

TASMANIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 20241016

Wednesday 16 October 2024

Cape Barren Island Meeting Room, Level 1, 134 Macquarie Street Hobart AND via videoconference

Start time: 9:30am

In-Camera Session

THC Members held an in-camera session prior to the commencement of the meeting.

- Heritage Tasmania staff were not present for this session.

1. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

1.1. Welcome

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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

Philip Mussared Member representing the National Trust

Deidre Wilson Alternate member for the Director of National Parks and Wildlife

Roger Hesketh Member representing the Tasmanian Council of Churches

John Beswick Member representing the Local Government Association of Tasmania

Richard Warner Member representing community interests

Jennifer Jones-Travers Member with expertise in Archaeology

Peter Scott Member representing the building development industry

Judith Lyne Member representing the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association

Via video conference

Elizabeth Frankham Member representing the Tourism Industry Council of Tasmania

Stuart King Member representing heritage conservation interests

Apologies:

James Dryburgh Member with expertise in planning, nominated by the Local Government Association of Tasmania

Heritage Tasmania

Melissa Ford Director
Fiona Benka Acting Manager Executive Services
Danielle Telega Executive Officer
John Stephenson Registration Manager
Fiona Ranson Senior Assessment Officer
Nic Haygarth Heritage Assessment Officer
Russell Dobie Heritage Assessment Officer

Via video conference:

Ian Boersma Works Manager
Hilary Smith Administration Officer
Emilie Gates Cadet
Chris Bonner Regional Heritage Advisor
Melinda Clarke Heritage Research Officer
Erin Rockcliffe Heritage Advisor

1.1.4. Declarations of Interest

Jennifer Jones-Travers advised that she:

- was approached by the Tasmanian Health Service to provide advice on Aboriginal people heritage for the proposed development at St Johns Park Precinct however declined to be involved due to the conflict of interest given her involvement with the historical heritage permit.
- Has been currently working at Man O’Ross Hotel, Ross, on historical archaeological test and salvage excavations, as well as detailed Aboriginal archaeological excavation in advance of redevelopment.
- Recently prepared a Statement of Archaeological Potential for 125-127 Davey Street, Hobart.
- Has recently worked at Black Snake Inn completing archaeological monitoring and reporting (as part of the new Bridgewater Bridge project)
- is doing ongoing work at Hope and Anchor Inn, Hobart conducting historical archaeological excavations in advance of redevelopment.

Judith Lyne advised that she:

- has joined as a member of the Campbell Town District Committee as of July 2024.
- has a personal association with the applicants in item 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 and will abstain from voting.

Stuart King advised:

- He is a referee of one of the applicants in item 3.3.4 and will abstain from voting

Peter Scott advised in relation to Item 1.4.1:

- St Johns Park Precinct. Although he has no active role in relation to current proposed works at the St Johns Park Precinct, the appeal referenced in item 1.1.1 related to a project that Xsquared Architects was involved for more than 5 years
- Development Assessment Panel. Although there is no apparent conflict of interest, Peter noted that: promotion of a Development Assessment Panel is a policy position of the Tasmanian Division of the Property Council of Australia; he is a member of the Tasmanian Division of the Council, and the Division's policy is one that he personally supports.
- Lot 9 Humphry Street, New Norfolk. Xsquared Architects is the architect for the referenced project (Ladies Cottage).

John Beswick advised:

- Confirming he has been the Central Coast Council's representative member of the Cradle Coast Authority since April 2023.

Richard Warner advised:

- In relation to Item 2.2.2, his daughter works for the Office of the Solicitor General.

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:** Jennifer Jones-Travers

20241016/1 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

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

1.1.5 Register of Interests

1.2.2 Action Sheet

1.5.1 THC Finance Report to 30 September 2024

+ Financial statement audit report to 30 June 2024 and covering letter from Tasmanian Audit Office

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 9 October 2024

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

Members provided an update on recent engagement activities.

Richard Warner advised:

- The Minister contacted him in relation to meeting with Dr Richard Benjamin regarding Willow Court, which he has done. He attended a Mental Health Week event held at Willow Court.

The owner of Glen Derwent contacted him regarding concerns about insurance for her heritage listed building, which was passed onto the Director. The Director advised that she and the Chair will be attending the Heritage Chairs and Officials Australia and New Zealand annual meeting in November and this issue is on the agenda. The Director and Chair will report back to the Council.

Deidre Wilson advised:

- She has taken on the role of Associate Secretary within NRE Tas for a 6 month period.

She elaborated on the State Budget efficiency dividend targets for NRE Tas which require the department to achieve a savings target of:

- \$1.7m in 2024-25;
- \$3.4m in 2025-26; and
- \$5.1m in 2026-27

This represents approximately 0.53% of the department's total budget in 2024-25, increasing to approximately 1.9% in 2026-27. Deidre advised that the THC budget would not be subject to the efficiency dividend measure.

Elizabeth Frankham advised:

- She met with Marnie Karmelia the director of 10 Days on the Island regarding more stakeholder engagement with the Heritage sector.

1.2. Minutes, Agenda Review and Action Sheet

1.2.1. Draft Minutes of 21 August 2024 THC Meeting

Move: Caroline Evans **Second:** Alexandra Linter

20241016/2 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. ACCEPT the minutes as a true and accurate record of the 21 August 2024 meeting (meeting 20240821).

1.2.2. Tasmanian Heritage Council Action Sheet

Noted per item 1.1.5 – the Chair noted one matter for further discussion with the Branch in the review of the draft 2024-25 Annual Work Plan.

1.3. Chair's Report

1.3.1. General Update from the Chair

The Chair noted the following:

- Two THC positions were advertised in accordance with Part 2, s.6 (l)(c) of the Act seeking people with expertise in engineering, history, architecture or building surveying encourages to apply. The selection process is underway.
- The Minister has delivered an updated Statement of Expectations to the Council dated 23 September. The Council has 3 months to provide a Statement of Intent in response. The Chair will work with the Director to deliver a Statement of Intent that considers the THC annual Work Plan. Noted that the Chair of the Works Committee offered to assist.
- Item 1.4.1, proposed amendments to the *Land Use Planning Approvals Act 1993* to create a Development Assessment Panel (DAP). The DAP model out for public consultation proposes to capture the THC as an advisory body rather than a consent authority. It was agreed that Heritage Tasmania will draft a response for the THC's consideration. Heritage Tasmania to circulate to Members a link to the consultation material.
- At the request of the RSL CEO, John Hardy, the Chair and members of Heritage Tasmania met with the RSL to discuss its concerns regarding the impact on the Cenotaph of the proposal for a multipurpose stadium at Macquarie Point and seeking THC support. The Project of State Significance Guidelines and process for input by the THC as a relevant agency was discussed. The Chair clarified the role of the THC as a regulator in assessing a proposal that involves several state heritage listed places and the importance of the integrity of this process.
- Round 2 of the Built Heritage Grants Scheme has closed.
- An update on progress with the Appeal for the proposed development at St Johns Park was provided by the Heritage Tasmania Regional Assessment Officer. It was noted the appellant is no longer contesting the THC decision or conditions and HT may only need support with procedural matters. Deidre Wilson to provide a suitable contact within NRE Tas.
- Timing of a further Heritage Summit was discussed that would enable HT and the Council to re-engage with the sector focus groups to progress the key actions arising from the 2024 Summit. It was suggested that a sector wide stakeholder function occur at the end of 2025 and a summit for spring 2026. The Chair to raise at her next meeting with the Minister.

Move: Deidre Wilson **Second:** Roger Hesketh

20241016/3 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

Note the update given by the Chair.

1.4 Branch Report

- 1.4.1 Heritage Tasmania Report to 30 September 2024
Noted per item 1.1.5.

1.5 Matters for Noting

- 1.5.1 THC Finance Report to 30 September 2024
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 9 October 2024

Noted per item 1.1.5.

1.5.5 Proposed THC Meeting dates for 2025

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

20241016/4 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. Noted the proposed THC Meeting dates for 2025.
2. Agreed to hold the 2025 regional meeting in April in Campbell Town.
3. Agreed to bring forward the April meeting to 9 April 2025 to avoid the Easter period.
4. Agreed to hold a meeting on the afternoon prior to the October 2025 meeting to review progress and update its Strategic Plan.

2. MATTERS FOR DECISION

2.1 Registration Matters

2.1.1 Permanent Entry – Ross Bridge THR #12099

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

20241016/5 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. APPROVES the permanent entry in the Tasmanian Heritage Register of a replacement entry for the Ross Bridge, Bridge St, Ross, (THR#12099), as per the datasheet and the boundary plan in Attachment 1.
2. APPROVES the intention to remove the Ross Bridge (THR#5289; Attachment 2) from the Tasmanian Heritage Register, pursuant to s22 (1A)(c) of the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1955* on the basis this entry is duplicated or substantially duplicated by the replacement entry for the Ross Bridge, Bridge St, Ross (THR#12099); and subsequently writing to owners and planning authorities pursuant to s22(5)(a) and s22(6).

It is recorded Judith Lyne abstained from voting.

2.1.2 Permanent Entry – Tacky Bridge (Ross Bridge North) THR#10013

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

20241016/6 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. APPROVES the permanent entry in the Tasmanian Heritage Register for Tacky Bridge (Ross Bridge North) (THR#10013) as per the datasheet and the boundary plan in Attachment 1.

It is recorded Judith Lyne abstained from voting.

2.1.3 Permanent Entry - Bridestowe original lavender farm THR#10677

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

20241016/7 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. APPROVES the permanent entry of the Bridestowe original lavender farm (THR#10677) in the Tasmanian Heritage Register as per the datasheet and the boundary plan in Attachment 1.

It's noted

2.1.4 Permanent Entry – Chinese Memorial and Graves at Weldborough Cemetery THR#11954

Move: Peter Scott **Second:** Jennifer Jones-Travers

20241016/8 *Resolved:*

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. NOTES the proposed changes to the provisional datasheet for the Chinese Memorial and Graves, Weldborough Cemetery (THR#11954);
2. APPROVES a S94(1)(a) amendment to update the provisional datasheet for Chinese Memorial and Graves, Weldborough Cemetery (THR#11954) in the Tasmanian Heritage Register, as presented in Attachment 3; and
3. Subject to (2) APPROVES the permanent entry of the Chinese Memorial and Graves, Weldborough Cemetery (THR#11954) in the Tasmanian Heritage Register.

2.1.5 Provisional Entry – Strahan Visitor Centre THR#12098

Move: Alexandra Lintner **Second:** Jennifer Jones-Travers

20241016/9 *Resolved:*

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. APPROVES as a majority decision the provisional entry as amended in the Tasmanian Heritage Register for the Strahan Visitor Centre, Esplanade, Strahan (THR#12098), as per the datasheet and the boundary plan provided in Attachment 1.
It is recorded that Deidre Wilson, Richard Warner and Judith Lyne did not support the provisional entry as amended.

2.1.6 Provisional Entry – Boag's Brewery Consolidated Entry THR#11878

Move: Caroline Evans **Second:** Alexandra Lintner

20241016/10 *Resolved:*

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. APPROVES the provisional entry in the Tasmanian Heritage Register of the replacement (consolidated) entry for the Boag's Brewery Complex and Mount Bischoff Smelter site (THR#11878) at 21 Shields St, Launceston and 2-10 Tamar St, Launceston, as per the datasheet and the boundary plan provided in Attachment 1.
This entry will replace the existing Tasmanian Heritage Register entries for:
 - THR4197 – J. Boag and Son Esk Brewery, 21 Shields Street, Launceston
 - THR4198 – J Boag and Son Brewery, 21 Shields Street, Launceston
 - THR4199 – Factory, 21 Shields Street, Launceston
 - THR4200 – Conjoined Houses, 21 Shields Street, Launceston
 - THR 4540 – C. 1830 Former Alfred Harraps Store (now Boags Brewery), 21 Shields Street, Launceston

2.2 Works Matters

2.2.1 Update on Project of State Significance process for Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium Project

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

20241016/11 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. NOTES that documentation for the Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium Project has been submitted by the proponent, referred to the THC and is available from the Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC) website.
2. AGREES to Heritage Tasmania's Director, Works Manager and Regional Heritage Advisor (South) acting on its behalf in providing initial responses to the TPC in relation to the THC's views on the project and consultation on technical matters to inform preparation of a draft Integrated Assessment Report, on the understanding that, where practicable, THC members will be invited to comment on matters for which the TPC seeks the THC's response with the Chair's approval.
3. AGREES to provide consolidated comments to the Chair by 6 November on the relevant project reports to inform the initial response drafted by Heritage Tasmania for the Chair's review and signing.
4. APPROVES Heritage Tasmania writing to the Tasmanian Planning Commission to seek an extension for the initial submission by 11 November 2024.
5. NOTES that there will be further opportunity for the THC to make submission on the draft Integrated Assessment Report and that Heritage Tasmania will provide the THC with further advice at this time.

NOTED: It was further noted in relation to the above registration matters that media releases would be drafted for the Chair's and Minister's approval on registrations of interest. This would also involve engagement with the owners of places and would be carried out when resources are available.

CLOSED SESSION

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The Heritage Council agreed that as this matter relates to potential enforcement action and an ongoing investigation, the decision of the Council should be kept confidential to provide procedural fairness and not prejudice any potential enforcement actions. Reference to the decision will be redacted from the Minutes when made public.

Update from Committees

The Chair of the Registration Committee provided the following update:

- Annual review of delegated decisions has been completed, and found that all delegated decisions were undertaken in accordance with policies and procedures.
- An incredible amount of work has gone towards the searchability portal, which is now launched and accessible to the public.
- The next priorities for the Committee are:
 - the review of the Registration and Assessment Guidelines, particularly criteria (f) and (h) under the Act and to reflect outcomes from the Crowther Statue decision; and
 - Representativeness of the Tasmanian Heritage Register.
- The Chair proposed that THC members outside of the Committee be able to review datasheets where there is capacity and interest, and as required.
- Flagged the Committee's intent to consider the next stage of development of Register by the end of 2025.

3. STRATEGIC MATTERS

3.1 Strategic Matters – Heritage Register

3.1.1 Update on launch of searchability portal *Discover Heritage* (verbal)

Since the launch of Discover Heritage portal on 26 September 2024, 180 different users have accessed the portal contributing to 1,200 different searches and the download of over 1,000 datasheets. The THC thanked all involved in the project and held a celebratory lunch for all NRE Tas staff past and present involved with the project.

3.2 Strategic Matters – Stakeholder Engagement and Communications

3.2.1 2023-24 THC Annual Report (verbal)

Move: Elizabeth Frankham **Second:** John Beswick

20241016/13 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

Noted the completed annual report as reviewed by Philip Mussared and the Chair, thanking in particular, Philip for his editorial contributions.

3.3 Other

3.3.1 THC Strategic Plan 2024-25 to 2026-27

Move: Elizabeth Frankham **Second:** Stuart King

20241016/14 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. ENDORSES the Strategic Plan 2024-25 to 2026-27 with minor amendment.
2. NOTES the 2024-25 Work Plan will be provided at the December 2024 THC meeting.

3.3.2 Changes to Works Committee

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

20241016/15 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. In accordance with the Terms of Reference ENDORSES the appointment of Peter Scott as Chair of the Works Committee effective from 9 September 2024.
2. In accordance with the Terms of Reference ENDORSES the appointment of Bee (Bianca) Newman as an external member of the Works Committee from 16 October 2024 for a period of 3 years.

It is recorded that Peter Scott abstained from voting.

Vote of Thanks to Genevieve Lilley

Move: Peter Scott **Second:** Roger Hesketh

20241016/16 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. The Council collectively acknowledged Genevieve's commitment and contribution to the Council during her seven years as member, Deputy Chair and Chair of the Works Committee.

3.3.3 Election of Deputy Chairperson

Move: Alexandra Linter **Second:** Jennifer Jones-Travers

20241016/17 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. In accordance with the Policy for the appointment of Deputy Chairperson ENDORSES the appointment of Elizabeth (Liz) Frankham as Deputy Chairperson of the Tasmanian Heritage Council as of 16 October 2024 to 31 December 2025.

It is recorded that Elizabeth Frankham abstained from voting.

3.3.4 Youth Observer for the THC

Move: Jennifer Jones-Traver **Second:** John Hesketh

20241016/18 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. Following advertising, CONSIDERS the two applications received and determined whether to appoint a volunteer observer to the Tasmanian Heritage Council for a period of 12 months, commencing from 1 November 2024.
2. APPOINTS Hugh Magnus as the successful candidate if available. The THC agreed he could attend meetings online if it was not possible for him to attend in person.

3. Provides Heritage Tasmania with feedback on the unsuccessful applicant.

The THC agreed that both applicants were suitable to appoint and would reach out to the unsuccessful applicant to discuss a 12-month observer position from November 2025, it is anticipated at this time that the candidate would have completed their degree.

It is recorded Stuart King abstained from voting.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1.1 Other Business

It was noted that:

Richard Warner raised the importance of conservation of intangible cultural heritage, in particular the preservation of specialist heritage skills. The Director noted that this issue was raised recently in a jurisdictional forum and there was support for inclusion on the HCOANZ November agenda. A paper is being prepared by Heritage Tasmania. –

The THC noted that the new Chair of Works Committee has identified some matters in relation to the annual review of works matters. ACTION – The THC Chair, Chair of the Works Committee and the Director will meet to discuss a path forward.

4.1.2 Meeting Review

4.1.3 Next Meeting

Regular, Bi-monthly THC Meeting

10 December 2024 (9.30am – 2.30pm), Lands Building, 134 Macquarie Street, Hobart, Remarkable Caves meeting room.

Meeting concluded at 2.35pm

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Held on 16 October 2024

Signed as a correct record

Brett Torossi

Chair



10 December 2024