.3 Registration Committee Minutes – Meeting 2018-03, 15 August 2018

1.5.4 Works Committee Action Sheet as at 7 March 2019

1.5.5 Works Committee Minutes – Meeting 481, 6 December 2018.

2.2.1 Update – Halls Island Hut, Lake Malbena – nomination to the THR.

1.2.3. Tasmanian Heritage Council contact list

See item 1.2.2 above.

**1.3. Chair's Report**

1.3.1 General Update from the Chair

- The Chair has been working with Heritage Tasmania in relation to various media items.
- Has received a number of enquiries from parties interested in the planned process to seek expressions of interest process for alternative uses for the Treasury Complex. The Chair has advised that she can't discuss that process, but that Heritage Tasmania can discuss works as per standard pre-application consultation processes.
- Recently visited a new archaeological site in Rome, where a villa site has been excavated. The interpretation of this incredible place is exceptional.
- Also attended a conference in Barcelona, and session on the problems associated with "over-tourism" and pressure from the cities' extremely high visitation numbers.

1.3.2 Tasmanian Heritage Council Strategic Plan

See item 1.2.2 above.

1.3.3 Tasmanian Heritage Council Annual Work Plan

See item 1.2.2 above.

1.3.4 THC Risk Register

See item 1.2.2 above.

**1.4 Director's Report**

1.4.1 Heritage Tasmania Report to 31 January 2019

See item 1.2.2 above.

#### 1.4.2 Legislative Reform Update

Pete Smith advised the meeting that the fourth version of the draft *Historic Cultural Heritage Act Amendment Bill 2019* has been provided to stakeholders, including the Heritage Council, for comment. Dates for tabling of the Bill are yet to be confirmed. It was noted that Frazer Read has represented the THC in these discussions.

**Move:** Philip Mussared **Second:** Genevieve Lilley

**20190417/3 Resolved:**

**That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:**

Note that it will be fully briefed on the amendments after the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act Amendment Bill 2019* is passed, and prior to its proclamation.

The Chair thanked Frazer Read for his assistance with this process.

### 1.5 **Matters for Noting**

1.5.1 31 March 2019 THC Finance Report - see item 1.2.2 above.

1.5.2 Registration Committee Action Sheet as at 20 March 2019 – see item 1.2.2 above.

1.5.3 Registration Committee Minutes – Meeting 2018-3, 15 August 2018 – see item 1.2.2 above.

1.5.4 Works Committee Action Sheet as at 7 March 2019 – see item 1.2.2 above

1.5.5 Works Committee Minutes – Meeting 481, 6 December 2018 – see item 1.2.2 above.

## 2. **MATTERS FOR DECISION**

### 2.1 **Works Matters**

2.1.1 Review of Practice Note 12: *Disposing of Religious Properties and Associated Matters*

Works Manager, Ian Boersma, spoke to the recommendations for this matter, noting minor editorial changes to the draft revision of Practice Note 12.

The Chair expressed her thanks to Ian, Ester and relevant Heritage Tasmania staff in getting the document to this stage.

Various editorial amendments were agreed.

**Move:** Philip Mussared **Second:** Stuart King

**20190417/4 Resolved:**

**That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:**

**APPROVE** the revised Practice Note 12: *Managing Historic Places of Worship*.

### 2.2 **Registration Matters**

2.2.1 Update – Halls Island Hut, Lake Malbena – nomination the Tasmanian Heritage Register – see item 1.2.2 above.

2.2.2 Determination on application for entry to the THR – Waratah Dam Reservoir, Waratah

Heritage Tasmania Registration Manager, Annita Waghorn, referred members to the briefing on this matter and answered a number of queries.

Extensive discussion followed, relating to the social and natural values of the reservoir; the importance of Mt Bischoff in the development of Tasmania; and how individual elements of complex places such as this should be considered and assessed. It was noted that there is no provision in the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995* to consider social values of a place.

Denise Gaughwin expressed her strong opinion that the dam should be entered in the Heritage Register. She advised that modifications and repairs undertaken on the dam over time do not affect its heritage value as an integral part of the story of Waratah and the Mt Bischoff tin mines.

**Move:** Philip Mussared **Second:** David Gatenby

**20190417/5** *Resolved:*

**That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:**

**APPROVE** the rejection of the application to enter Waratah Dam Reservoir in the Tasmanian Heritage Register pursuant to section 17(1) of the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995* on the basis that the place does not meet any criteria for entry.

[Denise Gaughwin voted against the resolution.]

The Chair noted that there would be real value in the Heritage Council pursuing a detailed conversation around consolidation of complex sites and that the discourse around the development of the Registration Plan may be the appropriate opportunity for that.

It was also noted that the information gathered by Heritage Tasmania in the assessment of this application should be forwarded to the local government authority for its reference/use.

### 2.2.3 Determination on Permanent Entry

Members were referred to the briefing on this matter. Following a query, discussion ensued in relation to the extent of the boundary proposed for the replacement entry for the Spiky Bridge, Swansea.

**Move:** Frazer Read **Second:** Genevieve Lilley

**20190417/6** *Resolved:*

**That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:**

**APPROVE** the permanent entry of the replacement entry for:

1. Chauncy Vale, Bagdad (THR#5385),
  2. Parliament House and Gardens, Hobart (THR#2525),
  3. Quamby, Hagley (THR#4832),
  4. She Oak and Leading Light, Low Head (THR#1478),
  5. Shene, Pontville (THR#5554);
  6. Spiky Bridge, Swansea (THR#1567); and
  7. Wauba Debar's Memorial, Bicheno (THR#1488),
- as per the datasheets and the boundary plans provided in Attachments 1-7.

[Denise Gaughwin abstained from voting.]

Stuart King left the meeting at 1.35pm

### 2.2.4 Determination on removal (following previous determination as 'Intention to remove')

Annita Waghorn provided a brief background to this matter, noting that the 12 places in question were previously identified for further research and that the Early Colonial Buildings Report has enabled this to progress.

**Move:** Philip Mussared **Second:** Kathy Evans

**20190417/7** *Resolved:*

**That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:**

1. **RETAIN** the following entries in the Tasmanian Heritage Register, pursuant to s22(1A)(b) of the *Historical Cultural Heritage Act 1995*:
  1. THR#3795: 76 Balfour St, Launceston;
  2. THR#3797: 78 Balfour St, Launceston;
  3. THR#3798: 80 Balfour St, Launceston;
  4. THR#3804: 95 Balfour St, Launceston;
  5. THR#3821: 129 Balfour St, Launceston;
  6. THR#3834: 136 Bathurst St, Launceston;
  7. THR#3949: 30 Canning St, Launceston;
  8. THR#4042: 245 Charles St, Launceston;
  9. THR#4126: 48 Elizabeth St, Launceston;
  10. THR#4359: 22 High St, East Launceston;
  11. THR#4415: 4 King St, Launceston; and
  12. THR#4471: 55 Mulgrave St, South Launceston,noting that each of the places will remain in the Tasmanian Heritage Register; and
2. **AMEND** the entries for these places in the Tasmanian Heritage Register under s94 of the Act to reflect these assessments.

2.2.5 Appointment of Proper Officers to authorise the submission of boundary plans to the Central Plan Register.

**Move:** Kathy Evans **Second:** David Gatenby

**20190417/8** *Resolved:*

**That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:**

1. **ENDORSE** the appointment of the Chair - Tasmanian Heritage Council; Chair - Registration Committee; Director - Heritage Tasmania; and Registration Manager - Heritage Tasmania, as *Proper Officers under the Survey Co-ordination Act 1944* for the purpose of authorizing the submission and amendment of plans in the Central Plan Register.

The Chair expressed her thanks to John Stephenson for his work in resolving this matter.

2.2.6 Application to Enter, Amend or Remove an Entry form

Annita Waghorn referred members to the draft form, the need for which had become apparent from a previous deficient application for removal. The form has been developed as a combined form to also incorporate entry and amendments. Minor amendments were agreed.

**Move:** Frazer Read **Second:** Roger Hesketh

**20190417/9** *Resolved:*

**That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:**

1. **APPROVE**, with changes as deemed necessary, the draft form - *Application to enter, amend or remove an entry relating to a place or places in the Tasmanian Heritage Register*.

## 2.3 Strategic & Policy Matters

### 2.3.1 Stakeholder Engagement Plan 2019-2020

There was discussion on the use of social media.

**Move:** Frazer Read **Second:** Roger Hesketh

**20190417/10 Resolved:**

**That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:**

ENDORSE the 2019-2020 Stakeholder Engagement Plan.

## 3. OTHER BUSINESS

### 3.1.1 Out-of-session Decisions

Following concerns raised by members, it was noted that in future, for those matters considered out-of-session by the Heritage Council (including instances when the Chair seeks members' opinion on a matter she is to determine under delegation), a summary of the discussion and subsequent decision be included in the meeting papers for the next Heritage Council meeting.

### 3.1.2 Wirksworth

The Heritage Council noted the decision made by the Chair, as delegate, to give the THC's conditional approval to the development application for Wirksworth, Bellerive.

In making this decision, the Chair drew on the assessment prepared by Heritage Tasmania and feedback received from THC members, who had considered the matter out of session. In line with Item 3.1.1, in the future, further information on decisions of this nature will be provided to the next scheduled THC meeting.

### 3.1.3 Funding of projects

The Chair advised that she is keen to consider funding of potential projects aligned to the Council's Strategic Plan from its trust fund.

Frazer Read left the meeting at 1.55.

### 3.1.4 Heritage Chairs and Officials of Australia and New Zealand (HCOANZ)

The Chair advised that both she and Pete would be attending the HCOANZ meeting in New Zealand the following week, and would provide a report at the next Council meeting.

### 3.1.5 New Ministerial (Heritage) Advisor

The Chair advised that a new Ministerial (Heritage) Advisor, Megan O'Brien, has recently been appointed in the offices of the Premier and Minister for Heritage.

## NEXT MEETING



**4.1 Date of next meeting:  
8.30am, Wednesday 19 June 2019,  
West Coast Council Chambers, Queenstown**

Meeting concluded at 2.08 pm.

**Meeting No 20190417  
Held on 17 April 2019**

**Signed as a correct record**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brett Torossi', written in a cursive style.

Brett Torossi  
**Chair**

19 June 2019