



TASMANIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 20220216

Wednesday 16 February 2022

Via videoconference

Start time: 10.00am

1. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

1.1. Welcome

1.1.1. The Chair welcomed members to the meeting, particularly new members Elizabeth Frankham and Michael McLaren. She 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	Member with expertise in engineering, nominated by the Local Government Association of Tasmania
Caroline Evans	Member with expertise in history
Mary Duniam	Member representing community interests
Elizabeth Frankham	Member representing the Tourism Industry Council of Tasmania
David Gatenby <i>attended from 10.10am – 1.50pm</i>	Member representing the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association
Roger Hesketh <i>attended from 1.15 – 2.00pm</i>	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, and Deputy Chairperson
Michael McLaren	Member representing the Local Government Association of Tasmania
Philip Mussared <i>attended from 10.10am – 1.30pm</i>	Member representing the National Trust
Jessica Richmond <i>attended from 10.10am – 12.40pm</i>	Member representing the mining industry with expertise in mining heritage
Deidre Wilson	Alternate member for the Director of National Parks and Wildlife
<u>Apologies</u>	
Peter Scott	Member representing the building development industry
Heritage Tasmania	
Andrew Roberts	Director
Annita Waghorn	Registration Manager
John Stephenson	Data & Geospatial Coordinator
Richard Allen	Heritage Research Officer
Felicity Britten	Executive Officer

1.1.3. Declarations of Interest

- David Gatenby advised that he is no longer a member of the Forest Practices Board and requested that the Register of Interests be updated to reflect that.
- Philip Mussared provided details on several amendments to his entry in the Register of Interests, which will be updated accordingly.
- Jessica Richmond advised that her company has pitched for some outsourced roles around the New Bridgewater Bridge Major Project. It was agreed that no conflict currently exists, however if contracts are awarded at any point in the future, Jessica would manage any interests appropriately.

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

Move: Mary Duniam **Second:** Genevieve Lilley

20220216/1 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 January 2022

1.5.1 THC Finance Report to 31 January 2022

1.5.2 THC Work Plan (2021-22)

1.5.3 THC Contact List

1.5.4 Endorsed minutes of Archaeological Advisory Panel meeting 1 (11 November 2021) and 2 (22 November 2021)

1.5.5 Finalised Council Charter

1.5.6 Historic Heritage Ecosystem Review Project– introductory letter

1.1.5. Register of Interests

See item 1.1.4 above.

1.1.6. Work Health and Safety

The meeting was referred to the finalised Council Charter document provided for noting at item 1.5.5, which provides advice on WHS and liability issues for THC members.

Move: Peter Scott **Second:** Caroline Evans

20211207/2 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

Note the update on COVID preparedness and the intention to clarify future requirements for Heritage Council members.

1.1.7. Round Table – brief updates

Members introduced themselves and provided an update on recent activities.

- David Gatenby advised that he has been in conversation with the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (NRE Tas) and the local Campbell Town community in relation to the process for formally changing the name of the Isis River to its original name of Penny Royal Creek. He noted that full community support for the change would be needed.
- Stuart King has been busy preparing for delivery of courses for the summer term and Semester 1 at the University of Melbourne.
- Jennifer Jones-Travers advised that she has been continuing her work on the Central Coast Cultural Heritage Study, has completed an Aboriginal heritage survey on Bruny Island, and will also be monitoring the digging of a grave at St Luke's Church in Richmond.

- Caroline Evans informed the meeting that she has been involved with the planning for the new Professional Historians Association lecture series which begins in March. The lectures will be advertised via Eventbrite, and anyone interested in joining the mailing list can do so by contacting Caroline.
It was noted that Heritage Tasmania's *Heritage-News* bulletin is currently in abeyance due to staff shortages but will be used to promote the lecture series once back in production.
- Simon Angilley advised that the Forth public consultation session for the Central Coast Cultural Heritage Study had been well received by the local community, with much positive feedback received.
There was further discussion around a possible case study of the project to inform and encourage other local government authorities in the identification, protection and management of local heritage values.
- Jessica Richmond advised that she had been working on the introduction of environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria into some large mining operations. She has also been working with University of Queensland startup, Envirometrics, which is developing AI technology for surveying that will improve the environmental performance of mining companies. Work has also been undertaken with local government authorities within the State around the development of carbon neutral strategies.
- Mary Duniam advised that in her role as Councillor and Deputy Mayor of Waratah-Wynyard Council, she would be proposing a motion for the coming Council meeting, that Council draft a local heritage register based on the findings of a previous heritage study and prepare a policy to support such a register.
Following discussion of the varied approaches of local government authorities around the State in relation to local heritage values, it was agreed that consideration should be given to Heritage Tasmania liaising with the three regional local organisations.
- Philip Mussared advised that the National Trust has recently appointed a new Managing Director. Several National Trust representatives have also been interviewed as part of the current project aimed at understanding the historic heritage sector ecosystem in Tasmania.
- Deidre Wilson noted that NRE Tas has been busy with its strong COVID-19 response, the annual budget process, and preparations for the resumption of Parliament on 1 March 2022.
- Michael McLaren introduced himself and provided an overview of his experience with local government, moveable heritage, and the National Trust.
- Elizabeth Frankham introduced herself and provided an overview of her extensive experience in the arts and with various heritage properties.

1.2. Minutes, Agenda Review and Action Sheet

1.2.1. Draft Minutes of 7 December 2021 THC Meeting

Move: David Gatenby **Second:** Jennifer Jones-Travers

20220216/3 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

Accept as a true and accurate record, the draft minutes of the 7 December 2021 meeting of the Tasmanian Heritage Council (meeting 20211207).

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 advised that she had recently met with Stenning & Associates, consultants for the current Historic Heritage Sector Ecosystem Review Project. She noted that they are highly organised and engaged and suggested that they present on their early findings to a coming meeting of the Heritage Council, which would also provide a time-effective means for input from members.

The Chair noted that she was looking forward to the briefing that would be provided at agenda item 2.2.2. on the Publicly Accessible Heritage Register project, and the coming launch.

Recent fires at two Tasmanian Heritage Register (THR) listed properties in North Hobart and Whiteford were noted.

It was also noted that completion of a skills matrix for the Heritage Council, identified as a priority in the 2021 effectiveness appraisal, is still outstanding. Members agreed that this initiative should be pursued.

Move: Deidre Wilson **Second:** David Gatenby
20220216/4 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

Note the update provided by the Chair.

1.4 Director's Report

1.4.1 Heritage Tasmania Report to 31 January 2022

See 1.1.4 above.

1.5 Matters for Noting

1.5.1 THC Finance Report

See 1.1.4 above.

1.5.2 THC Work Plan (2020-21)

See 1.1.4 above.

1.5.3 THC Contact List

See 1.1.4 above.

1.5.4 Endorsed minutes of Archaeological Advisory Panel meetings

See 1.1.4 above.

1.5.5 Finalised Council Charter

See 1.1.4 above.

1.5.6 Historic Heritage Sector Ecosystem Review Project

See 1.1.4 above.

1.6 Strategic and Policy Matters

1.6.1 Tasmanian Heritage Council Instagram account and Social Media Strategy

The meeting discussed various social media options for the Heritage Council

Move: Genevieve Lilley **Second:** Jennifer Jones-Travers

20220216/5 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. ENDORSE the creation of an Instagram account; and
2. PROVIDE in-principle approval for the Social Media Strategy (Attachment 1); and
3. NOTE that the Strategy requires approval from the Department before an account may be created.

It was agreed that further consideration be given to the name of the account in discussion with NRE Tas as part of the approval process.

1.6.2 Review of Committee Terms of Reference

It was noted that the Terms of Reference for both the Registration and Works Committees have been revised to reflect discussions at the December 2021 meeting of the Heritage Council.

Move: Philip Mussared **Second:** Caroline Evans

20220216/6 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. ENDORSE the draft revised Registration Committee Terms of Reference provided at Attachment 1; and
2. ENDORSE the draft revised Works Committee Terms of Reference provided at Attachment 2.

1.6.3 Tasmanian Planning Scheme and Heritage Management

Andrew Roberts referred the meeting to the 'Tasmanian Planning Scheme and Heritage Management' summary developed by Heritage Tasmania for the information of members. He noted that early discussions have been had around a possible project to investigate means for increased identification and protection of local heritage values.

Move: Mary Duniam **Second:** Stuart King

20220216/7 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

Supports Heritage Tasmania scoping a project to investigate options for maximising the tools available to local government for the protection of heritage values.

2. MATTERS FOR DECISION

2.1 Works Matters

2.1.1 Nil

2.2 Registration Matters

2.2.1 Searchability Framework for the Tasmanian Heritage Register

Annita Waghorn provided an overview of the development of a searchability framework for the THR, aimed at providing enhanced searchability for the online THR, which is due to be launched in coming weeks.

Move: Mary Duniam **Second:** Genevieve Lilley

20220216/8 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. APPROVE the concept planning for the implementation of the searchability framework (Phase 2) for the Tasmanian Heritage Register as per Attachment 1, noting that this planning will continue to be refined; and

- NOTE that regular updates on the implementation of the Searchability Framework will be provided through the Heritage Tasmania report

The Chair expressed her thanks to the Heritage Tasmania team, and to Stuart King and the Registration Committee for their hard work on this project.

2.2.2 Publicly Accessible Tasmanian Heritage Register Project – update and discussion paper

John Stephenson joined the meeting and provided an update on the project, noting that final tweaks are being made before the delivery of the 'Heritage Register Boundary' layers in Land Information System Tasmania (LIST) in coming weeks. John demonstrated to the meeting the operation of the layer for different areas in the State and various types of listed places.

Various aspects of the online THR were discussed including the new link from LIST to the datasheet for any THR listed place. It was noted that, as all THR datasheets are currently publicly available on request to Heritage Tasmania as required under the provisions of the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995*, the information and images available for each place will remain unchanged.

Members agreed that a communications plan for the public release and next steps is required.

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

20220216/9 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

- NOTE the discussion paper *Potential Issues associated with the release of datasheet photos and location information* (Attachment 1).
- REQUEST the Archaeological Advisory Panel to consider the issues related to the public release of location information for sensitive archaeological places, and to advise the Heritage Council as to appropriate approaches.
- AGREE that consistent with the principal that THR datasheets are publicly available documents, these will be provided via LIST with the current information included.
- RECOMMEND that policy is developed to guide the response to collection and owner requests not to release location or datasheet information for sensitive places.

The Chair noted her sincere thanks to John, Annita, the registration team and Heritage Tasmania for the enormous amount of work that has been done to progress this work over many years.

The meeting broke for lunch from 12:40 – 1:00pm.

2.2.3 Application to declare a Heritage Area – Early Colonial Timber Sites in Wellington Park

Annita Waghorn provided a briefing on this matter. It was agreed that Heritage Tasmania continue discussions with key stakeholders and encourage the completion of study to record and evaluate the sites. It was further agreed that assistance would be provided for the preparation of a brief for the study, and that Heritage Council members be provided with an opportunity to visit the site.

Move: Genevieve Lilley **Second:** Simon Angilley

20220216/10 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

- NOTE the briefing provided on the status of the current applications to the Minister for Heritage to declare Early Colonial Timber sites in Wellington Park as a Heritage Area under s29, *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995*.

2. PROVIDES ADVICE to the Minister for Heritage to defer the decision to declare the Heritage area, pending the outcome of further Heritage Tasmania discussions with City of Hobart and Wellington Park Management Trust, seeking a firm undertaking by all parties to progress a site study during 2022 and avoid any further works approvals until the study is undertaken.
- 2.2.4 Permanent entry to the THR – St Albans Anglican Church and Cemetery, Koonya
Move: Deidre Wilson **Second:** Mary Duniam
20220216/11 Resolved:
That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:
1. APPROVE the permanent entry for St Alban’s Anglican Church and Cemetery, 496 Nubeena Road, Koonya (THR#10517), as per the datasheet and the boundary plan in Attachment 2.
- 2.2.5 Permanent replacement entry to THR – Victoria and Constitution Dock, Hobart
Move: David Gatenby **Second:** Caroline Evans
20220216/12 Resolved:
That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:
1. APPROVE the permanent entry in the Heritage Register of a replacement entry for Victoria Dock and Constitution Dock (THR 12022), on parts of Lot 1 Franklin Wharf and 3 Argyle Street, Hobart, as per the datasheet and the boundary plan provided in Attachment 1.
 2. APPROVE the intention to remove Victoria Dock (THR 10182; Attachment 2) and Constitution Dock (incl. Bridge and Crane) (THR 10184; Attachment 3) from the Tasmanian Heritage Register, pursuant to s22 (1A) (c) of the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995* on the basis that these entries are duplicated by the replacement entry for Victoria Dock and Constitution Dock (THR 12022), and subsequently writing to owners and planning authorities pursuant to s22(5) (a) and s22 (6)).
- 2.2.6 Permanent replacement entry to THR – Crisp & Gunn offices and workshop, and Forestry Tasmania dome, Melville Street, Hobart
Move: Mary Duniam **Second:** Genevieve Lilley
20220216/13 Resolved:
That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:
1. APPROVE the permanent entry in the Heritage Register of a replacement entry for Victoria Dock and Constitution Dock (THR 12022), on parts of Lot 1 Franklin Wharf and 3 Argyle Street, Hobart, as per the datasheet and the boundary plan provided in Attachment 1.
 2. APPROVE the intention to remove Victoria Dock (THR 10182; Attachment 2) and Constitution Dock (incl. Bridge and Crane) (THR 10184; Attachment 3) from the Tasmanian Heritage Register, pursuant to s22 (1A) (c) of the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995* on the basis that these entries are duplicated by the replacement entry for Victoria Dock and Constitution Dock (THR 12022), and subsequently writing to owners and planning authorities pursuant to s22(5) (a) and s22 (6)).
- It was agreed that Heritage Tasmania write to the representor advising them of the outcome and thank them for their level of engagement and input.
- 2.2.7 Permanent consolidated entry to the THR entry – Seabrook Cottages, Hobart
Move: Caroline Evans **Second:** Jennifer Jones-Travers
20220216/14 Resolved:
That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. APPROVE the permanent consolidated entry in the Heritage Register of a revised entry for Seabrook Cottages, 159-165 Harrington Street, Hobart (THR#12025) as per the datasheet and the boundary plan (Attachment 1).
 2. APPROVE the intention to remove Seabrook Cottages (THR#2387) (Attachment 2) and Conjoined Cottage (THR#6078) (Attachment 3) from the Tasmanian Heritage Register, pursuant to s22 (1A) (c) of the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995* on the basis that these entries are duplicated by the replacement entry for Seabrook Cottages (THR#12025) and subsequently writing to owners and planning authorities pursuant to s22(5) (a) and s22 (6)).
- 2.2.8 Intention to remove THR entry – House, Huon Highway, Franklin (THR#3511)
Move: Simon Angilley **Second:** Stuart King
20220216/15 Resolved:
That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:
1. APPROVE the intention to remove the entry for House, Huon Highway, Franklin (THR#3511) 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 the entry is an invalid entry in the Register.
- It was agreed that Heritage Tasmania would write to Huon Valley Council to provide the information obtained in researching this place, suggesting that they may like to consider the place's local heritage values.
- 2.2.9 Intention to remove THR entry – House, 3347 Huon Highway, Franklin (THR#3503)
Move: Simon Angilley **Second:** Stuart King
20220216/16 Resolved:
That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:
 APPROVE the intention to remove the entry for House, Huon Highway, Franklin (THR#3503) 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 the entry is an invalid entry in the Register.
- 2.2.10 Removal of duplicate THR entry – Cambria, Swansea
 2.2.11 Removal of duplicate THR entry – Rockwood, Antill Ponds
 2.2.12 Removal of duplicate THR entry – St Thomas Anglican Church, Avoca
Move: Simon Angilley **Second:** Stuart King
20220216/17 Resolved:
That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:
1. APPROVE the removal of the entry for Cambria (THR1559), 713566 & 13569, and Lot 1, Tasman Highway, Swansea, from the Tasmanian Heritage Register, pursuant to s25 of the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995*, and subsequently writing to owners and planning authorities of this decision pursuant to s26(a).
 2. APPROVE the removal of the entry for Rockwood (THR5593), 7661 Midland Highway, Antill Ponds, from the Tasmanian Heritage Register, pursuant to s25 of the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995*, and subsequently writing to owners and planning authorities of this decision pursuant to s26(a).
 3. APPROVE the removal of the entry for St Thomas' Anglican Church, 9 Falmouth Street, Avoca (THR4880), from the Tasmanian Heritage Register, pursuant to s25 of the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995*, and subsequently writing to owners and planning authorities of this decision pursuant to s26(a).

3. OTHER BUSINESS

3.1 Other business

3.1.1 Meeting Review

New members Elizabeth Frankham and Michael McLaren advised that they had both found the meeting interesting and enjoyable.

John Stephenson noted that members will be advised on the availability of platform for the testing of the access to the THR via LIST.

David Gatenby expressed his congratulations on a well flowing meeting and for the significant amount of work from Heritage Tasmania.

Jennifer Jones-Travers provided a brief update on recent Archaeological Advisory Panel activities, noting that a draft strategy for the improved identification, assessment and management of archaeological resources will be submitted to the 21 March 2022 joint committee meeting, and in turn to the Heritage Council.

4. NEXT MEETING

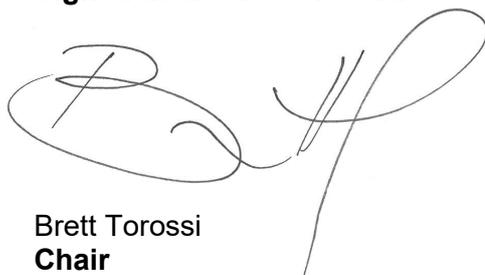
4.1 Date of next meeting:

- Regular, bi-monthly meeting: 10.00am – 2.00pm, Wednesday 20 April 2022, **via MS Teams only – no in-person attendance.**

Meeting concluded at 2.00pm.

**Meeting No 20220216
Held on 16 February 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 background mark.

**Brett Torossi
Chair**

20 April 2022