

TASMANIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 20241210

Tuesday 10 December 2024

Remarkable Caves Meeting Room, Level 1, 134 Macquarie Street Hobart AND via videoconference

Start time: 9:45am

1. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

1.1. Welcome

1.1.1. Acknowledgement of Aboriginal people and country

1.1.2. 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
Philip Mussared	Member representing the National Trust
Deidre Wilson	Alternate member for the Director of National Parks and Wildlife
Elizabeth Frankham	Member representing the Tourism Industry Council of Tasmania
Roger Hesketh	Member representing the Tasmanian Council of Churches
Stuart King	Member representing heritage conservation interests
Richard Warner	Member representing community interests
Peter Scott	Member representing the building development industry
Hugh Magnus	Youth Observer

Apologies:

John Beswick	Member representing the Local Government Association of Tasmania
Judith Lyne	Member representing the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association
Jennifer Jones-Travers	Member with expertise in Archaeology

Heritage Tasmania

Melissa Ford	Director
Fiona Benka	Acting Manager Executive Services
John Stephenson	Registration Manager
Ian Boersma	Works Manager
Danielle Telega	Executive Officer

Via video conference:

Hilary Smith	Administration Officer
Emilie Gates	Cadet
Chris Bonner	Regional Heritage Advisor
Melinda Clarke	Heritage Research Officer
Erin Rockcliffe	Heritage Advisor
Russel Dobie	Regional Heritage Advisor
Xin Guo	Heritage Advisor / Planner
Nic Haygarth	Heritage Assessment Officer

1.1.3. Declarations of Interest

Phillip Mussared advised that he:

- has direct holdings with X-HEMP Pty Ltd.

Brett Torossi advised that she:

- has a new role as Corporate Advisor with Australian Pacific Airports (Launceston) Pty Ltd (APAL).

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

The following were removed from the list of asterisked items:

NIL

Move: Richard Warner **Second:** Peter Scott

20241210/1 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

AGREE the following agenda items marked with an asterisk are noted:

- 1.1.5 Register of Interests
- 1.2.2 Action Sheet
- 1.5.1 THC Finance Report to 31 October 2024
+ Tasmanian Audit Office Memorandum of audit findings
- 1.5.2 Registration Committee minutes and action sheet
- 1.5.3 Works Committee minutes and action sheet
- 1.5.4 Correspondence Register as at 3 December 2024
- 1.5.5 2024-25 THC Work Plan Tracker
- 3.2.1 2024-25 to 2026-27 THC Strategic Plan

1.1.5 Register of Interests

Noted per item 1.1.5.

1.1.6. Work Health and Safety

Heritage Tasmania's Director advised no specific issues to highlight.

1.1.7. Round Table – brief updates per functions under s7(e), (f) and (g) of the Act

The Chair welcomed the new Youth Observer Hugh Magnus to his first meeting and Council members and Heritage Tasmania introduced themselves.

Stuart King shared his recently released book Reclaiming Colonial Architecture, which is being launched in London in February 2025.

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

1.2.6. Draft Minutes of 16 October 2024 THC Meeting

Move: Philip Mussared **Second:** Roger Hesketh

20241210/2 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. ACCEPT the minutes as a true and accurate record of the 16 October 2024 meeting with two clarifications - Stuart King's declaration to abstain from voting on the youth advisor position and correction of the next meeting date (meeting 20241016)

1.2.7. Tasmanian Heritage Council Action Sheet

Noted per item 1.1.5.

1.3. **Chair's Report**

1.3.1 General Update from the Chair

The Chair welcomed approval by the Minister for the Arts and Heritage of:

- the reappointment of John Beswick as the Local Government Association of Tasmania representative;
- the appointment of Duncan Grant as the new representative for the Tasmanian Council of Churches; and
- appointment of Caroline Evans and Lucy Burke-Smith following a recruitment process to fill positions seeking people with expertise in engineering, history, architecture or building surveying under s6 (l)(c) of the Act.

The Chair noted the Council's feedback on the Development Assessment Panel draft Bill and that consideration of this Bill had been deferred by the Legislative Council.

The Chair and Director recently attended the Heritage Chairs and Officials of Australia and New Zealand annual meeting. Key issues discussed included registration matters, the value of heritage, impacts of climate change, compliance and insurance matters.

The Chair and the Deputy Chair recently met with the CEO of Tourism Industry Council of Tasmania to discuss potential advocacy opportunities.

Move: James Dryburgh **Second:** Peter Scott

20241210/3 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

Note the update given by the Chair.

1.3.2 Works Committee report (verbal)
Learnings from Works Committee Audit

The Works Committee annual audit of delegated decisions has been completed. Generally, there was satisfaction with decision-making. Notwithstanding, suggestions were offered for a number of further improvements in the application of existing processes, including that further advice and training be provided to external delegates to improve their understanding of the level of documentation and information that needs to be communicated with decisions; the importance of cross-referencing relevant sections in the Works Guidelines to the works covered by a decision; and the importance of the categorisation of applications following the Delegations Framework.

1.3.3 Classes of Works and New THC Delegations

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

20241210/5 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. NOTES that the Works Committee has reviewed and amended the draft 'Classification of Works' document.
2. APPROVES the 'Classification of Works' document (Attachment 2) and AGREES to adopt it as an appendix to the existing THC *Works Decision Policy* as recommended by the Works Committee.
3. DISCUSSES the possible merit of making the Works Committee the primary decision-maker for Class B applications and having the delegates only making such decisions in exceptional circumstances.

Members agreed that Works Committee will be the primary decision-maker for Category B applications, and the other delegates (Chair, Works Committee, THC Chair, HT Director and HT Works Manager) will use their delegation to make decisions in exceptional circumstances.

1.3.4 Churches working group update

Roger Hesketh advised that the Churches Working Group has focused on places of worship considered at-risk, or do not have a good data sheet. The Chair thanked the Churches Working Group for their work. It was agreed to discuss next steps at the February 2025 meeting once Duncan Grant commences as a Council member.

1.4 Branch Report

1.4.1 Heritage Tasmania Report

Noted per item 1.1.5

The Works Manager updated the Council members on the Bridgewater Bridge project:

- Demolition of the existing bridge to commence in 2025 with negotiations underway regarding how Heritage Tasmania will support the State Government to create a meaningful representation of the existing bridge.

The Director provided an update on the Macquarie Point Project of State Significance. The Council noted that Heritage Tasmania had met with the Tasmanian Planning Commission representatives to assist with technical heritage questions. An HT representative had also met with representatives of RSL (Tasmania).

It was noted that once the Assessment Panel's draft integrated assessment report is released for public consultation, the Council will have a further opportunity to provide a submission.

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

20241210/5 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council note the update given by Heritage Tasmania.

1.5 Matters for Noting

1.5.1 THC Finance Report to 31 October 2024

+ Tasmanian Audit Office Memorandum of audit findings
Noted per item 1.1.5.

1.5.2 Registration Committee minutes and action sheet

Noted per item 1.1.5.

1.5.3 Works Committee minutes and action sheet

Noted per item 1.1.5.

1.5.4 Correspondence Register as at 3 December 2024

Noted per item 1.1.5.

1.5.5 THC 2024-25 Work Plan Tracker

Noted per item 1.1.5

Action - The Tracker will be updated to include meeting Council meeting dates.

2. MATTERS FOR DECISION

2.1 Registration Matters

2.1.1 Provisional Entry – The Big Penguin (THR#12074)

Move: Peter Mussared **Second:** Roger Hesketh

20241210/5 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. APPROVES the provisional entry in the Heritage Register for 'Big Penguin', Main Rd, Penguin (THR#12074) as per the datasheet and boundary plan provided in Attachment 1.

2.1.2 Replacement Provisional Entry – Sayes Court (THR#12037)

Move: Elizabeth Frankham **Second:** Alexandra Lintner

20241210/6 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. APPROVES the provisional entry in the Heritage Register of the replacement entry for 'Sayes Court', Lot 1 and 1546 Midland Highway, Bagdad (THR#12037) as per the datasheet and boundary plan provided in Attachment 1.

2.1.3 Replacement Provisional Entry – The Hedberg Centre (THR#12111)

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

20241210/7 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. APPROVES the provisional entry in the Heritage Register of the replacement (consolidated) entry for The Hedberg (THR#12111) at 29 Campbell St, Hobart, as per the datasheet and the boundary plan provided in Attachment 1.
2. SUPPORTS Heritage Tasmania to continue conversations with Hobart City Council about including title 180509/10 in the registration.

2.1.4 Replacement Provisional Entry – Theatre Royal (THR#12110)

Move: Philip Mussared **Second:** James Dryburgh

20241210/8 *Resolved:*

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. APPROVES the provisional entry in the Heritage Register of a revised entry for the Theatre Royal (THR#12110) at 29 Campbell St, Hobart, as per the datasheet and boundary plan provided in Attachment 1.

2.1.5 Provisional Entry – Grave of Jessie Rooke (THR#12117)

Move: Deidre Wilson **Second:** Stuart King

20241210/9 *Resolved:*

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. NOTES the issues raised in relation to the proposed entry for ‘Jessie Rooke’s Grave’ (THR#12117) in the Tasmanian Heritage Register.
2. NOT PROGRESSES the proposed registration of ‘Jessie Rooke’s Grave’ (THR#12117) on the basis that the place does not clearly demonstrate heritage values at state level, as required under section 16 of the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995* and the Council’s Assessing Historic Heritage Significance Guidelines.

Two members did not support the vote.

The Council acknowledged that Jessie Rooke had made a significant contribution to the history of Tasmania. It agreed to keep the assessment document as a recorded place in the Heritage Management System.

2.2 Works Matters

2.2.1 Cambria neglect

Move: Roger Hesketh **Second:** James Dryburgh

20241210/11 *Resolved:*

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. NOTES the correspondence and the action taken by Heritage Tasmania in carrying out an inspection and communicating with the owner’s agent.
2. WRITES to the three community organisations to advise of the action being taken by Heritage Tasmania to address the concerns, including negotiations that led to recent repair works to the barn.

2.2.2 Compliance matters update (verbal)

The Works Manager updated the Council regarding the status the status of current compliance issues Heritage Tasmania and the Council are addressing.

3. STRATEGIC MATTERS

3.1 Strategic Matters – Stakeholder Engagement and Communications

The Chair advised:

The Publications sub-committee (Peter Scott, Elizabeth Frankham, Stuart King, and Chair) met on 9 December 2024 to consider options to capture the history and journey of the Tasmanian Heritage Register. Council members agreed for the sub-committee to scope a business plan covering a range of matters raised for further consideration at the February 2025 meeting.

Move: Peter Scott **Second:** Elizabeth Frankham

20241210/5 Resolved:

3.2 Other

3.2.1 2024-25 to 2026-27 THC Strategic Plan

Noted per item 1.1.5

3.2.2 THC Annual Work Plan 2024-25

Move: Peter Scott **Second:** Elizabeth Frankham

20241210/15 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. ENDORSES the THC Annual Work Plan 2024-25 (Work Plan) (refer Attachment 1).
2. Provides an indication of the highest priorities for those tasks that have not yet been progressed.

The Director, Heritage Tasmania discussed the draft 2024-25 Annual Work Plan and sought input from Council members to prioritise the actions, noting the remaining seven months in 2024-25.

Identified priorities included:

- Review and update of the Registrations Assessment Guidelines
- Review and update of the Works Guidelines
- Responding to the Ministerial Statement of Expectation
- Input into the Macquarie Point Project of State Significance
- Development of a Stakeholder Engagement and Communications Plan
- Progressing the Publications project
- Commence scoping the Register representativeness project
- Commence populating sector portal to share educative resources

Actions in the Work Plan will be monitored via the Work Plan Tracker (refer Item 1.5.5).

3.2.3 Draft THC Statement of Intent

Move: Alexandra Linter **Second:** Philip Mussared

20241210/17 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. NOTES the Chair will provide comments to Heritage Tasmania on the draft

Tasmanian Heritage Council Statement of Intent ahead of circulation to Members out of session for comment; and

2. AGREES to delegate the Chair to authorise the final version on behalf of the Council.

3.2.4 THC 2025 meeting dates

Move: Deidre Wilson **Second:** Elizabeth Frankham

20241210/19 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. ENDORSES the Council and Committee Meeting Dates for 2025 with amendment of the regional meeting to Tuesday 8 April 2025 and the Strategy session to 17 June 2025.

4. **OTHER BUSINESS**

4.1.1 Other Business

It was noted that: The Council Register of interests is to be uploaded via Teams with the link to be included in agenda commencing from April 2025.

4.1.2 Meeting Review

4.1.3 Next Meeting

Regular, Bi-monthly Council Meeting

19 February 2025 (9.30am – 3.00pm), Lands Building, 134 Macquarie Street, Hobart, truwana/Cape Barren meeting room.

Meeting concluded at 2.28pm

Meeting No 20241210 held on 10 December 2024

Signed as a correct record

Brett Torossi

Chair



19 February 2025