

TASMANIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 20200617

Wednesday 17 June 2020

Venue: Videoconference meeting via Zoom
 Start time: 10:07am

1. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

1.1. Welcome

1.1.1. Present and Apologies

Tasmanian Heritage Council

Brett Torossi	Chair
Jim Cox	Member representing the Local Government Association of Tasmania
Caroline Evans	Member with expertise in history
David Gatenby	Member representing the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association
Roger Hesketh	Member representing the Tasmanian Council of Churches
Stuart King	Member representing heritage conservation interests
Genevieve Lilley	Member with expertise in architecture
Kathryn McCann	Member representing the Tourism (Industry) Council of Tasmania
Philip Mussared	Member representing the National Trust
Frazer Read	Member representing the building development industry
Jessica Richmond	Member representing the mining industry with expertise in mining heritage
Alex van der Hek	Member representing community interests
Deidre Wilson	Alternate member for the Director of National Parks and Wildlife

Apologies

Nil

Heritage Tasmania

Pete Smith	Director
Ian Boersma	Works Manager
Felicity Britten	Minutes
Melinda Clarke	Heritage Research Officer
Nic Haygarth	Heritage Research Officer
John Stephenson	Data & Geospatial Coordinator
Annita Waghorn	Registration Manager

The Chair welcomed new members, Caroline Evans and Jessica Richmond to the Heritage Council; and all members to today's meeting.

1.1.2. In-camera session

Not used

1.1.3. Declarations of Interest

- The Chair advised that she is now a member of the Premier's Economic and Social Recovery Advisory Council. The Register of Interests will be updated to reflect this.
- Caroline Evans advised that she had requested some minor additions to her details within the Register of Interests. The updated document will be provided at the next Heritage Council meeting.
- The following members identified a potential interest in agenda item 2.3.3 – *Potential Economic Stimulus Projects*:
 - Caroline Evans, as member of the Professional Historians Association;
 - Philip Mussared, as a member of the National Trust Board, and owner of a property entered on the Tasmanian Heritage Register;
 - Alex van der Hek, as the owner of a property entered on the Tasmanian Heritage Register; and
 - Kathryn McCann, due to her membership of the Tasmanian Development Board and Tourism Industry Council of Tasmania and employment with the Beacon Foundation – all of which are interested parties in the Premier's Economic and Social Recover Advisory Council as potential submission lodgers and administrators.

It was agreed that in each instance, the interest is indirect and that there is no conflict. The declarations will be noted in the Register of Interests, with no further action required.

1.1.4. Review of agenda and noting of 'asterisked' items

A number of amendments to the agenda were noted and/or agreed:

- The asterisk against agenda item 1.5.1 - THC Finance Report be removed, making this an item for discussion rather than noting.
- A new agenda item be inserted as 2.1.2 – Proposed Red Tape Reduction Initiative

Move: David Gatenby **Second:** Frazer Read

20200617/1 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

NOTE those items from the agenda marked with an asterisk:

1.1.5 Register of Interests

1.2.3 THC Action Sheet

1.2.4 THC Strategic Plan

1.2.5 THC Work Plan (2019-20)

1.2.6 Contact List

1.4.1 Heritage Tasmania Report – to 31 May 2020

1.5.2 Determination made under delegation – WA#6074 – Discretionary Permit Application, Harrap Hotel – 116-128, 132 & 136 Cimitiere Street, Launceston

1.5.3 Noting of resolutions made outside of meeting – Entry to THR - Cornelian Bay Boatsheds and Slipway; Cascades Female Factory Discretionary Permit Application; and Heritage Council Committee Membership.

1.1.5. Register of Interests

See item 1.1.4 above.

1.1.6. Work Health and Safety

Pete Smith briefed members on the provided draft Tasmanian Heritage Council COVID-19 Safe Plan, noting that face-to-face meetings will not be occurring for the foreseeable future. The Heritage Council agreed to endorse the Plan.

1.1.7. Round Table

Members introduced themselves to Caroline and Jessica, providing some background on their role and experience, as well as an update on recent activities.

- David Gatenby advised of his plans to reinstate an 1840s hut on his property that has strong associations with bushranger, Daniel Priest. He has also recently visited Lake House at Cressy.
- Alex van der Hek has recently visited a local modern heritage place and was impressed with the quality of 'crazy paving' that was being completed.
- Philip Mussared advised that all National Trust properties are currently closed, and that plans for a staged reopening are being considered, with the Old Umbrella Shop in Launceston due to open next week. He noted that the Trust is highly dependent on its 400-strong volunteer base. Philip also advised that \$350,000 of essential capital maintenance works at Clarendon will commence shortly, with funding provided by the State Government.
- Stuart King has been undertaking online delivery of units at the University of Melbourne and is now preparing for online exams.
- Roger Hesketh has recently retired and is working on restoration of a vintage car. Following a question from members, he confirmed that both Low Head and Lilydale Anglican churches have recently been sold by the Church.
- Genevieve Lilley advised that she had recently 'attended' the Australian Institute of Architects Tasmania Chapter's online Tasmania Architect Awards 2020, in which the Heritage Council sponsors the Award for Heritage Architecture. She noted that there had been some very good small projects nominated for the Award, and that a number of heritage places had also featured in the Residential Architecture – Houses (Alterations and Additions) category.
- Frazer Read advised that a number of large, multiple dwelling projects have been approved in recent times, and have now moved to the detailed drawings stage. He also noted the number of commercial properties currently vacant in Hobart, and how the evolution of the inner city, impact on property values and ability to maintain heritage places might be affected if leases on these places are not renewed.
- Kathryn McCann advised that she has been extremely busy with the Beacon Foundation, with a focus on youth unemployment following the cessation of JobKeeper subsidy. The Tourism Industry Council and the Tasmanian Development Board have both also been busy with planning around the recovery from the impacts of COVID-19.
- Deidre Wilson advised that the Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment (DPIPWE) is heavily involved in the whole-of-government response to COVID-19, the focus of which is now directed towards recovery and stimulus.
- New member, Caroline Evans, provided the meeting with some detail of her expertise and work history as social historian, with a particular interest in the area of child welfare. Caroline also noted that she had enjoyed her previous work on the Tasmanac project, which draws together objects, documents and the sites themselves.
- New member, Jessica Richmond, provided details of her current role with Grange Resources, as well as her long-term family association with the mining

industry in Tasmania. Jessica is interested in promoting what mining does for Tasmania, and in pursuing a focus on more sustainable mining practices and emissions reduction.

1.2. Minutes, Agenda Review and Action Sheet

1.2.1. Draft Minutes of 8 April 2020 THC Meeting

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

20200617/2 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

Accept as a true and accurate record, the draft minutes of 8 April 2020 (meeting 20200408).

1.2.2. Amendments to 10 December 2019 THC Minutes

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

20200617/3 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

AGREE to amend the minutes of the Heritage Council 10 December 2019 meeting, with point 1 of Item 2.2.5 to now read: "NOTES the application to amend the Glamorgan Spring Bay Planning Scheme to insert a Specific Area Plan (SAP) for Cambria, Swansea, has recently been rejected by the Tasmanian Planning Commission."

1.2.3. Action Sheet

See 1.1.4 above

1.2.4. Tasmanian Heritage Council contact list

See 1.1.4 above

1.3. Chair's Report

1.3.1 General Update from the Chair

The Chair provided a brief update on her recent activities, which included filming of a short piece for the Tasmania Architect Awards 2020.

1.3.2 Statement of Expectation

The Chair reported that she had recently met with Deidre Wilson and Louise Wilson, General Manager, Natural and Cultural Heritage, DPIPWE. Amongst a range of topics, preparation of the Ministerial Statement of Expectation under S. 10A of the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995* (the Act) was discussed. It is hoped that the draft document will be forwarded to the Minister for Heritage in the near future, and that the Minister will also be able to meet with the Heritage Council in person before too long.

Move: Alex van der Hek **Second:** Frazer Read

20200617/4 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

Note the updates from the Chair.

1.4 Director's Report

1.4.1 Heritage Tasmania Report to 31 January 2020

See 1.1.4 above.

1.4.2 Heritage Council membership update

Pete Smith provided the meeting with an update on Heritage Council memberships, noting that today is the final meeting for Frazer Read after serving three terms with the Council as the building development industry representative.

It is anticipated that appointment of the new Local Government Association of Tasmania representative, and a further member with expertise as defined by S. 6 of the Act, will be completed prior to the next Heritage Council meeting in August 2020. A further process to fill the building development industry position is also underway.

1.5 Matters for Noting

1.5.1 Tasmanian Heritage Council Finance Report

The 31 May 2020 Heritage Council Finance Report was noted by members. The Chair noted that budget difficulties are likely to be faced across the board in the coming year, and that the state budget will not be released until October 2020. Pete Smith provided a brief overview of the Heritage Council's recurrent budget structure, explaining that the allocation covers sitting fees and basic operational costs. The Chair requested that the potential to transfer a portion of unexpended recurrent funds from 2019/20 to 2020/21 be explored by the Department.

1.5.2 Determination made under delegation – WA#6074 – Discretionary Permit Application, Harrap Hotel – 116-128, 132 & 136 Cimitiere Street, Launceston See 1.1.4 above.

1.5.3 Noting of three resolutions made outside of meeting – Entry to THR - Cornelian Bay Boatsheds and Slipway; Cascades Female Factory Discretionary Permit Application; and Heritage Council Committee Membership Noted at 1.1.4 above (with text of resolutions shown below).

1. Permanent entry to the Tasmanian Heritage Register - Cornelian Bay Boatsheds and Slipway (THR#11995)

Resolved on 16 April 2020 *that the Tasmanian Heritage Council agrees to:*

- 1. REVOKE the resolution of 8 April 2020 made by the Tasmanian Heritage Council to permanently replace the entry for the Cornelian Bay Boatsheds and Slipway, Queens Domain (THR#11995), on the Tasmania Heritage Register;*
- 2. APPROVE the permanent replacement entry for Cornelian Bay Boatsheds and Slipway, Queens Domain (THR#11995), as per the datasheet and boundary plan provided in Attachment 2, which consolidates the existing Heritage Register entries for THR#2065 Boat House No.1A; THR#6182 Boat House No.1 to THR#6213 Boat House No.36, inclusive; THR#6214 Slip (Aquatic Club); and THR#6215 Former Baths (Aquatic Club);*
- 3. APPROVE the draft revised Site Specific 'Development Guidelines' for the Cornelian Bay Boathouses and Aquatic Baths (Attachment 3).*
- 4. APPROVE the intention to remove the 'THR#2065 Boat House No.1A; THR#6182 Boat House No.1 to THR#6213 Boat House No.36, inclusive; THR#6214 Slip (Aquatic Club); and THR#6215 Former Baths (Aquatic Club) from the Tasmanian Heritage Register, pursuant to s22(1A)(c) of the Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995, and subsequently writing to owners and planning authorities and issuing public notices of this intention pursuant to s22(5)(a) and s22(6) on the basis that these entries are duplicated or substantially duplicated by the consolidated replacement entry for the Cornelian Bay Boatsheds and Slipway, Queens Domain (THR#11995).*

2. Determination of discretionary permit application PLN-20-51 – Cascades Female Factory Historic Site Visitor Centre

Resolved on 19 May 2020 that:

Under section 39(6)(b) of the Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995, the Heritage Council gives notice that it consents to the discretionary permit being granted in accordance with the documentation submitted with Development Application PLN-20-51 advertised on 02/04/2020, subject to the following conditions:

1. *The sub-surface heritage values of the site must be managed in accordance with the archaeological processes described in the Heritage Impact Assessment (Mackay Strategic December 2019) Annexure G: Cascades Female Factory History and Interpretation Centre: Statement of Intent for management of subsurface archaeological deposits (Port Arthur Historic Sites). The management of sub-surface heritage values must include archaeological monitoring of all site preparation, demolition and work involving ground disturbance.*
Reason for condition: To ensure that sub-surface heritage information is considered and appropriately managed, consistent with the appropriate outcomes described in Section 7 of the Works Guidelines.
2. *A strategy for the interpretation of the place's cultural heritage significance must be prepared for the site, consistent with the Heritage Impact Assessment (Mackay Strategic December 2019) Annexure J: Cascades Female Factory Interpretation Centre – Interpretation Strategy 2019 (PAHSMA). This strategy must be submitted to Heritage Tasmania and must be to the satisfaction of the Works Manager. The endorsed interpretation strategy must be fully implemented within 12 months of occupation of the new development.*
Reason for condition: To ensure that the heritage values of the place are communicated to users of the site as a public benefit.
3. *A landscaping plan for the development site must be prepared, to be consistent with the interpretation strategy for the site required by Condition 2. The landscaping plan must be submitted to Heritage Tasmania and must be to the satisfaction of the Works Manager. The endorsed landscaping plan must be fully implemented within 12 months of occupation of the new development.*
Reason for condition: To ensure that the heritage values of the place are properly considered and interpreted through the landscaping of the site.
4. *(i) The external materials and finishes for the new building must be of neutral colours and tones that are visually recessive in character. (ii) Services for the new development must be designed and connected in a way that will result in negligible visual impacts to the exterior form of the new building and the presentation of the heritage place. (iii) Further information detailing the above matters must be submitted to Heritage Tasmania and must be to the satisfaction of the Works Manager, prior to the commencement of works.*
Reason for condition: To ensure that the new building will be sympathetic to the heritage values of the place.
5. *Prior to the commencement of works, a digital copy of all drawings for the works must be submitted to Heritage Tasmania and any substantial variance from the works covered by this approval must be clearly identified by the applicant.*
Reason for condition: To provide Heritage Tasmania with an opportunity to review the construction documentation for the work, to ensure that there has been no increase in impacts anticipated at the discretionary permit stage.

Advice: This approval includes the relocation of the existing wall signage to the Degraeves Street frontage of Yard 3, and the installation of matching signage to the new wall at the Symes Street frontage of Yard 3. Please note that any additional signage will be subject to further Heritage Council approval.

3. Membership of Tasmanian Heritage Council committees

Resolved on 27 May 2020 to:

1. Re-appoint Ms Genevieve Lilly as a member and Chair of the Works Committee, from 1 June 2020 to 31 May 2023;
2. Re-appoint Mr David Gatenby as a member of the Registration Committee, from 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020;
3. Re-appoint Rev Roger Hesketh as a member of the Works Committee, from 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020;
4. Appoint Dr Caroline Evans as a member of the Registration Committee, from 1 June 2020 to 31 December 2022; and
5. Note the Heritage Council's intention to review the membership of its Committees at its 19 August 2020 meeting.

2. MATTERS FOR DECISION

2.1 Works Matters

2.1.1 Review of Practice Note 7 – Conserving Moveable Cultural Heritage

Ian Boersma provided the meeting with the background to the review of the *Conserving Moveable Cultural Heritage* Practice Note. He advised that the Works Committee has reviewed the document and broadened its scope. Following discussion, it was noted that although the Practice Note 7 provides guidance around management of moveable heritage, statutory decisions around individual properties and collections would still need to be dealt with on an individual basis.

Move: David Gatenby **Second:** Caroline Evans

20200617/5 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

APPROVE the revised Practice Note 7: Conserving Moveable Cultural Heritage

The Chair expressed thanks to the Works Committee and Heritage Tasmania staff for their work in reviewing the practice note.

2.1.2 Proposed Red Tape Reduction Initiative

Pete Smith and Frazer Read provided the meeting with an overview of this issue.

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

20200617/6 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

ENDORSE the proposed introduction of a Red Tape Reduction initiative to establish a set timeframe for call-back provisions on permits that are approved by the Heritage Council;

1. NOTE that Heritage Tasmania will seek to involve itself in monitoring work being done to implement this initiative and in the review of the Bill that is proposed to be introduced; and
2. AGREE to provide its feedback on this matter to the Minister, Stuart Clues (Red Tape Reduction Coordinator) and Martin Read (A/General Manager), Natural and Cultural Heritage, DPIPW.

2.2 Registration Matters

2.2.1 Permanent replacement THR entry – Launceston Railway Workshops

Annita Waghorn provided the meeting with a briefing for this matter, noting that all property owners are now happy with the area proposed for listing and the information within the draft datasheet.

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

20200617/7 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

APPROVE the permanent replacement entry for the Launceston Railway Workshops (THR#4400), as per the datasheet and boundary plan provided in Attachment 3.

2.2.2 Provisional entry to the THR – Tasmania Gold Mine, Beaconsfield

Annita Waghorn and Nic Haygarth provided a briefing for this matter and answered a number of questions from members.

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

20200617/8 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

APPROVE the provisional entry of the Tasmania Gold Mine Site and Beaconsfield Mine & Heritage Centre (THR#5674), 5 West Street, Beaconsfield as per the draft datasheet and boundary plan provided in Attachment 1, with minor amendments to the datasheet around architectural style, and expansion of criterion a).

2.2.3 Tasmanian Heritage Register – Legacy Locations Pilot Project

Annita Waghorn provided a concise briefing on this project, noting that a full presentation and detailed discussion would be scheduled for a future Heritage Council meeting. The aims and importance of the project were discussed.

Move: David Gatenby **Second:** Deidre Wilson

20200617/9 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. Note the briefing provided on the Legacy Locations Pilot Project;
2. Note the opportunity for Heritage Council members to provide feedback or direct questions on the pilot project to Annita Waghorn, Registration Manager, over the next week; and
3. Agree to Heritage Tasmania scheduling an extra-ordinary meeting to receive a more detailed briefing on the pilot project.

The meeting broke for lunch from 12.30 – 1.00pm.

Jim Cox joined the meeting at 1.00pm.

With Frazer Read's term on the Heritage Council expiring on 30 June 2020, the Chair took the opportunity to thank Frazer for the time and energy he has dedicated to his role on the Heritage Council. She noted that Frazer's pragmatic, grounded approach and insights into land use planning and the building and construction industry has been invaluable.

2.3 Strategic & Policy Matters

2.3.1 THC Policy Register and Revocation of Two Policies

Following brief discussion of this matter, it was agreed that there is a need for strong policy around the process for inclusion of places on the Prioritised Assessment List (PAL).

Move: Philip Mussared **Second:** Alex van der Hek
20200617/10 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. Note the draft Tasmanian Heritage Council Policy Register and supporting documents;
2. Revoke the 17 June 2015 THC Policy Statement on Donations;
3. Revoke the 20 November 2013 THC Policy Statement on THC Intervention; and
4. Endorse the THC Policy Register, incorporating the changes at 2 and 3 above and any other changes required by the Heritage Council, noting that the contents and format of the Register will change over time.

2.3.2 Procedure for Appointment of a Deputy Chair

Philip Mussared spoke to the paper for this matter, which he authored following discussions at a previous Heritage Council meeting. The various options for practical arrangements around election of a deputy chair of the Heritage Council were discussed.

Move: Philip Mussared **Second:** Jessica Richmond
20200617/11 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

NOTE the discussion paper on appointing a deputy chair and agree that:

1. The term of appointment for a Deputy Chair should be twelve months, with appointments to be made at the first Heritage Council meeting of each year (usually February);
2. Nominations for the position be sought from Heritage Council members in accordance with the process in the discussion paper, and a secret ballot then conducted;
3. If two nominations are received, the member with more than 50% of the votes would be declared deputy chair.
4. If three or more nominations are received, the member with the least votes would be excluded and another round of voting undertaken. This would continue until one member receives more than 50% of the votes or the remaining candidates each receive the same number of votes and the same approach would be followed as in 3. above.
5. That payment of a set rate of remuneration for the deputy chair be discussed with the Minister for Heritage.
6. AGREE that the process of appointing a deputy chair for the remainder of 2020 be initiated as soon as possible.

[Note that the process outlined in 3. above was subsequently amended at the 19 August 2020 Heritage Council meeting and additional resolutions made on the process for the appointment of a Deputy Chairperson]

2.3.3 Potential Economic Stimulus Projects

Pete Smith spoke to the discussion paper, which identifies potential stimulus projects for submission to the Premier's Economic and Social Recovery Advisory Council.

The Chair advised that in considering potential initiatives, members should keep in mind the current high priorities for government; value for money; and alignment with the Heritage Council's strategic direction.

Members discussed in detail various suggestions for stimulus projects, with a focus on regional job creation and workforce development, and particular emphasis on youth and women.

It was agreed that projects should be scalable, and that care should be taken to ensure the right language is used to present the proposals. It was also suggested that the proposals should be clearly categorised.

Stuart King left the meeting at 2.00pm.

Frazer Read and David Gatenby left the meeting at 2.15pm.

Move: Genevieve Lilley **Second:** Jessica Richmond

20200617/12 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. NOTE the briefing and discussion of potential economic stimulus projects;
2. AGREE that members provide further feedback and/or suggestions to Pete Smith by Friday 3 July 2020, to be incorporated into a submission to the Premier's Economic and Social Recovery Advisory Council.

2.3.4 Registration and Works Committee Terms of Reference

Move: Alex van der Hek **Second:** Deidre Wilson

20200617/13 Resolved:

1. That the Tasmanian Heritage Council endorse the revised Works Committee Terms of Reference.
2. That the Tasmanian Heritage Council endorse the revised Registration Committee Terms of Reference

3. **OTHER BUSINESS**

3.1.1 Meeting review

Members agreed that the meeting had been productive, with a good range and balance of papers across the Heritage Council's areas of responsibility, that helped to generate some useful discussions and statutory decisions. They also expressed their thanks to the staff and Director of Heritage Tasmania for the high quality of papers submitted to them for consideration at the meeting.

The Chair thanked members for attendance and closed the meeting.

4. **NEXT MEETING**

4.1 **Date of next meetings:**

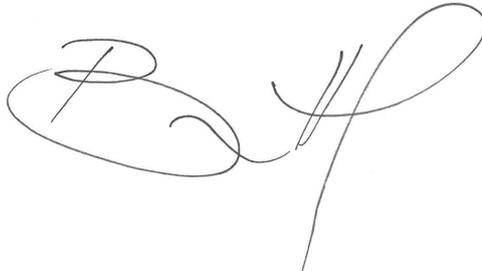
Extraordinary meeting - Tasmanian Heritage Register – Legacy Locations Pilot Project: Wednesday 15 July 2020 (TBC)
Via videoconference

Regular, bi-monthly meeting: Wednesday 19 August 2020
Via videoconference

Meeting concluded at 2.30pm.

**Meeting No 20200617
Held on 17 June 2020**

Signed as a correct record

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brett Torossi', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end.

Brett Torossi
Chair

19 August 2020