

TASMANIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 20190619

Wednesday 19 June, 2019

Venue: West Coast Council, 11 Sticht Street, Queenstown
 Start time: 8:55am

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
Danielle Gray	Member with expertise in planning, nominated by the Local Government Association of Tasmania (by telephone until 10.10am)
Roger Hesketh	Member representing the Tasmanian Council of Churches
Genevieve Lilley	Member with expertise in architecture
Kathryn McCann	Member representing the Tourism (Industry) Council of Tasmania
Philip Mussared	Member representing the National Trust
Alex van der Hek	Member representing community interests

Apologies

Stuart King	Member representing heritage conservation interests
Frazer Read	Member representing the building development industry

Heritage Tasmania

Annita Waghorn	Registration Manager
Chris Bonner	Regional Heritage Advisor
Felicity Britten	Minutes

1.1.2. Declarations of Interest

- Roger Hesketh advised an interest in item 2.2.4 – *Confirmation of the Prioritised Assessment List (PAL) for 2019/20*, in which a number of Anglican churches are listed. The meeting agreed that there was no conflict and that Roger should participate fully in the discussion of this item.
- Philip Mussared declared that the National Trust Tasmania Board, of which he is a member, has recently been successful in obtaining grant funding from the State Government for pressing capital works to Trust-owned properties. Philip will continue to keep the Heritage Council informed of any interests that may arise in relation to the National Trust, this grant and works to properties.
- Kathryn McCann advised that she has recently joined the West Coast Wilderness Railway Advisory Council as a tourism industry member. She is now also a member of the Next Iconic Walk Assessment Panel. These appointments were noted by the Council and will be added to the Register of Interests.
- Danielle Gray advised an interest in 2.1.1 *Discretionary permit application determined under delegation – Alannah, Willow Court*. The Council noted that although Danielle is providing planning assistance to Derwent Valley Council on some of their properties within Willow Court, she has had no direct dealings with Alannah. It was therefore determined that there is no conflict.

1.1.3. Register of Interests

See item 1.2.3 below.

1.1.4. Work Health and Safety

The Chair noted the safety considerations taken into account when planning for this regional visit.

1.1.5. Round Table

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

- Roger Hesketh reported on the visit to the West Coast Heritage Centre that some members had undertaken the previous day. All were very impressed with the Centre, the collection and the exhibits.
- Genevieve Lilley advised that the New South Wales Heritage Committee has had some recent debate on the structure of conservation management plans and heritage impact statements, in light of the variable quality of documents it receives. The group is working on a standardised template to guide preparation of these documents.
- Denise Gaughwin advised that she had recently attended John Dent's presentation on probation stations in the Launceston region. She went on to suggest that access to data from local historians is an issue that the THC may need to consider.
- David Gatenby advised that he has been busy in recent times working on the remains of his historic residence which was destroyed by fire in 2017. He will now be working on building a new residence using salvaged materials. The council wished him well with the build.
- Kathryn McCann advised that she has recently joined the West Coast Wilderness Railway Advisory Council as a tourism industry representative. She explained that the Railway is a state-owned operation, through the Department of State Growth, and that numbers are at a record high. She noted that the Railway is also undertaking some great product development. Kathryn advised that she has also recently joined the Next Iconic Walk Assessment panel.

- Kathy Evans advised that the Professional Historians Association of Victoria will be coming to Hobart for their regional forum at the end of July. She advised that the group has arranged to visit Julie Gough's *Tense Past* exhibition and noted that it is positive that Aboriginal stories are being told more and awareness raised.
- Alex van der Hek endorsed Kathy's comments regarding *Tense Past* and recommended that members visit.
- Philip Mussared advised that the National Trust has recently secured a one-off grant of \$350,000 from the State Government for pressing capital works. He noted, however, that the original 'ask' was for \$4M and that much more is required for the Trust to be able to properly maintain its properties. Members agreed that lack of funds for heritage generally, is a significant problem. Various options for a solution were discussed.
- Danielle Gray advised that she has been very busy of late with appeals and hearings.

1.2. Minutes, Agenda Review and Action Sheet

1.2.1. Draft Minutes of 17 April 2019 THC Meeting

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

20190619/1 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

ACCEPT as a true and accurate record, the draft minutes of 17 April 2019 Tasmanian Heritage Council meeting (meeting 20190417).

1.2.2. Action Sheet

Move: Alex van der Hek **Second:** Philip Mussared

20190619/2 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

NOTE the 10 June 2019 Action Sheet.

1.2.3. Review of Agenda and noting of 'asterisked' items

The Chair advised that in order to dedicate sufficient time to agenda item 2.2.4 – *Confirmation of the Prioritised Assessment List (PAL) for 2019/20*, she would like to move that item to the top of the Registration Matters section of the agenda.

Denise Gauthwin requested that the asterisk against agenda item 1.5.3 – *Correspondence received from Dr Richard Tuffin* be removed so that this item could be discussed, rather than noted.

The meeting agreed to both amendments to the agenda.

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

20190619/3 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

NOTE those items from the agenda marked with an asterisk:

1.1.3 Register of Interests

1.2.4 THC Contact List

1.3.2 THC Strategic Plan

1.3.3 THC Work Plan

1.3.4 THC Risk Register

1.4.1 Heritage Tasmania Report to 31 May 2019

1.5.1 THC Finance Report to 31 May 2019

1.5.2 Revised DPAC Sizing Statement for the THC

2.1.1 Discretionary permit application determined under delegation – Alonnah, Willow Court (THR 5845)

1.2.4. Tasmanian Heritage Council contact list

See item 1.2.3 above.

1.2.5. Proposal to vacate 18 September 2019 THC Strategic Planning Session

Following brief discussion, members agreed to vacate the 18 September 2019 strategic planning session, and instead hold the session on Tuesday 15 October 2019. The regular scheduled THC meeting will take place the following day.

1.3. Chair's Report

1.3.1 General Update from the Chair

- The Chair recently visited Willow Court and obtained some background information on the site. She looked at the area subject to the application for development of a distillery, as well as adjacent areas.
- Has been working with Heritage Tasmania in relation to the cadastral audit, Right-to-Information requests and s94 amendments.
- Had a recent meeting with an architect around pre-lodgement advice for the Treasury Complex.
- Has been in discussions regarding the current vacancies on the THC.
- Noted that the Sizing Statement for the THC has recently been updated, as it is now a requirement that the Statement for any Board must be less than 12 months old for a new member to be appointed.
- Once the Ministerial Statement of Expectation (SOE) is completed, a broader review of the Sizing Statement can be undertaken.
- The Chair has also had discussions in relation to Budget Estimates hearings, the discretionary permit application at the Welcome Stranger site, and Heritage Tasmania compliance matters.
- Has recently met with Heritage Tasmania staff and leadership team.
- Also met with representative of the Friends of Soldiers Memorial Avenue Inc to discuss listing of the Avenue.
- Has had recent discussions with the Minister for Heritage's Heritage Advisor on various topics including the Ministerial Statement of Expectation (SOE).

Move: David Gatenby **Second:** Genevieve Lilley

20190619/4 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

NOTE the general update from the Chair.

1.3.2 Tasmanian Heritage Council Strategic Plan

See item 1.2.3 above.

1.3.3 Tasmanian Heritage Council Annual Work Plan

See item 1.2.3 above.

1.3.4 THC Risk Register

See item 1.2.3 above.

- 1.3.5 DPIPWE Right to Information (RTI) processes and the THC
Annita Waghorn provided a briefing on this matter, explaining that Heritage Tasmania has received several recent requests for information under the *Right to Information Act 2009*. She noted that due to changes in Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE) policy, staff names are now released, as are briefings to and communication with the THC. Further advice and training around RTI requirements are to be sought from DPIPWE.

1.4 Director's Report

- 1.4.1 Heritage Tasmania Report to 31 May 2019
See item 1.2.3 above.

1.4.2 Promoting the Heritage Places Renewal Loan Scheme

Annita Waghorn advised that promotion of the Heritage Places Renewal Loan Scheme to-date has included the formal launch by the Premier with associated media; an Op-Ed in the Examiner; and written advice to real estate agents, mayors and local councils.

Options for further promotion of the Scheme were discussed, and it was agreed that these would be conveyed to Heritage Tasmania who would prepare a plan for discussion at the THC's October strategic planning session.

1.5 Matters for Noting

- 1.5.1 31 May 2019 THC Finance Report - see item 1.2.3 above.

- 1.5.2 Revised DPAC Sizing Statement for the THC – see item 1.2.3 above.

1.5.3 Correspondence received from Dr Richard Tuffin

Denise Gaughwin referred to the correspondence and transcript received from Dr Tuffin. The meeting went on to discuss the concerns raised by Dr Tuffin.

Move: Denise Gaughwin **Second:** Genevieve Lilley
20190619/5 Resolved:

1. That the Chair of the Tasmanian Heritage Council write to the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Tasmania to encourage the University to introduce heritage management and archaeology into its degree structures. Denise Gaughwin to draft the initial correspondence.

The management of grey literature and the results of archaeological digs was discussed.

2. MATTERS FOR DECISION

2.1 Works Matters

- 2.1.1 Discretionary permit application determined under delegation – Alannah, Willow Court (THR 5845) – see item 1.2.3 above.

Danielle Gray left the meeting at 10.10am.

2.1.2 Discretionary permit application for consideration – 59 Davey Street, Hobart

Chris Bonner provided a briefing on this matter. He noted that the public advertising period closed on Monday 17 June and that Hobart City Council are still processing the several hundred representations received.

Move: Roger Hesketh **Second:** Alex van der Hek

20190619/6 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. NOTES the assessment of the application received for the proposed development of 59 Davey Street, Hobart;
2. PROVIDES its in-principle consent to the development, with the conditions as noted in the Matter for Decision; and
3. REQUESTS the application be determined under delegation by the Chair of the Tasmanian Heritage Council, taking into account any additional heritage representations received by the Hobart City Council.

2.2 Registration Matters

As agreed at 1.2.3 above, agenda item 2.2.4 was brought forward for discussion.

2.2.4 Confirmation of the Prioritised Assessment List (PAL) for 2019/20

Annita Waghorn provided a briefing on the draft PAL, which outlines priorities for proposed new and replacement entries in the Heritage Register.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the THC should write to the Anglican Church to reiterate the previous request that the sale process for the Anglican churches included in the PAL be delayed until the entries in the Heritage Register are finalised.

The level of resourcing available for the PAL was discussed and it was noted that the THC Registration Plan currently under development will articulate the THC's priorities and the resources required. It was agreed that the Registration Plan is an important document for the THC and that it would be discussed in detail at the November 2019 THC meeting, and/or at a separate workshop.

Members requested that the places in the PAL be ordered alphabetically within categories, noting that they are not prioritised. It was also agreed that the PAL should include a timeframe for completion and that progress should be reported.

It was further agreed that once the Registration Plan is finalised, it should be made publicly available.

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

20190619/7 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

APPROVE the proposed Prioritised Assessment List (2019-20) to guide priorities in the Registration Program for this period, with regular reporting as part of the Heritage Tasmania Report to show progress.

2.2.1 Determination on request for removal from THR – Rocky Cape Hall

Annita Waghorn provided the background to this matter. The meeting discussed potential communities of interest in the area, and it was agreed that consultation would be expanded to a broader stakeholder group.

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

20190619/8 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

APPROVE the intention to remove 19074 Bass Highway, Rocky Cape (THR 9836) for which no evidence had been identified to support the criteria for listing in the Heritage Register, pursuant to s22(1) of the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995*, and subsequently writing to owners, stakeholders and planning authorities, and issuing a public notice of this intention pursuant to s22(5) and s22(6).

- 2.2.2 Determination on Permanent Entry – Low Head Pilot Station and Ripple
Following discussion, a minor amendment to the History section of the draft datasheet for the Low Head Pilot Station Precinct was agreed.

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

20190619/9 *Resolved:*

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

APPROVE the permanent entry of the replacement entry for:

1. Low Head Pilot Station Precinct, Low Head (THR1485) as per the amended datasheet and boundary plan provided in Attachment 1; and
2. Ripple, 186 Creamery Road, Sulphur Creek (THR 729) as per the datasheet and the boundary plan provided in Attachment 3.

- 2.2.3 Determination on Application to Enter – 256 Brooker Avenue, Hobart
Annita Waghorn provided a briefing on this matter.

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

20190619/10 *Resolved:*

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

APPROVE the rejection of the applications to enter 256 Brooker Avenue, North Hobart in the Tasmanian Heritage Register, pursuant to section 17(1) of the *Historical Cultural Heritage Act 1995*, on the basis that the place does not meet any of the criteria for entry.

- 2.2.5 Briefing on 2014 s.94 amendments

Annita Waghorn provided a briefing on amendments made to a number of Heritage Register entries in 2014 under the provisions of s.94 of the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995*. With the recent completion of the cadastral audit of the Register, it has been confirmed that further work is required to establish the validity of these amendments and action as required.

2.3 Strategic & Policy Matters

Nil

3. OTHER BUSINESS

- 3.1.1 Potential projects

The Chair advised the meeting that she would like to pursue the use of funds from the THC's Heritage Fund to undertake projects around the aims of the Strategic Plan. She sought members views and it was agreed to discuss this further at the 21 August 2019 THC Meeting.

- 3.1.2 West Coast Regional Meeting

The Chair thanked Felicity Britten for her support in organising the regional meeting. It was agreed that the stakeholder engagement function had been a great success, and that the THC should express its formal thanks to Hydro Tasmania and other property owners/managers for the site visits they hosted.

4. NEXT MEETING

- 4.1 Date of next meeting:
10.00am, Wednesday 21 August 2019,
200 Collins Street, Hobart**

Preceded by a site visit to Cascades Female Factory,
South Hobart, on Tuesday, 20 August 2019

Meeting concluded at 12.00 noon.

**Meeting No 20190619
Held on 19 June 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**

21 August 2019