



# TASMANIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 20220615

### Wednesday 15 June 2022

Via videoconference

Start time: 10.05am

#### 1. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

##### 1.1. Welcome

1.1.1. The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and went on to pay respect to the traditional owners of the land.

##### 1.1.2. Present and Apologies

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

Brett Torossi	Chair
Simon Angilley via videoconference	Member with expertise in engineering, nominated by the Local Government Association of Tasmania
Caroline Evans	Member with expertise in history
Elizabeth Frankham via videoconference	Member representing the Tourism Industry Council of Tasmania
David Gatenby via videoconference	Member representing the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association
Roger Hesketh via videoconference	Member representing the Tasmanian Council of Churches
Jennifer Jones-Travers via videoconference	Member with expertise in Archaeology
Stuart King	Member representing heritage conservation interests
Michael McLaren	Member representing the Local Government Association of Tasmania
Philip Mussared via videoconference	Member representing the National Trust
Peter Scott <i>attended from 10.50am</i>	Member representing the building development industry
Deidre Wilson <i>attended until 2.02pm</i>	Alternate member for the Director of National Parks and Wildlife

###### Apologies

Genevieve Lilley	Member with expertise in architecture, and Deputy Chairperson
Mary Duniam	Member representing community interests
Jessica Richmond	Member representing the mining industry with expertise in mining heritage

###### **Heritage Tasmania**

Andrew Roberts	Director
Annita Waghorn	Registration Manager
Ian Boersma	Works Manager
Sally Slater	Planner/Heritage Advisor
Felicity Britten	Executive Officer

### 1.1.3. Declarations of Interest

- Brett Torossi advised that she is assisting King Island Council with the establishment of a new community hub on the Island. This project involves the redevelopment of an existing residence adjacent to, and on the same parcel of land, as the Currie Harbour Light Station, which is entered on the Tasmanian Heritage Register. Brett advised that this ongoing interest will be managed appropriately and that she will not participate in any Heritage Council discussion or consideration of the matter or any future works application(s).
- Brett advised that she has also been invited to a workshop with the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens (RTBG) Board to consider improved visitor experience and commercial operation for the Gardens, which are entered on the Tasmanian Heritage Register. Both Brett and Genevieve Lilley (an apology at today's meeting) will be involved in this project, and neither will participate in any Heritage Council discussion or consideration of the matter or any future works application(s).
- Brett advised that through her role as Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG), she has a distant relationship with the new owners of the Ladies Cottage at Willow Court, New Norfolk, who have donated to TMAG's collection. Brett advised that she will not participate in any Heritage Council discussion or consideration of future works applications for the Ladies Cottage, which is entered in the Tasmanian Heritage Register.
- Philip Mussared noted that as a member of the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens Board, he has declared at that forum his membership of the Heritage Council.
- Caroline Evans advised that, as a member of the Professional Historians Association (Victoria and Tasmania), she assisted with the preparation of the organisation's submission to the City of Hobart on the Crowther Project and will manage this interest appropriately should the Heritage Council be required to consider this matter in the future.
- Deidre Wilson advised that she is renovating a shack at Doo Town, noting however that the property is not heritage listed at either state or local level.
- Elizabeth Frankham referred members to recent media coverage of the purchase of Milton Hall and Baptist Hall in Launceston. She advised that both properties are used by the Junction Arts Festival of which she is Chair, and that she is a personal friend of the new owner. Future interests will be managed accordingly.

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

At the request of members, it was agreed that item 1.4.1 – Heritage Tasmania Report to 31 May 2022 be unstarred, making it a matter for discussion.

**Move:** David Gatenby **Second:** Mary Duniam

**20220615/1 Resolved:**

**That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:**

NOTE those items from the agenda marked with an asterisk:

1.1.5 Register of Interests

1.2.2 THC Action Sheet

1.5.1 THC Finance Report to 31 March 2022

1.5.2 THC Work Plan (2021-22)

1.5.3 THC Contact List

1.5.4 Endorsed minutes of Registration Committee/Works Committee joint meeting, 21 March 2022

1.5.5 Endorsed Registration Committee action sheet, 23 May 2022

1.5.7 Endorsed Works Committee Action Sheet, 6 May 2022

1.1.5. Register of Interests

See item 1.1.4 above.

1.1.6. Work Health and Safety

Nil

1.1.7. Round Table – brief updates

Members provided an update on recent activities.

- Philip Mussared advised that the state budget had included one-off additional funding for the National Trust, and with the appointment of the new Managing Director in February, the Trust will now be reviewing its staff and structure across the State.
- Jennifer Jones-Travers advised that she has been directing an excavation of one of Melbourne's 'buried blocks' at the corner of Little Lonsdale Street and Bennetts Lane in the CBD. The excavation will run over four months, with a team of 20. Jennifer undertook to provide photographs and 3D modelling of the site for members' interest, once available.
- Deidre Wilson advised that the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tas (NRE Tas) recently participated in the state budget process and budget estimates hearings. Additional funding has been received for: development of a purpose-built Aboriginal Heritage Register; additional operational and strategic planning support for the RTBG; additional operational funding for the Wellington Park Management Trust. Deidre also advised that NRE Tas has a firm focus on strategic planning activities and will be rolling out the business planning across its divisions, with a strong focus on people.
- Stuart King advised that he had attended the Australian Institute of Architects (Tasmania Chapter) Awards dinner at the Spring Bay mill at Triabunna. Stuart noted that the development has worked with the industrial heritage of the site and retained much of the fabric. Stuart is currently writing a piece on Scottish vernacular architecture in Tasmania for a Scottish architectural journal. He advised that the online Tasmanian Heritage Register has been an excellent resource for that work, and noted that as search capacities become stronger, the potential for the Register grows.
- Caroline Evans advised members of the recent death of well-known and highly regarded local historian, Peter MacFie. It was agreed that an acknowledgement from the Heritage Council to Mr MacFie's family would be prepared. Caroline also advised that she recently attended a Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre cultural awareness course at piyura kitina Risdon Cove, and highly recommended the sessions to other members.
- Michael McLaren advised that, as the representative of the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT), he had provided the organisation with details of recent Heritage Council activities.
- David Gatenby reported that the Campbell Town area had been severely impacted by the recent storms, with power outages and extensive clean-up activities as a result. David will be meeting with Stuart King and providing him with a tour of local heritage places to assist with Stuart's research.
- Elizabeth Frankham advised that she had also attended the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre's cultural awareness training and had found it a very powerful experience. She expressed her appreciation to NRE Tas for making the training available to Heritage Council members.

She also expressed her appreciation for the advice and actions detailed in the Heritage Tasmania report in relation to the proposed development of an historic, but unlisted, property in the Clarence Municipality.

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

### **1.2.1. Draft Minutes of 20 April 2022 THC Meeting**

**Move:** Michael McLaren **Second:** Elizabeth Frankham

**20220615/2 Resolved:**

**That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:**

Accept as a true and accurate record, the draft minutes of the 20 April 2022 meeting of the Tasmanian Heritage Council (meeting 20220420).

### **1.2.2. Tasmanian Heritage Council Action Sheet**

See 1.1.4 above.

## **1.3. Chair's Report**

### **1.3.1. General Update from the Chair**

The Chair referred to the recent launch of the Tasmanian Heritage Register layer in Land Information System Tasmania (LIST) by Minister for Heritage, Madeleine Ogilvie MP. The high level of positive feedback already received for the online availability of the Heritage Register was noted, and members were encouraged to further promote it via their networks. It was agreed that members would be provided with information stakeholders have been informed to-date.

The Chair has also had discussion with the Minister on various Heritage Council related matters and has also invited her to attend a future meeting.

It was noted that further consideration of the recent Historic Heritage Ecosystem Review report is required, and the Chair undertook to explore options for a gathering of key stakeholders.

The enormous success of The Hedberg at the recent Institute of Architects Awards was acknowledged, with Tasmania now well represented in the national arena.

The Chair and Director recently attended the Heritage Chairs and Officials of Australia and New Zealand annual meeting.

Peter Scott joined the meeting.

## **1.4 Director's Report**

### **1.4.1 Heritage Tasmania Report to 31 May 2022**

Jennifer Jones-Travers requested an update on the early colonial timber sites on kunanyi Mount Wellington. She was advised that discussions with the City of Hobart and the Wellington Park Management Trust are ongoing, and that Heritage Tasmania may provide some research assistance to establish a history of land use in the area.

## **1.5 Matters for Noting**

### **1.5.1 THC Finance Report**

See 1.1.4 above.

### **1.5.2 THC Work Plan (2021-22)**

See 1.1.4 above.

- 1.5.3 THC Contact List  
See 1.1.4 above.
- 1.5.4 Endorsed minutes of Registration Committee/Works Committee joint meeting, 21 March 2022  
See 1.1.4 above.
- 1.5.5 Endorsed Registration Committee action sheet, 23 May 2022  
See 1.1.4 above.
- 1.5.6 Endorsed Works Committee Action Sheet, 6 May 2022
- 1.5.7 Draft 2021-22 Audit Strategy, Tasmanian Audit Office  
Helen Grube, Senior Manager Financial Audit Services joined the meeting and provided members with an overview of the draft 2021-22 Audit Strategy, which guides their audit of the Heritage Council's annual financial statements prepared by NRE Tas.  
Means for formalising the support services provided by NRE Tas were discussed, along with timeframes for finalisation of the audit.
- 1.5.8 Resolution outside of meeting – New Bridgewater Bridge – final advice  
**Move:** Peter Scott **Second:** Simon Angilley  
**20220615/3 Resolved:**  
**That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:**
- NOTE the resolution made outside of meeting on 9 May 2022 in accordance with Clause 5A of Schedule 2 of the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995*, as follows:  
Resolved that:  
*The Tasmanian Heritage Council endorse the recommendation that the Tasmanian Heritage Council respond to the Tasmanian Planning Commission Development Assessment Panel (the Panel) regarding the New Bridgewater Bridge Major Project, to provide the THC's final advice per the briefing and draft response to the Panel, provided to Heritage Council members for consideration by email on 7 May 2022.*
  - NOTE that Deidre Wilson abstained from voting on the resolution.
- 1.6 Strategic and Policy Matters**
- 1.6.1 Draft Strategy for Improved Identification, Assessment and Management of Archaeological Resources  
Jennifer Jones-Travers provided the meeting with an overview of this matter. Members expressed their support for the strategy and its goals, and suggested that timeframes should be identified for each.
- Move:** Peter Scott **Second:** Michael McLaren  
**20220615/4 Resolved:**  
**That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:**  
PROVIDE INPUT on the draft Strategy for the improved identification, assessment and management of archaeological resources ahead of consultation with the heritage sector

1.5.9 Presentation – Strategic planning, good governance, risk management

Alicia Leis, Partner, WLF Accounting and Advisory joined the meeting and provided an overview of models and thinking around strategy, planning and risk management. It was noted that although the Heritage Council is constrained by the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995* and its objectives, the Council's strategy and strategic plan are the means to position it for the future. The importance of making space and time for conversations around this, and for considering dynamic and emerging risks was agreed.

The meeting broke for lunch from 12.45 – 1.15pm.

1.6.2 Draft Unanticipated Discovery Plan for Archaeological Resources

Jennifer Jones-Travers provided the meeting with an overview of the draft unanticipated discovery plan, which was then discussed in detail. The meeting expressed its support for the draft and requested that it be further updated to reflect today's discussions and come back to the Heritage Council with other updated relevant documents.

**Move:** Caroline Evans **Second:** Roger Hesketh

**20220615/5 Resolved:**

**That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:**

1. NOTE the text for the Unanticipated Discovery Plan (UDP) for Archaeological Resources
2. REQUEST that a suite of draft revised archaeological resources be prepared and submitted to the Heritage Council including:
  - Revised draft Unanticipated Discovery Plan
  - Draft Revised Practice Note 2 – Managing Historical Archaeological Significance in the Works Process
  - Revised draft Strategy for Improved Identification, Assessment and Management of Archaeological Resources
  - Revised standard archaeological conditions for works approvals.

The Chair expressed her thanks to the members of the Archaeological Advisory Panel and the volunteer hours spent developing resources for the Heritage Council.

1.6.3 Proposed legislative amendments 2022

Members were referred to the table of proposed amendments, which had been updated following discussions at the April 2022 Heritage Council meeting.

**Move:** Peter Scott **Second:** Michael McLaren

**20220615/6 Resolved:**

**That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:**

1. NOTES that this briefing provides supplementary information with regard to items 3, 6 and 7 in the document 'Potential Legislative Amendments – *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995*' at Attachment 1 as requested at the 20 April 2022 Heritage Council meeting;
2. NOTES that this briefing provides an updated spreadsheet at Attachment 2 that outlines the status of the last round of amendments to the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995* (the Act) in 2019 as requested at the 20 April 2022 Heritage Council meeting;
3. ENDORSES the full suite of proposed amendments contained in the 'Potential Legislative Amendments – *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995*' at Attachment 1, so that formal drafting instructions and consultation can commence; and

4. NOTES that HT will continue to brief and consult the THC during the drafting, consultation and legislative passage processes.

## 2. MATTERS FOR DECISION

### 2.1 Works Matters Nil

### 2.2 Registration Matters

#### 2.2.2 Removal of four duplicate entries from the Tasmanian Heritage Register

**Move:** Jennifer Jones-Travers **Second:** Elizabeth Frankham

**20220615/7 Resolved:**

**That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:**

1. APPROVE the removal of the following entries from the Tasmanian Heritage Register pursuant to s25, *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995*, and subsequently writing to owners and planning authorities of this decision pursuant to s26(a), on the basis that they duplicate or substantially duplicate existing replacement entries:
  - a) Millbrook Water Mill, (THR 887), 32 Victoria Valley Road, Ouse
  - b) Glencoe (THR 554) 22464 Tasman Highway, Falmouth
  - c) Enstone Park, (THR 553), 22746 Tasman Highway, Falmouth
  - d) Red Banks (THR 1564) 13512B Tasman Highway and Lot 1 & Lot 2, Tasman Highway, Swansea

Deidre Wilson left the meeting.

#### 2.2.1 Proposed Prioritised Assessment List (PAL) 2022-23

Annita Waghorn provided members with an overview of the proposed PAL for 2022-23. The priority areas were discussed by the meeting.

**Move:** Philip Mussared **Second:** Jennifer Jones-Travers

**20220615/7 Resolved:**

**That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:**

1. APPROVE the proposed focus of the Prioritised Assessment List and Registration Work Program for FY 2022-23

## 3. OTHER BUSINESS

### 3.1 Other business

#### 3.1.1 Meeting Review

It was agreed that the earlier presentation from Alicia Leis had been excellent and a valuable refresher ahead of the Heritage Council's annual strategic planning workshop in October.

The Heritage Council discussed the available \$15,000 balance in the Heritage Council budget and agreed that it should be used to pay towards Heritage Council related research within the constraints of expending the funds before end of the financial year.

The need for a review of the Heritage Services Directory on the Heritage Council's web site was discussed.

#### **4. NEXT MEETING**

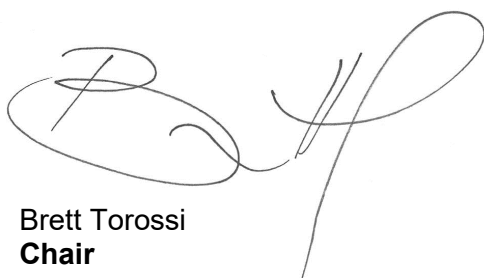
##### **4.1 Date of next meeting:**

- Regular, bi-monthly meeting: 10.00am – 2.00pm, Wednesday 17 August 2022, Hobart or via MS Teams

Meeting concluded at 2.13pm.

**Meeting No 20220615  
Held on 16 June 2022**

**Signed as a correct record**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brett Torossi', is written over a large, faint, circular watermark or stamp.

**Brett Torossi  
Chair**

17 August 2022