



# TASMANIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 20230816

### Wednesday 16 August 2023

Function Room, Cradle Coast Authority, 1-3 Spring Street, Burnie  
AND via videoconference  
Start time: 8.30am

#### 1. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

##### 1.1. Welcome

##### 1.1.1. Welcome

Richard Warner and John Beswick were welcomed to their first meeting with the Tasmanian Heritage Council (THC).

##### 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 heritage
Caroline Evans <i>via video conference</i>	Member with expertise in history
David Gatenby	Member representing the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association
Deidre Wilson	Alternate member for the Director of National Parks and Wildlife
Elizabeth Frankham	Member representing the Tourism Industry Council of Tasmania
Genevieve Lilley	Member with expertise in architecture, and Deputy Chairperson
Jennifer Jones-Travers <i>via video conference</i>	Member with expertise in Archaeology
John Beswick	Member representing the Local Government Association of Tasmania
Peter Scott	Member representing the building development industry
Philip Mussared	Member representing the National Trust
Richard Warner	Member representing community interests
Roger Hesketh	Member representing the Tasmanian Council of Churches
Simon Angilley <i>via video conference</i>	Member with expertise in engineering, nominated by the Local Government Association of Tasmania
Stuart King <i>via video conference</i>	Member representing heritage conservation interests

##### Apologies:

*Nil*

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### **Heritage Tasmania**

Mandy Richardson	Acting Director
John Stephenson	Registration Manager
Nic Haygarth	Research Officer
Chis Bonner	Regional Heritage Advisor
Callum Grant	Cadet
<i>Via video conference:</i>	
- Stuart Fletcher	General Manager (Heritage and Land Tasmania)
- Ian Boersma	Works Manager
- Fiona Ranson	Senior Assessment Officer
- Melinda Clarke	Heritage Research Officer
- Deirdre Macdonald	Heritage Advisor
- Andrew Winkler	Data and Spatial Officer
- Russell Dobie	Regional Heritage Advisor
- Hilary Smith	Administration Officer

#### 1.1.4. Declarations of Interest

- Philip Mussared advised:
  - the National Trust Tasmania (NTT) had an interest in the proposed Grants Scheme as a potential applicant and he is a member of the NTT Board.
- Peter Scott advised:
  - his architectural firm is involved in the Nurses Cottage (Willow Court) and St Johns Park projects.
- Caroline Evans advised:
  - she contributed to a representation from the Professional Historians Association with respect to the Crowther Statue. It was agreed by the THC that Dr Evans would not participate in any discussion or decision with respect to that matter.
- Jennifer Jones-Travers advised:
  - she is involved with archaeological aspects of the Nurses Cottage (Willow Court) and the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens projects.
- Brett Torossi advised:
  - she had employed a planner who was involved with items 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 on the agenda.
  
- All members were reminded to update their register of interests.

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

The following were removed from the list of asterisked items:

- Nil

**Move:** Peter Scott **Second:** Genevieve Lilley

**20230816/1 Resolved:**

The THC noted those items from the agenda marked with an asterisk:

- 1.1.6 Register of Interests
- 1.2.2 THC Action Sheet
- 1.5.1 THC Finance Report to 30 June 2023 (EOFY)  
THC Finance Report to 31 July 2023
- 1.5.2 THC Strategic Plan 2023-24 to 2027-28
- 1.5.3 THC Contact List
- 1.5.4 Registration Committee minutes (No paper)
- 1.5.5 Registration Committee – action sheet (No paper)
- 1.5.6 Works Committee minutes of 8 March 2023
- 1.5.7 Works Committee - action sheet as of March 2023

1.1.6. Register of Interests

See item 1.1.5 above.

1.1.7. Work Health and Safety

The HT Acting Director advised that there were no matters to report.

1.1.8. Round Table – brief updates, engagement activities

Members provided the following updates:

- Jennifer Jones-Travers:
  - Delivered a presentation on archaeological finds for the State Library's National Family History month.
- Genevieve Lilley:
  - Delivered a talk as part of the Richmond Bicentenary program.
  - Attended a presentation by Rodney Dillon to consulting architects regarding The Voice Referendum.
- Liz Frankham:
  - Attended the Oatlands Heritage Festival, the Cassandra Pybus talk on William Crowther, Allport Library Exhibition, and a Richmond Bicentenary talk by Genevieve Lilley.
  - Reported that around half of the Milnathort buildings have now been relocated.
- Stuart King:
  - Undertook work in London with contemporary built heritage practitioners on colonial legacies.
  - Delivered a course addressing issues and techniques in global heritage.
- Simon Angilley:
  - He is now employed with TT-Line and is providing guidance with respect to unanticipated archaeological discoveries.
- Philip Mussared:
  - Shortly to complete his second and final three-year term with the National Trust Tasmania and their Convict Hub is nearing completion.

- Roger Hesketh:
  - The sub-committee reviewing the relative significance of Tasmania's churches has held a couple of meetings and work is continuing.
- Deidre Wilson:
  - The Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania is reviewing the Federal government's proposal to develop national environmental standards with respect to significance.
- David Gatenby:
  - Attended meetings of the sub-committee reviewing the relative significance of Tasmania's churches.
  - Visited Bendigo/Ballarat in Victoria
  - Working on a project to attract doctors to Campbell Town which is important for ongoing investment in rural towns.
  - Hosted the 200-year Gatenby family reunion.
- Peter Scott:
  - Noted recent developments with respect the St Johns Park redevelopment.
- Alexandra Lintner:
  - Noted the possible registration of the Pillinger ruins on the west coast.
- Richard Warner and John Beswick each provided a brief introduction to the Council.
- Members thanked Heritage Tasmania staff for the walking tour of built heritage sites in Burnie, the evening prior to the meeting.

## 1.2. Minutes and Action Sheet

### 1.2.1. Draft Minutes of 21 June 2023 THC Meeting

Peter Scott requested that his Round Table comment regarding St Johns Park be changed from "completed" to "submitted".

**Move:** Deidre Wilson **Second:** Genevieve Lilley

**20230816/2 Resolved:**

**That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:**

Accept as a true and accurate record (with above amendment), the draft minutes of the 21 June 2023 meeting of the Tasmanian Heritage Council (meeting 20230621).

### 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:

- Sector Focus Group considering funding options for heritage conservation met to develop a scope for a commissioned report on the topic.
- Attended the Cassandra Pybus talk on William Crowther
- 2030 Visitor Economy Strategy released this week
- National Meeting of Chairs and Officials at the end of August (followed by ICOMOS General Assembly 2023).

## 1.4 Director's Report

### 1.4.1 Heritage Tasmania Report to 31 July 2023 (report + verbal update)

**Move:** Peter Scott **Second:** Genevieve Lilley

**20230816/3 Resolved:**

To note the Directors Report Directors Report with the Director's update to be provided out of session.

## 1.5 Matters for Noting

### 1.5.1 THC Finance Report to 30 June 2023 (EOFY)

THC Finance Report to 31 July 2023

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 (NO PAPER – NO MEETING)

See 1.1.5 above.

### 1.5.5 Registration Committee - action sheet (NO PAPER – NO MEETING)

See 1.1.5 above.

### 1.5.6 Works Committee minutes of 8 March 2023 meeting

See 1.1.5 above.

### 1.5.7 Works Committee - action sheet as of March 2023

See 1.1.5 above.

## 2. MATTERS FOR DECISION

### 2.1 Works Matters

#### 2.1.1 Franklin Square, Hobart (Crowther statue)

Caroline Evans did not participate in the discussion or decision due to a declared conflict of interest.

All Council members commended Heritage Tasmania staff for the quality of the papers provided for this agenda item.

The quality of some of the representations was also noted.

The Council approved a media release with respect to this decision, which was released on the afternoon of 16 August 2023.

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

**20230816/4 Resolved:** (by majority decision with the following members dissenting: David Gatenby, Philip Mussared, Richard Warner, John Beswick)

**That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:**

1. Consent to the discretionary permit being granted in accordance with the documentation submitted with Development Application PLN-23- 379, advertised on 10/07/2023, subject to those conditions detailed in the Heritage Tasmania assessment/recommendation (as amended by the Tasmanian Heritage Council) for WA8209.

#### 2.1.2 Fragrance Hotel, Launceston

**Move:** Philip Mussared **Second:** David Gatenby

**20230816/5 Resolved:**

**That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:**

1. NOTE the briefing provided.

### 2.2 Registration Matters

#### 2.2.1 Progress of PAL places previously put on hold – Woolnorth

The Council encouraged further engagement with the owners and requested another update at the October THC meeting.

**Move:** Peter Scott **Second:** Genevieve Lilley

**20230816/6 Resolved:**

**That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:**

1. NOTE the recent discussions between HT and Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania (AHT) on the matter.
2. NOTE continuing efforts to identify a collaborative process.
3. NOTE efforts to encourage the current owners of Woolnorth to maintain the heritage buildings will continue.

### 3. STRATEGIC MATTERS

#### 3.1 Strategic Matters – Heritage Register

##### 3.1.1 Searchability project update (verbal)

The Council was provided with a demonstration of the searchability portal for the Tasmanian Heritage Register. Testing is continuing with a launch expected later in 2023.

#### 3.2 Strategic Matters – Stakeholder Engagement

##### 3.2.1 Engagement strategy update

**Move:** Deidre Wilson **Second:** Genevieve Lilley  
**20230816/7 Resolved:**

**That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:**

1. NOTE progress on the engagement strategy initiatives

##### 3.2.2 Heritage Summit update

**Move:** Deidre Wilson **Second:** Genevieve Lilley  
**20230816/8 Resolved:**

**That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:**

1. NOTE the update with respect to activity from the Historic Heritage Summit 2023

#### 3.3 Strategic Matters – Other

##### 3.3.1 Built Heritage Grants Scheme

The Council requested further time to consider this item. It will be considered out of session if required.

##### 3.3.2 Draft Annual Report & Financial Statements

**Move:** Peter Scott **Second:** Alexandra Lintner  
**20230816/9 Resolved:**

**That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:**

1. ENDORSES the draft 2022-23 Annual Report.

#### **4. OTHER BUSINESS**

##### **4.1.1 Other Business**

- Travel Claims – discussion referred to the October meeting.
- Felicity Britten not returning to the Executive Officer role Heritage Tasmania at the completion of her secondment.

##### **4.1.2 Meeting Review**

Members noted the respectful discussion.  
No issues raised.

##### **4.1.3 Next Meeting (Hobart)**

- Annual Strategy Meeting, Tuesday 17 October 2023
- Regular, Bi-Monthly THC Meeting, Wednesday 18 October 2023 (10.00am – 2.00pm) Hobart or via MS Teams

Meeting concluded at 1.40pm.

**Meeting No 20230816  
Held on 16 August 2023**

**Signed as a correct record**  
Brett Torossi  
**Chair**



18 October 2023