

**TASMANIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING NO.
20240619**

Wednesday 19 June 2024

Tasman Council Chambers, 1713 Main Road, Nubeena AND via videoconference

Start time: 9:30am

1. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

1.1. Welcome

1.1.1. Welcome

1.1.2. Acknowledgement of Aboriginal people and country

1.1.3. Present/Apologies (+ Attendance Record)

Tasmanian Heritage Council

Brett Torossi	Chair
Alexandra Lintner	Member representing the mining industry with expertise in mining
Caroline Evans	Member with expertise in history
Judith Lyne	Member representing the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association
John Beswick	Member representing the Local Government Association of Tasmania
Genevieve Lilley	Member with expertise in architecture, and Deputy Chairperson
Philip Mussared	Member representing the National Trust
Roger Hesketh	Member representing the Tasmanian Council of Churches
Stuart King	Member representing heritage conservation interests
Richard Warner	Member representing community interests
Jennifer Jones-Travers	Member with expertise in Archaeology
Peter Scott	Member representing the building development industry
Deidre Wilson	Alternate member for the Director of National Parks and Wildlife
Elizabeth Frankham	Member representing the Tourism Industry Council of Tasmania
James Dryburgh	Member with expertise in planning, nominated by the Local Government Association of Tasmania

Apologies:

NIL

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Stuart Fletcher <i>Via videoconference</i>	General Manager, Heritage and Land (Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania)
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Heritage Tasmania

Andrew Roberts	Director
Pene Snashall	Manager Executive Services
Danielle Telega	Executive Officer
John Stephenson	Registration Manager
Ian Boersma	Works Manager

Via video conference:

Richard Allen	Heritage Assessment Officer
Fiona Ranson	Senior Assessment Officer
Nic Haygarth	Heritage Assessment Officer
Erin Rockliffe	Heritage Advisor
Melinda Clarke	Heritage Research Officer
Hilary Smith	Administration Officer
Andrew Winkler	Data and Spatial Officer
Chris Bonner	Regional Heritage Advisor
Russell Dobie	Regional Heritage Advisor

Launceston Gasworks presentation via video conference

Scott Towns	Harrison Group of Companies
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1.1.4. Declarations of Interest

- Caroline Evans advised:
 - In relation to the Crowther Statue decision, Caroline has declared her interest in this topic in previous meetings (item 2.2.3)
 - She is a friend of the Orphan School (item 2.2.4) it was decided Caroline will not participate in any discussions on this item.
- Peter Scott advised:
 - Xsquared Architects won the original open tender for the design of St Johns Park (item 2.2.4) in 2018, Peter provided background to his involvement in the project, Peter Scott disclosed, however, in 2023, Xsquared Architects and the Department of Health mutually terminated their agreement. Peter will take no part in the Heritage Council discussion and decision on this item.
- Stuart King advised:
 - He has written a personal reflection piece on the Crowther Statue removal which will be published. (item 2.2.3). It was discussed and agreed with the Chair that he identify within the article that this was a personal; reflection, not representing the views of the Heritage Council and that he is also a member of the Council.
- Judith Lyne advised:
 - Has had personal conversations with a property owner that has a registration application that appears on the Priority Assessment List (PAL) (item 3.1.1)
- Elizabeth Frankham advised:

- Identified that she has had a past working relationship at TNT9 (item 2.1.6)

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

The following were removed from the list of asterisked items:

- 1.4.1 – HT Directors Report to 31 May 2024
- 1.5.7 – Works Committee – action sheet as of 8 November 2023

Move: Peter Scott **Second:** John Beswick

20240619/1 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

NOTE those items from the agenda marked with an asterisk:

- 1.1.6 Register of Interests
- 1.2.2 Action Sheet
- 1.5.1 THC Finance Report to 31 January 2024
- 1.5.2 THC Strategic Plan 2023-24 to 2027-28
- 1.5.3 THC Contact List
- 1.5.4 Registration Committee minutes of 18 March 2024 Meeting
- 1.5.5 Registration Committee – action sheet as of 18 March 2024
- 1.5.6 Works Committee minutes of 8 November 2023 Meeting
- 1.5.7 Works Committee – action sheet as of 8 November 2023
- 1.5.8 Council Performance Appraisal 2023 – Action List

1.1.6. Register of Interests

See item 1.1.5 above.

1.1.7. Work Health and Safety

- NIL – 6 month summary in the HT Directors Report

1.1.8. Round Table – brief updates, engagement activities

Members provided an update on recent engagement activities.

- Roger Hesketh advised:
 - St Johns Church Launceston has been closed for 13 months still undergoing renovations. Now have a completion date of the beginning of August 2024.
 - Met with Churches Working Group about progressing their project.
- Peter Scott advised:
 - January 2024, he visited New Zealand as he is interested in living Māori culture, he also visited Japan earlier this year due to his same interest. He attended the Sanno Festival in Otsu, near Kyoto.
 - He applied an archaeological approach to some minor excavation beneath his 1950s house (not heritage listed), and found some surprisingly interesting artefacts.
- Caroline Evans advised:
 - She has completed writing an article which will be published in 2025.
- Stuart King advised:
 - Was a panel member for a book launch about decision-making in the heritage sector.

- Completed writing his book 'Reclaiming Colonial Architecture' scheduled for launch in December 2024.
- Judith Lyne advised:
 - Really enjoyed the stakeholder event the THC hosted the night prior at Bangor Vineyard Shed for the Tasman region stakeholders.
- Alexandra Lintner advised:
 - She gave a presentation at the Tasmanian Minerals, Manufacturing and Energy Council (TMEC) management forum, to introduce Heritage Tasmania and the Tasmanian Heritage Council and their roles.
 - She has also recently stayed at Rydges Hobart which is listed on the Tasmanian Heritage Register. She recommended her stay.
- James Dryburgh advised:
 - As this was James' first meeting he introduced himself to the council members and provided a brief on his professional background. Elaborated on his interest in Natural and Cultural heritage.
- Philip Mussared advised:
 - He received the new Heritage Tasmania newsletter 'Heritage Happenings' which he enjoyed and congratulated the staff involved.
- Jennifer Jones-Travers advised:
 - She is currently working on an Archeological dig at the Hope and Anchor hotel, she is having great success with her finishings. They have QR codes on the site which direct people to the Latitude Heritage website which is updated with the project's findings.
- Richard Warner advised:
 - Extended the invitation from the Willow Court group to the Tasmanian Heritage Council to visit the site. He offered to facilitate a site visit bringing both the Willow Court Group and Derwent Valley Council together, ideally with some interested THC reps present.
 - Congratulated the Heritage Tasmania staff who helped organise the Bangor Vineyard Shed stakeholder event, which he enjoyed.
- Elizabeth Frankam advised:
 - Was pleased to see the Institute of Architects continuing their Open House Program and adding a regional program grant application and congratulates them and The Aboriginal Land Council for Wybalenna at Flinders Island application as part of the Built Heritage Grants Scheme, Round 1 Activation Grant and being successful.
- Genevieve Lilley advised:
 - She recently visited Norfolk Island, the interpretation signage within its world heritage places was fantastic.

1.2. Minutes, Agenda Review and Action Sheet

1.2.1. Draft Minutes of 17 April 2024 THC Meeting

Move: Richard Warner **Second:** Genevieve Lilley

20240619/2 Resolved.

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. ACCEPT the amended minutes as a true and accurate record, the draft minutes of the 17 April 2024 meeting of the Tasmanian Heritage Council (meeting 20240417)

1.2.2. Tasmanian Heritage Council Action Sheet

See 1.1.5 above.

1.3. Chair's Report

1.3.1. General Update from the Chair

The Chair provided the following updates:

- The Chair touched on the topical decisions made by the THC in recent meetings and the publicity and social media received around them, she advised if any council members are feeling unsafe and there are any additional threats, please report them to her and the team.
- On the referred invitation to the Chair, the Heritage Tasmania Director met with the Hobart City Council historic group. An offer was made to provide them a link to the THC website that contains the research Heritage Tasmania had commissioned prior to considering the Crowther Statue decision.

1.4 Director's Report

See 1.1.5 above.

1.4.1 Heritage Tasmania Report to 31 May 2024

The THC members noted the importance of considering archaeological values in the re-assessment of places where the principal features have recently been destroyed by fire, prior to recommending such places for removal from the register. They also noted with concern the increase in metal detecting incidents at registered heritage places and supported an educational approach to curb practices that are destructive to archaeological potential.

1.5 Matters for Noting

1.5.1 THC Finance Report to 31 May 2024

See 1.1.5 above.

1.5.2 THC Strategic Plan 2023-24 to 2027-28

See 1.1.5 above.

1.5.3 THC Contact List

See 1.1.5 above.

1.5.4 Registration Committee minutes from 18 March 2024

See 1.1.5 above.

1.5.5 Registration Committee – Action sheet as of 18 March 2024

See 1.1.5 above.

1.5.6 Works Committee minutes from 8 November 2023

See 1.1.5 above.

1.5.7 Works Committee – Action sheet as of 8 November 2023

The THC enquired about advice received on the minor amendment process.

1.5.8 Council Performance Appraisal 2023 – Action List

See 1.1.5 above.

2. MATTERS FOR DECISION

2.1 Registration Matters

2.1.1 Owner and Public Consultation Policy for entering, amending or removing a place in the Tasmanian Heritage Register

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

20240619/4 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. APPROVE the *Owner and Public Consultation Policy for Registration Matters*, presented in Attachment 1 (and supporting flowcharts 1A) which will come back to THC before publication.

2.1.2 Permanent Entry – Brownfield (THR#12070)

Move: Alexandra Lintner **Second:** James Dryburgh

20240619/5 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. NOTE that an objection has been received in response to the proposed permanent replacement entry of Brownfield (THR#12070).
2. NOTE the update provided by Heritage Tasmania in regard to attempts to resolve the issues identified in this objection.
3. APPROVE the permanent entry in the Heritage Register of Brownfield (THR#12070) as per the datasheet and the boundary plan provided in Attachment 1.
4. APPROVE the intention to remove Brownfield (THR#5680, attachment 6) from the Tasmanian Heritage Register, pursuant to Section 22 (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 Brownfield (THR#12070), and subsequently writing to owners and planning authorities, pursuant to Section 22(5) (a) and Section 22 (6).
It was requested that when writing the land owners, be sure to mention that site access by Heritage Tasmania staff may facilitate a discussion on refining the listed boundary of the site.

2.1.3 Nomination – Strahan Visitor Centre (THR#12098)

Move: Peter Scott **Second:** John Beswick

20240619/6 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

3. NOTE the Application to Enter the Strahan Visitor Centre (THR#12098) in the Tasmanian Heritage Register (Attachment 1).
4. NOTE the Preliminary Assessment of the above application and the issues discussed within it (Attachment 2).
5. ACCEPT the application to enter the 'Strahan Visitor Centre' (THR#12098) in the Tasmanian Heritage Register, on the basis that the place has the potential to meet at least one of the criteria identified in section 16(2) of the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995*, with subsequent assessment to include consideration of the interpretation displays.
6. PROGRESS a full assessment of the Strahan Visitor Centre as part of the PAL 2024-25 and for the decision on the provisional entry to come back to the THC for approval or otherwise.

2.1.4 Nomination – Former Perrin Farm Precinct, Low Head (THR#12053)

Move: Alexandra Linter **Second:** Peter Scott

20240619/7 *Resolved*:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. APPROVE the decision to not enter (i.e. reject) the Former Perrin Farm Precinct, Low Head (THR#12053), in the Tasmanian Heritage Register, pursuant to section 17(2) of the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995* on the basis that the place as a whole does not meet any criteria for entry in the Register and is not manageable as a single entry.

2.1.5 Determination on Removal – Previous Integrity Project decisions

Move: Genevieve Lilley **Second:** James Dryburgh

20240619/8 *Resolved*:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. NOTE the attached assessments identified for further research as part of the 2015 Integrity Project;
2. NOT REMOVE (i.e. retain) the following places on the Tasmanian Heritage Register in according with section 25(1)(b) of the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995*:
 - 2, 4, 6, 9, & 10 Crown Street Launceston (THR#s #4096, 4097, 4099, 4101, 4102);
 - 102 & 104 Tamar Street, Launceston (THR#s #4645 & 4646);
 - 58, 64, 66 & Unit 1/68, Unit 2/68 & 68 George St (THR#s #4256, 4258, 4259, 4261);
 - 6, 8, 10 & 16 King Street (THR#s #4416, 4417, 4418 & 4420).

2.1.6 Confirm pathways for registrations – TNT9 TV Studio and Stone Wall Sandy Bay Road

Move: Genevieve Lilley **Second:** Elizabeth Frankham

20240619/9 *Resolved*:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. NOTE the background information and assessment relating to the Stone Wall, Sandy Bay Road, presented in Attachment 1 and issues identified below.
2. AGREE that the process to review and potentially remove the twelve permanently registered entries associated with this stone wall (THR7055-7066) should be progressed as part of the PAL 2024-25. With the recommendation to come back to the THC for approval.
3. NOTE the draft datasheet prepared for Northern Studios TNT9/7EX, 36 Watchorn Street, South Launceston (THR#11922), and the issues presented below.
4. AGREE that the proposed registration for the Northern Studios TNT9/7EX, 36 Watchorn Street, South Launceston (THR#11922) should progress to the Owner Consultation stage of the process.

2.2 Works Matters

2.2.1 Launceston Gasworks – Presentation by Applicant

Scott Towns of Harrison Group of Companies was introduced to the meeting via video-link from Heritage Tasmania's Launceston office and presented responses to a list of questions that Heritage Tasmania had compiled, to better inform the Council of the reasons why design changes were needed and how these changes were considered to constitute a minor amendment rather than a new application. Following the presentation, the Council discussed the information provided. It was noted that further detail on the nature of the contaminants and the consequent design constraints would be useful to have in any future application. The Works Manager was requested to convey this to the presenter.

2.2.2 Launceston Gasworks (Carpark) update - Verbal

The Works Manager provided a brief update on learnings from Appeal P-2024-18 which

was resolved on 5 April 2024.

2.2.3 Crowther Statue Removal Learnings – Verbal

The Council reviewed the TASCAT decision on Appeal P-2023-100 relating to the approval to remove the Crowther Statue, inviting the southern Regional Heritage Advisor who had attended the appeal to comment on the key learnings they took away from the decision. The Works Manager also offered comment. The Council expressed their gratitude to the Heritage Tasmania staff who were involved in responding to the appeal and enormous amount of thought and work that went into it.

2.2.4 Discretionary Permit Application (WA8371) – St Johns Park (THR#11000)

Move: Richard Warner **Second:** Stuart King

20240619/10 *Resolved:*

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. Consider and discuss Development Application PLN-24-84 (WA8371), and the related assessment and recommendation by Heritage Tasmania; and,
2. Determine the Chair be delegate to make the decision on the Permit Application by the HCC deadline of 21 June 2024, obtaining input from the member with expertise in Archaeology and from staff on additional conditions to address issues raised during the Council's consideration of the application.

It is noted Peter Scott left the room for this conversation and Caroline Evans abstained from joining the conversation due to declaration of interest.

It is also noted that, due to the Heritage Impact Assessment, submitted with the DA documentation not reflecting the architectural design in the development application, the Heritage Impact Assessment was used for information purposes only and not relied on. The Tasmanian Heritage Council had regard for the assessment provided by Heritage Tasmania when determining the application.

3. STRATEGIC MATTERS

3.1 Strategic Matters – Heritage Register

3.1.1 Priority Assessment List (PAL) 2024-25

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

20240619/11 *Resolved:*

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. APPROVE the proposed Prioritised Assessment List (PAL) for 2024-25 (Attachment 1)
2. NOTE the places proposed to be placed or to remain 'On Hold'.

3.1.2 Searchability Project update – Verbal

Hoping to launch at the next Tasmanian Heritage Council meeting.

3.2 Strategic Matters – Stakeholder Engagement and Communications

3.2.1 Stakeholder Engagement and Communications Strategy – Verbal

An update on the development of a stakeholder engagement and communications strategy for the THC was provided, which will be finalised after the council's strategic planning session in August and include the "impact pathway" concept embedded throughout. There has been trialing and testing a range of communication and

engagement tools and mechanisms to ensure the strategy is deliverable and relevant.

3.2.2 Publication/s Celebrating Tasmania's Heritage Places

Move: Stuart King **Second:** Genevieve Lilley

20240619/12 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. NOTES the following (information contained in the brief); and
2. AGREES to allocate expenditure (up to \$15,000) from the Trust account to develop and capture promotional options and costings.

3.2.3 Heritage Summit – Debrief/Feedback

Move: Alexandra Lintner **Second:** Judith Lyne

20240619/13 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. NOTE the attached paper which will be distributed to Summit attendees with amendments from the Chair.

3.2.4 Levels of Authority Regulating Heritage

Move: Genevieve Lilley **Second:** James Dryburgh

20240619/14 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. NOTES the following information regarding the Heritage Council's jurisdiction for regulating works in accordance with Section 32(1) of the *Historic Heritage Act 1995*

3.2.5 Correspondence Register

Move: John Beswick **Second:** Jennifer Jones-Travers

20240619/15 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. AGREES to establish a correspondence register that will be tabled for noting at every Council meeting.

3.3 Strategic Matters – Other

3.3.1 Reappointment of x2 members to the Archaeology Advisory Panel

Move: Jennifer Jones-Travers **Second:** Richard Warner

20240619/16 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

2. APPROVES the reappointment of external members Sylvana Szydzik and Eleanor Casella to the Archaeological Advisory Panel until 31 December 2026.

3.3.2 Risk Appetite Workshop Outcomes Report

Move: Deidre Wilson **Second:** Caroline Evans

20240619/17 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. NOTES the Tasmanian Heritage Council and Heritage Tasmania Risk Appetite Workshop Outcomes Report.

3.3.3 Grants update

Move: Peter Scott **Second:** John Beswick

20240619/18 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. NOTES the following information regarding the Round 1 Activation Program successful application were recently announced by the Minister for the Arts and it is anticipated that Round 1 Conservation Program successful applicants will be announced imminently. The THC noted the demonstrated need for the grants

program as the Activation Program was 3 times oversubscribed and the Conservation Program was 6 times oversubscribed. The THC thanked Fiona Benka Program Administrator, for her massive contribution to the grants program and the many hours she input which made it the success it was. It was also discussed that the Heritage Council's arms-length from the assessment and decision-making regarding grant recipients was a sound approach. It clearly defined our role as regulator.

3.3.4 Financial Audit Strategy 2024

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

20240619/19 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. NOTE the Financial Audit Strategy for the year ending 30 June 2024 as presented by the Tasmanian Audit Office

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1.1 Other Business

It was noted that:

- Current Heritage Tasmania Director, Andrew Roberts, last meeting before his retirement. The THC thanked Andrew for his contribution to the council and have great appreciation for the work he has done over the past four years.

4.1.2 Meeting Review

4.1.3 Next Meeting

Regular, Bi-monthly THC Meeting
21 August 2024 (9.30am – 2.30pm), Lands Building, 134 Macquarie Street, Hobart, Cape Barren Island meeting room.

Meeting concluded at 2.08pm

Meeting No 20240619
Held on 19 June 2024

Signed as a correct record
Brett Torossi
Chair



21 August 2024