

TASMANIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 20210616

Wednesday 16 June 2021

Venue: Launceston Town Hall, 18-28 St John Street, Launceston
 Start time: 11:05am

1. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

1.1. Welcome

1.1.1. The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

1.1.2. Present and Apologies

Tasmanian Heritage Council

Brett Torossi	Chair
Simon Angilley	Member with expertise in engineering, nominated by the Local Government Association of Tasmania
Jim Cox	Member representing the Local Government Association of Tasmania
Caroline Evans	Member with expertise in history
Mary Duniam	Member representing community interests
David Gatenby	Member representing the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association
Roger Hesketh	Member representing the Tasmanian Council of Churches
Jennifer Jones-Travers	Member with expertise in Archaeology
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
Jessica Richmond	Member representing the mining industry with expertise in mining heritage
Peter Scott	Member representing the building development industry
Deidre Wilson	Alternate member for the Director of National Parks and Wildlife
<u>Apologies</u>	-

Heritage Tasmania

Andrew Roberts	A/Director
Annita Waghorn	Registration Manager
Chris Bonner	Regional Heritage Advisor
Ian Boersma	Works Manager
Nic Haygarth	Heritage Research Officer
Felicity Britten	Executive Officer

1.1.3. Declarations of Interest

- Jim Cox declared an interest in agenda item 2.1.1 - *DA0175-21 – new visitor accommodation - Colonial Motor Inn Hotel (former Overton House) – 31 Elizabeth Street, Launceston*. It was agreed that Jim would leave the meeting for discussion and determination of this item.
- Jim Cox noted a potential interest in agenda item 1.5.7 – *Determination of Assessment Criteria, New Bridgewater Bridge Major Project*, in light of his previous significant involvement in the earlier project for replacement of the Bridgewater Bridge and views on the matter. It was agreed that as item 1.5.7 was simply for noting by members, and that no discussion or determination was required, there was no conflict and that no action was required at this point. It was also agreed that this would be reviewed in the future as required.
- Kathryn McCann noted that she had made a previous declaration of interest in relation to Halls Hut, Halls Island, Lake Malbena (ref agenda item 2.2.1), by virtue of her previous roles with the Tourism Industry Council Tasmania (TIC). It was agreed that, as Kathryn has now vacated those roles with the THC, the previous declaration of interest no longer stands, and no action is required.
- Peter Scott noted that his company, Xsquared Architects Pty Ltd, is currently completing work for the University of Tasmania at Newnham Hall and the Launceston Railway Workshops, both of which are mentioned in agenda item 1.4.1 – *Heritage Tasmania Report to 31 May 2021*, which is for noting only. It was agreed that there was no conflict and no action is required.
- Simon Angilley declared an interest in item 1.6.2 – *Membership: Archaeological Advisory Panel*, and due to a personal association with one of the prospective members, advised that he would abstain from discussion and determination of this item.

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

A further agenda item was added later in the meeting as item 1.6.3 – *Membership: Registration Committee*.

Move: Peter Scott **Second:** Jennifer Jones-Travers

20210616/1 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

1.4.1 Heritage Tasmania Report to 31 May 2021

1.5.1 THC Finance Report

1.5.2 Updated THC Work Plan (2020-21)

1.5.3 Strategic Plan 2019/20 – 2023/24 (Reviewed 8 December 2020)

1.5.4 Register of Risks – THC Strategic Plan

1.5.5 THC Contact List

1.5.6 Noted minutes of Works Committee Meeting – 18 March 2021

1.5.7 Determination of Assessment Criteria, New Bridgewater Bridge Major Project

1.1.5. Register of Interests

See item 1.1.4 above.

1.1.6. Work Health and Safety

The meeting discussed work health and safety provisions around members' travel to and from meetings. It was agreed that Heritage Tasmania would provide clarification on this matter, and that Job Risk Analyses for both driving and site visits would be included in Heritage Council induction materials.

1.1.7. Round Table – brief updates

Members provided an update on recent activities.

- Caroline Evans advised that the Professional Historians Association lecture series is ongoing at the Allport Library and Museum in Hobart.
- David Gatenby advised that he had recently represented the Heritage Council at the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE) supported Healthy Country Plan project, which aims to develop and test options for managing post-contact and shared values in the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area.

The first pilot site is focussing on pre and post-contact Aboriginal cultural values, historic values and natural values around Recherche Bay in southern Tasmania. David and Heritage Tasmania Registration Manager, Annita Waghorn, attended a session focussing on the 'stories' of the area and had found it really positive and valuable. David commended the project and suggested that another Heritage Council member might like to be involved in the next session.

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

1.2.1. Draft Minutes of 21 April 2021 THC Meeting

Move: Simon Angilley **Second:** Mary Duniam

20210616/2 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

Accept as a true and accurate record, the draft minutes of the 21 April 2021 meeting of the Tasmanian Heritage Council (meeting 20210421).

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 noted that Roger Jaensch MP is the new Minister for Heritage, and that he has expressed an interest in joining the Heritage Council at one of its coming meetings.

It was also noted that arrangements for a meeting with the Chair of the Aboriginal Heritage Council are being pursued.

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

20210616/3 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

Note the general update provided by the Chair.

1.4 **Director's Report**

1.4.1 Heritage Tasmania Report to 31 May 2021

See 1.1.4 above.

1.5 **Matters for Noting**

1.5.1 THC Finance Report

See 1.1.4 above.

1.5.2 Updated THC Work Plan (2020-21)

See 1.1.4 above.

- 1.5.3 THC Strategic Plan 2019/20 – 2023/24 (Reviewed 8 December 2020)
See 1.1.4 above.
- 1.5.4 Register of Risks – THC Strategic Plan
See 1.1.4 above.
- 1.5.5 THC Contact List
See 1.1.4 above.
- 1.5.6 Endorsed Minutes of Works Committee Meeting – 18 March 2021
See 1.1.4 above.

Genevieve Lilley joined the meeting at 12.05pm.

1.6 Strategic and Policy Matters

- 1.6.1 2021 Tasmanian Heritage Council Effectiveness Appraisal
Members were referred to the briefing for this matter, and the results of the survey questionnaire were discussed.

Move: Peter Scott **Second:** Mary Duniam

20210616/4 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. Note the results of the 2021 Effectiveness Appraisal survey questionnaire
2. Agree on the following priority areas for future focus:
 - Appropriate induction for new members of the Heritage Council and its committees;
 - A return to a focus on stakeholder engagement;
 - Adoption of MS Teams as the platform for distribution of meeting papers;
 - Ensuring Heritage Tasmania is appropriately resourced;
 - Improved monitoring and management of Strategic Plan outcomes, with more time to be devoted to this at the October 2021 strategic planning session;
 - Development of a skills matrix for the Heritage Council, noting however, that the *essential* skills required for prospective future members are identified in the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995*;
 - Compilation of a list of topics for information sessions at future Heritage Council meetings, including: strategic planning; Aboriginal heritage; contemporary thinking in heritage (e.g. digital platforms; environment, climate change and heritage; contemporary designs for heritage); and a risk management session with DPIPWE Strategic Services staff.

David Gatenby left the meeting at 12.20pm.

- 1.6.2 Membership – Archaeological Advisory Panel

Move: Philip Mussared **Second:** Peter Scott

20210616/5 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. Appoint Dr Richard Tuffin, Dr Eleanor Casella and Sylvana Szydzik as external members of the Archaeological Advisory Panel.

Simon Angilley abstained from voting as agreed at 1.1.3 above.

It was noted that, as prescribed in its Terms of Reference, membership of the Archaeological Advisory Panel, includes at least two members of the Heritage Council, including a Chair who is generally the member with expertise in archaeology.

Members were asked to consider their interest in joining the Panel, and to contact Annita Waghorn to discuss further.

Jim Cox left the meeting as agreed at 1.1.3 above.

2. MATTERS FOR DECISION

2.1 Works Matters

DA0175-21 – new visitor accommodation - Colonial Motor Inn Hotel (former Overton House) – 31 Elizabeth Street, Launceston

Chris Bonner provide the meeting with an overview of the proposal and detailed discussion ensued.

Move: Peter Scott **Second:** Deidre Wilson

20210616/6 *Resolved:*

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

consents to the discretionary permit being granted in accordance with the documentation submitted with Development Application DA0175/2021, advertised on 22/05/2021, subject to the following conditions:

1. The exterior wall surfaces that are proposed to be of pre-cast concrete and pressed metal/Alucobond cladding must be modified or substituted with a different material to achieve an articulated, textured finish that is in harmony with the material character of the façades of the adjacent heritage building.

Reason for condition

To ensure that the new building has a material character that is complementary to the heritage buildings consistent with the appropriate outcomes described in Section 8.1 of the *Works Guidelines*.

2. Concrete floors, for the new lift lobby and new entry paving, must be detailed such that the junctions with existing masonry walls are constructed in a manner that:
 - (i) Does not result in the transfer of moisture or the introduction of soluble salts to the existing walls; and
 - (ii) Incorporates a porous strip of minimum 300mm width alongside the base of the existing masonry wall, enabling the evaporation of moisture from the ground at the base of that wall; or other detail having similar effect; and
 - (iii) Does not restrict the provision of subfloor ventilation to the heritage building.

Reason for condition

To avoid any circumstances that may cause or exacerbate rising damp or rot in the historic masonry or timber wall structures. This is consistent with the appropriate outcomes described in Section 9.5 of the *Works Guidelines*.

3. The locations of new air-conditioning plant, and services generally, must be designed to be concealed to have minimal impact on the presentation of the heritage place.
4. Works involving excavation and installation for the new grease trap (Ref. Concept Servicing Plan A14_Rev C) must be designed to minimise impacts on heritage fabric.

Reason for conditions 3 & 4

To ensure that works not adequately documented have an acceptably low impact on the place's historic cultural heritage values, consistent with the appropriate outcomes in Section 11 of the *Works Guidelines*.

5. Amended documentation demonstrating compliance with the requirements of Conditions 1-4 must be submitted to Heritage Tasmania and be to the satisfaction of the Works Manager, prior to the commencement of works.

Reason for condition

To ensure the documentation is amended to meet the requirements of the conditions of approval.

Advice

The Tasmanian Heritage Council recommends that:

(a) To comply with Condition 1, the pre-cast concrete and metal wall panels be substituted with an alternative cladding material, such as face-brick, painted or bagged brick or masonry rendered to create a modular pattern, that responds positively to the material character of the heritage place.

To respond more positively to the heritage place and its townscape setting the Tasmanian Heritage Council recommends that:

(b) The palette of external finishes and colours generally be of earthy neutral colours and tones, and matt textures, that have the effect of softening and articulating the forms of the new development. A lighter neutral wall tone may be used to reduce the prominence of the northern stairwell, and an alternative cladding to the Level 4 walls, similar to the roof material, may be used to reduce the visual prominence of those elements.

(c) To maintain consistency with the heritage streetscape, the bluestone foundation walls should be coursed horizontally with traditional stepped construction or a rendered cap applied to the raking wall profile.

(d) The fenestration of the George Street elevation, and west-facing Level 04 decks should be refined to discrete vertical proportion openings more reflective of the predominant pattern of fenestration evident in the neighbouring heritage buildings.

(e) The dormer/roof cut-outs to the east (George Street) and west elevations should be articulated by omitting or reducing the connecting rooflines.

(f) Adjustments may be made to the gable end roof profiles, to truncate the eave overhangs to reduce their visual prominence.

Simon Angilly, Caroline Evans and Genevieve Lilley voted against the resolution.

Jim Cox returned to the meeting.

The meeting broke for lunch from 1.10 – 1.30pm and was joined during that time by Fiona Ranson, Place and Heritage Officer, City of Launceston.

1.6.2 Membership – Archaeological Advisory Panel – cont'd

Further to the discussions earlier in the meeting, the need to formally appoint Jennifer Jones-Travers as the Chair of the Archaeological Advisory Panel was agreed.

Move: Mary Duniam **Second:** Peter Scott

20210616/7 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

Appoint Jennifer Jones-Travers, Heritage Council member with expertise in archaeology, as chair of the Archaeological Advisory Panel.

1.6.3 Membership – Registration Committee

The Chair advised that Mary Duniam had agreed to participate as a member of the Heritage Council's Registration Committee.

Move: Peter Scott **Second:** Deidre Wilson

20210616/8 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

Appoint Mary Duniam, Heritage Council member representing community interests, to the Registration Committee, with appropriate induction to be provided by Heritage Tasmania.

2.2 Registration Matters

Items 2.2.4 – 2.2.8 were brought forward on the agenda and considered as a group.

2.2.4 – 2.2.8 Removal of duplicate entries from the Tasmanian Heritage Register

Move: Peter Scott **Second:** Jim Cox

20210616/9 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. Approve the removal of 'Acton' (THR#1024) (Attachment 1) and 'Acton Cottage' (THR#1025) (Attachment 2) from the Tasmanian Heritage Register, pursuant to s25(1)(a) and s25(2) of the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act (1995)*, and subsequently writing to owners and planning authorities pursuant to s26(a) on the basis that 'Acton' (THR#1024) and 'Acton Cottage' (THR#1025) duplicate or substantially duplicate, the replacement entry, 'Acton' (THR#11272).
2. Approve the removal of 'Hagley Farm School House' (THR#4826) (Attachment 1) from the Tasmanian Heritage Register, pursuant to s25(1)(a) and s25(2) of the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995 Heritage Act (1995)*, and subsequently writing to owners and planning authorities pursuant to s26(a) on the basis that 'Hagley Farm School House' duplicates or substantially duplicates, the replacement entry, 'Hagley Farm School' (THR#12000).
3. Approve the removal of 'Moorilla Estate – Courtyard House' (THR7088) (Attachment 1) and 'Moorilla Estate – Round House' (THR7089) (Attachment 2) from the Tasmanian Heritage Register, pursuant to s25(1)(a) and s25(2) of the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995 Heritage Act (1995)*, and subsequently writing to owners and planning authorities pursuant to s26(a) on the basis that 'Moorilla Estate – Courtyard House' (THR7088) (Attachment 1) and 'Moorilla Estate – Round House' (THR7089) (Attachment 2) duplicate or substantially duplicate, the replacement entry, 'Moorilla Estate/Museum of Old and New Art' (THR#11971).
4. Approve the removal of 'Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens' (THR#2927) (Attachment 1) from the Tasmanian Heritage Register, pursuant to s25(1)(a) and s25(2) of the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995 Heritage Act (1995)*, and subsequently writing to owners and planning authorities pursuant to s26(a) on the basis that 'Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens' duplicates or substantially duplicates, the replacement entry, 'Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens' (THR#11999).
5. Approve the removal of 'Shops' (THR#5665) (Attachment 1) from the Tasmanian Heritage Register, pursuant to s25(1)(a) and s25(2) of the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act (1995)*, and subsequently writing to owners and planning authorities pursuant to s26(a) on the basis that 'Shops' (THR#5665) is duplicated or substantially duplicated by the replacement entry, 'Shop' (THR#12002).

2.2.1 Provisional THR entry – Halls Hut, Halls Island, Lake Malbena

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Annita Waghorn provided the meeting with an overview of this matter. Minor amendments to the 'setting' and 'description' sections of the draft datasheet were agreed.

Move: Simon Angilley **Second:** Mary Duniam

20210616/10 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

APPROVE the provisional entry in the Heritage Register for Halls Hut (THR#10805), Halls Island, Lake Malbena, as per the datasheet and boundary plan provided in Attachment 1 to the briefing to the Heritage Council.

As alternate member for the Director of National Parks and Wildlife, Deidre Wilson abstained from voting on this matter.

2.2.2 Permanent replacement THR entry – Cambria, Swansea

Annita Waghorn provided the meeting with an overview of this matter, noting that a number of amendments have been made to the datasheet, based on feedback provided from the public consultation period.

Move: Caroline Evans **Second:** Jennifer Jones-Travers

20210616/11 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. Approve the permanent entry in the Heritage Register of a revised entry for Cambria, Swansea (THR#12021), 13569 & 13566 Tasman Highway, and Lot 1 Tasman Highway, Swansea as per the datasheet and boundary plan provided in Attachment 1.
2. Approve the intention to remove Cambria, 13566 Tasman Highway, Swansea (THR #1559; Attachment 2) from the Tasmanian Heritage Register, pursuant to s22 (1A) (c) of the Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995 on the basis that this entry is duplicated or substantially duplicated by the replacement entry for Cambria (THR #12021, and subsequently writing to owners and planning authorities pursuant to s22(5) (a) and s22 (6)).

2.2.3 Permanent replacement THR entry – Rockwood, Antill Ponds

Move: Roger Hesketh **Second:** Genevieve Lilley

20210616/12 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. Approve the permanent entry in the Heritage Register of a revised entry for Rockwood, 7661 Midland Hwy, Antill Ponds (THR#12005), as per the datasheet and the boundary plan provided in Attachment 1.
2. Approve the intention to remove Rockwood, 7661 Midland Hwy, Antill Ponds (THR #5593; Attachment 2) from the Tasmanian Heritage Register, pursuant to s22 (1A) (c) of the Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995 on the basis that this entry is duplicated or substantially duplicated by the replacement entry for Rockwood (THR #12005, and subsequently writing to owners and planning authorities pursuant to s22(5) (a) and s22 (6)).

2.2.4 Removal of duplicate THR entry – Acton

See above.

2.2.5 Removal of duplicate THR entry – Hagley School Farm House

See above.

2.2.6 Removal of duplicate THR entry – Courtyard House & Round House, Moorilla Estate

See above.

2.2.7 Removal of duplicate THR entry – Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens

See above.

- 2.2.8 Removal of duplicate THR entry – shops, Main Street, Zeehan
See above.

Deidre Wilson left the meeting at 2.30pm.

- 2.2.9 Draft Searchability Framework – for in-principle endorsement
Annita Waghorn provided a briefing on this matter, including an overview of how the themes were developed. The meeting discussed the importance of how the framework will eventually be presented and delivered; and the means for applying themes and typology to places already on the Heritage Register.

Move: Jessica Richmond **Second:** Jennifer Travers-Jones

20210616/13 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. Provides in-principle endorsement of the draft Themes as part of the searchability framework for the Heritage Register as per Attachments 1 and 2;
2. Approves the proposed Communication Strategy as per Attachment 3; and
3. Notes that the draft Themes will continue to be revised with heritage sector and community input prior to being returned to the Council for endorsement at the December 2021 meeting.

The Chair thanked Annita and the Assessment and Registration Team for their work on this project.

- 2.2.10 Progressing the draft Registration Guide and Datasheet Template
Annita Waghorn provided a briefing on this matter and members provided feedback on the documents.

Move: Peter Scott **Second:** Jessica Richmond

20210616/14 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. Notes the update provided on progress against the Registration Guide and Datasheet Template
2. Provides in-principle support for the draft to date, on the basis that it will continue to be developed in conjunction with the Registration Committee and a finalized version provided to the Heritage Council at a later meeting (October 2021).

- 2.2.11 Registration Works Program 2021-22

Move: Simon Angilley **Second:** Jim Cox

20210616/15 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. Notes the update on the progress against assessments required for the PAL 2020-21 (Attachment 1).
2. Endorses the proposed Registration workplan for 2021-22, noting its focus on upgrading boundary and location data ahead of the public release of the Heritage Register.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

- 3.1.1 Any other business

The Chair expressed her thanks to Andrew Roberts, and to those members of the Heritage Council and Heritage Tasmania staff who provided their assistance with arrangements around today's meeting.

She also thanked those members who have taken on committee/panel roles.

3.1.2 Meeting review

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4. NEXT MEETING

4.1 Date of next meeting:

- Regular, bi-monthly meeting: Wednesday 18 August 2021, 10am, 134 Macquarie Street, Hobart or via Teams

Meeting concluded at 3.08pm.

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Signed as a correct record

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brett Torossi', with a large, stylized initial 'B' and a long, sweeping tail.

Brett Torossi
Chair

18 August 2021