

TASMANIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 20210217

Wednesday 17 February 2021

Venue: Level 1, 134 Macquarie Street, Hobart and via videoconference
 Start time: 10:05am

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
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
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

Apologies

Mary Duniam	Member representing community interests
Jennifer Jones-Travers	Member with expertise in Archaeology
Kathryn McCann	Member representing the Tourism (Industry) Council of Tasmania

Heritage Tasmania

Andrew Roberts	A/Director
Annita Waghorn	Registration Manager
John Stephenson	Data & Geospatial Coordinator
Nic Haygarth	Heritage Research Officer
Ester Guerzoni	Senior Executive Officer
Felicity Britten	Executive Officer

1.1.3. Declarations of Interest

- Peter Scott declared an interest in a number of items from agenda item 1.4.1 – *31 January 2021 Heritage Tasmania Report*. As director of Xsquared Architects, he advised that the firm is:
 - working for the Fragrance Group (although not for the listed proposal), listed as an appellant on p.47 of the meeting papers
 - the architect for works within the Australian Maritime College, referenced in Replacement Entries in relation to Newnham Hall on p.64 of the meeting papers

It was agreed that this would be noted in the Register of Interests, however no conflicts exist.

Peter further advised that he has stood down as chair of the Urban Renewal Committee of the Tasmanian Division of the Property Council of Australia, effective 31 December 2020. The Register of Interests will be updated accordingly.

- Brett Torossi advised the following in relation to item 2.2.2 – *Provisional replacement Tasmanian Heritage Register entry – Cambria, Tasman Highway, Swansea*:
 - That she is currently working on two private projects with Ireneinc Planning, the applicant for the previous application to amend the Glamorgan Spring Bay Planning Scheme to insert a Specific Area Plan for Cambria.
 - That when the previous application to amend the Glamorgan Spring Bay Planning Scheme to insert a Specific Area Plan for Cambria was being considered, she had been approached by Sophie Underwood of Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania for a meeting to discuss the property. The meeting went ahead, with the Chair simply listening to the views expressed.

It was agreed that this would be noted in the Register of Interests, however no conflicts exist.

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

Move: Peter Scott **Second:** David Gatenby
20210217/1 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 – 9 February 2021
- 1.4.1 Heritage Tasmania Report to 31 January 2021
- 1.5.1 THC Finance Report to 31 January 2021
- 1.5.2 THC Contact List
- 1.5.3 Updated THC Work Plan (2020-21)

1.1.5. Register of Interests

See item 1.1.4 above.

1.1.6. Work Health and Safety

Members were provided with a brief overview of the emergency evacuation procedures for Level 1 of the building.

1.1.7. Round Table

Deferred for this meeting.

1.2. Minutes, Agenda Review and Action Sheet

1.2.1. Draft Minutes of 8 December 2020 and 5 February 2021 THC Meetings

Move: Genevieve Lilley **Second:** Caroline Evans

20210217/2 Resolved:

That with agreed minor amendments, the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

Accept as a true and accurate record, the draft minutes of the following meetings of the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

8 December 2020 (meeting 20201208); and
5 February 2021 (meeting 20210205).

1.2.2. Amendments to 21 October 2020 THC Minutes

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

20210217/3 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. Note the 28 January 2021 request for amendments to the minutes of the 21 October 2020 Tasmanian Heritage Council meeting.
2. Agree to amend the minutes to remove reference to Cultural Heritage Practitioners Tasmania.

1.2.3. Tasmanian Heritage Council Action Sheet – 26 November 2020

See 1.1.4 above

1.3. Chair's Report

Deferred until later in the agenda

1.4 Director's Report

1.4.1 Heritage Tasmania Report to 31 January 2021

See 1.1.4 above

1.5 Matters for Noting

1.5.1 THC Finance Report

See 1.4.1 above.

1.5.2 THC Contact List

See 1.1.4 above.

1.5.3 Updated THC Work Plan (2020-21)

See 1.1.4 above.

1.6 Strategic and Policy Matters

1.6.1 Discussion of Draft THC Statement of Intent

Members discussed the Draft Statement of Intent, in response to the Minister's inaugural Statement of Expectation, and then agreed to consider it further following the visit from the Minister for Heritage.

1.6.2 Visit from the Hon Elise Archer MP, Minister for Heritage

Elise Archer, Minister for Heritage and Advisor, Mel Brown joined the meeting. Members and staff introduced themselves, and a number of current heritage issues and initiatives were discussed with the Minister.

The Minister advised that Philip Mussared and Stuart King have been reappointed to the Heritage Council for further three year terms as the National Trust representative and member representing heritage conservations interests respectively.

She also advised that Mary Duniam has been appointed for a three year term as the member representing community interests. It was noted that as this appointment had only been finalised in recent days, Mary was unable to attend today's meeting.

It was agreed that the Minister and the Chair would meet on a quarterly basis in order to keep the Minister updated on Heritage Council activities.

The meeting broke for lunch from 12.10 – 12.30pm.

1.6.3 Presentation – Planning Reforms and Historic Cultural Heritage

Brian Risby, Director Policy Planning Unit, Department of Justice joined the meeting and gave a presentation on planning reforms including the Tasmanian Planning Scheme and local heritage codes, Major Projects legislation and broader planning and heritage issues. A short question and answer session followed.

1.6.4 Determination on Draft Statement of Intent

Following on from discussions earlier in the meeting, a number of amendments to the Draft Statement of Intent were agreed by members.

Move: Jim Cox **Second:** Genevieve Lilley

20210217/4 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

Endorse the inaugural Statement of Intent, incorporating the amendments required by members.

1.3 **Chair's Report**

1.3.1 Chair's general update

- 'Tasmanac' is progressing well
- At the Chair's request, Ian Boersma provided the meeting with an overview of the recent successfully defended works appeal for George Street, Launceston, and the lessons learned. The Chair commended Ian's work and the significant outcome achieved.
- Ian also provided a short briefing on the request received for a stopwork order for a property at Perth. It was noted that the property does not have any state level heritage values and there is therefore no mandate for the Heritage Council. The Chair expressed her thanks to Ian, and to Genevieve Lilley as Chair of the Works Committee, for their assistance with this matter.
- The Chair congratulated David Gatenby on the recent release of his book, *The Gatenby Saga - the story of Andrew Gatenby from Barton and his descendants - life along the Pennyroyal Creek, Tasmania*, which was co-authored with Carol Bacon. The Chair also conveyed her congratulations to Carol.

2. **MATTERS FOR DECISION**

2.1 **Works Matters**

Nil

2.2 **Registration Matters**

- 2.2.1 Registration Committee membership – appointment of Chair and new member
Move: David Gatenby **Second:** Philip Mussared
20210217/5 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

Re-appoint Stuart King as Chair of the Registration Committee for the duration of his term on the Heritage Council as person representing heritage conservation interests (with dates as per the January 2021 extension under the provisions of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1931* and subsequent Cabinet appointment)

Following a discussion of committee membership, it was agreed that members would consider their interest in participating in the Council's Registration Committee and/or Works Committee, and forward any expressions of interest by email to the Chair.

Jim Cox left the meeting at 2.00pm.

- 2.2.2 Provisional replacement Tasmanian Heritage Register entry – Cambria, Swansea
Annita Waghorn provided the meeting with an overview of this matter.

Move: Genevieve Lilley **Second:** Caroline Evans
20210217/6 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

APPROVE the provisional entry in the Heritage Register of 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.

- 2.2.3 Project initiation documentation for a publicly accessible digital Tasmanian Heritage Register

Andrew Roberts introduced this matter. Discussion with members followed.

Move: Jessica Richmond **Second:** Roger Hesketh
20210217/7 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. ENDORSE the Project Initiation Document presented in Attachment 1, incorporating amendments required by members.
2. NOTE that the Heritage Council will be provided with regular updates on progress throughout the project duration, and a copy of the active project plan at the April meeting.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

- 3.1.1 Any other business

The Chair advised that the process for the appointment of the Deputy Chair would be progressing shortly.

- 3.1.2 Meeting review

With technological difficulties and the limitation of MS Teams, it was suggested that efforts should be made to ensure that at some Heritage Council meeting dates be nominated for all members to attend in person.

There was a further suggestion that more meetings should be held in the north of the State.

Members agreed that it had been excellent to have the Minister for Heritage in attendance at today's meeting, and that a letter of thanks should be forwarded from the Chair.

4. NEXT MEETING


4.1 Date of next meeting:

- **Regular, bi-monthly meeting: Wednesday 21 April 2021, 10.00am, 134 Macquarie Street, Hobart or via Teams.**

Meeting concluded at 2.50pm.

**Meeting No 20210217
Held on 17 February 2021**

Signed as a correct record

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Brett Torossi', written in a cursive style.

**Brett Torossi
Chair**

21 April 2021