



# TASMANIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 20220817

### Wednesday 17 August 2022

Via videoconference

Start time: 10.05am

#### 1. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

##### 1.1. Welcome

1.1.1. The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and went on to pay respect to the traditional owners of the land.

Mandy Richardson, newly-appointed Manager Executive Services, Heritage Tasmania, was welcomed to the meeting.

##### 1.1.2. Present and Apologies

###### **Tasmanian Heritage Council**

Brett Torossi	Chair
Simon Angilley via videoconference	Member with expertise in engineering, nominated by the Local Government Association of Tasmania
Mary Duniam via videoconference	Member representing community interests
Caroline Evans	Member with expertise in history
Elizabeth Frankham via videoconference	Member representing the Tourism Industry Council of Tasmania
David Gatenby via videoconference	Member representing the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association
Roger Hesketh via videoconference	Member representing the Tasmanian Council of Churches
Jennifer Jones-Travers via videoconference	Member with expertise in Archaeology
Stuart King	Member representing heritage conservation interests
Genevieve Lilley	Member with expertise in architecture, and Deputy Chairperson
Michael McLaren via videoconference	Member representing the Local Government Association of Tasmania
Philip Mussared	Member representing the National Trust
Peter Scott	Member representing the building development industry
Deidre Wilson	Alternate member for the Director of National Parks and Wildlife

###### Apologies

Jessica Richmond	Member representing the mining industry with expertise in mining heritage
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###### **Heritage Tasmania**

Andrew Roberts	Director
Annita Waghorn	Registration Manager
Ian Boersma	Works Manager
Deirdre Macdonald	Heritage Advisor

Russell Dobie	Regional Heritage Advisor
Mandy Richardson	Manager Executive Services
Felicity Britten	Executive Officer

### 1.1.3. Declarations of Interest

- Roger Hesketh advised of his recent appointment to the Anglican Diocesan Property Board and the need to manage any future conflicts of interest resulting from that role.  
Roger further advised that St Johns Anglican Church, Launceston, where he is a member of the congregation, will be undertaking significant works in coming months. Roger will manage this interest accordingly and will not participate in any discussion or determination of the application should it come before the Heritage Council. Both declarations will be recorded in the Register of Interests.
- Peter Scott declared a potential conflict of interest in the following agenda items:
  - Item 1.4.1 – *HT Report to 31 July 2022* – which mentions St Johns Park, New Town. Xsquared Architects is the principal consultant for the new St Johns Park mental health facility.
  - Item 1.5.7 – Resolution outside of meeting for noting – Proposed mediated resolution of Appeal P-2022-94 – UTAS development, 83 Melville Street. Xsquared Architects is currently engaged by the University of Tasmania (UTAS) on a significant project (not 83 Melville Street).
 It was agreed that no conflict exists, that the declaration would be recorded in the Register of Interests and no further action is required.

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

**Move:** Peter Scott **Second:** David Gatenby

**20220817/1** *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
- 1.4.1 HT Report to 31 July 2022
- 1.5.1 THC Finance Report to 30 June 2022
- 1.5.2 THC Contact List
- 1.5.3 DRAFT Registration Committee minutes of 23 May 2022
- 1.5.4 DRAFT Works Committee minutes of 11 May 2022
- 1.5.5 Registration Committee action sheet, as at August 2022
- 1.5.7 Works Committee Action Sheet, 11 May 2022

### 1.1.5. Register of Interests

See item 1.1.4 above.

### 1.1.6. Work Health and Safety

Andrew Roberts advised members that recent work health and safety reporting upgrades from the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (NRE Tas) will not result in any change to the THC operations in foreseeable future.

### 1.1.7. Round Table – brief updates

Members provided an update on recent activities.

- Stuart King advised that he had undertaken a tour with David Gatenby and Carol Bacon back in June of northern midlands properties connected to early Scottish immigrants to Tasmania. Stuart has since submitted an article to a Scottish

architectural journal, which he will share with members once it is finalised, and then published.

Stuart advised that he had also toured the EZ Company houses at Lutana yesterday with David Parham, Heritage Officer at Glenorchy City Council and had discussed various heritage issues including coming pressures from new energy efficient measures such as solar panels.

- Roger Hesketh noted that there are plans for significant works to St Johns Anglican Church, Launceston, which is his place of worship. Works will include interior heating and lighting to this architecturally significant structure.
- Simon Angilley advised that Central Coast Council has had a recent focus on measures to address the effects of homelessness within the municipality. There has been discussion around utilisation of Council-owned buildings, possible consolidation of tenancies and alternative uses.  
Simon also advised that the nomination process for volunteer positions/groups with Engineers Australia is underway. He noted that Engineering Heritage Tasmania has recently moved to a thematic presentation of places on its web site. At the request of the Chair, Simon undertook to contact the group to gain an understanding of the work undertaken to pursue this thematic approach. It was also noted that the Central Coast Heritage Study has now been completed and was very well received.
- Liz Frankham noted, as Chair of the Junction Arts Festival, that she was happy to hear of the new heating planned for St Johns, Launceston, which is used as a venue by the Festival.  
She also noted the recent sale of a property in rural Richmond which contains the original, very early brick cottage on the hill as you approach Richmond and has no heritage protection at either state or local level.  
Liz also reported that she had just spent two days at a tourism conference, and that 'built heritage' had been a topic of discussion. At Liz's request, it was agreed that Heritage Tasmania would provide information to the Tourism Industry Council to establish a consistent definition for 'built heritage'.
- Jennifer Jones-Travers advised that she is currently in Melbourne on an archaeological dig, and has recently completed the Central Coast Heritage Study and the Hobart Penitentiary Chapel Conservation Management Plan. Jennifer also advised that she has recently started her own firm, Latitude Heritage. The Register of Interests has been updated accordingly.
- Peter Scott advised that he has been busy with a number of large projects. He noted that works at the Peacock Centre project in North Hobart are continuing, with an expected completion date of February 2023. The restoration of the historical greenhouse is a significant component of the works.  
Work on the Victoria Tavern building in Murray Street, Hobart, is also progressing, as is work for UTAS on the Stone and Architecture Buildings in Inveresk.  
Peter also advised that Xsquared has been retained by the new owners of the Ladies Cottage and Nurse's Home at Willow Court, New Norfolk, who are keen to establish a tourism and retail hub.
- Caroline Evans advised that she had recently attended the Writing Lives Symposium based in the School of Humanities at UTAS. She noted that one of the papers by journalist, Philippa Moore, who is writing a novel based on the life of female convict and entrepreneur, Maria Lord (Risely), who resided at the THR listed Ingle Hall.  
Caroline advised that as part of Family History Month, there is a series of library talks, including one tomorrow on researching your house.
- Philip Mussared advised that he has recently discovered [Angus Thornett's Youtube channel](#), which contains excellent short videos on various aspects of

Hobart's history.

Philip also advised that last week had been Tasmanian Whisky Week. He noted the close relationship between whisky and tourism in the State, as well as the industry's benefits for heritage places. The work at Callington Mill at Oatlands was cited as an example.

Following the appointment of its new Managing Director in February, the National Trust has moved on to its next level of recruiting. Current vacancies include a State Office Manager and three regional Property Manager positions, details of which are available on the [Trust's web site](#).

- Genevieve Lilley expressed her thanks to members of the Heritage Council's Works Committee for their input in the previous week to assist with a works determination made under delegation. She welcomed the coming assessment of the Supreme Court complex for entry to the THR.

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

### **1.2.1. Draft Minutes of 15 June 2022 THC Meeting**

**Move:** Caroline Evans **Second:** Michael McLaren  
**20220817/2 Resolved:**

#### **That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:**

Accept as a true and accurate record, the amended draft minutes of the 15 June 2022 meeting of the Tasmanian Heritage Council (meeting 20220615).

### **1.2.2. Tasmanian Heritage Council Action Sheet**

See 1.1.4 above.

Item 1.5.8 was brought forward on the agenda.

### **1.5.8 Presentation – Future plans for the UTAS Domain**

Deirdre Macdonald joined the meeting and explained that she had recently received a briefing from the project team for the UTAS development of the Domain Campus, and that the Heritage Council would benefit from the same general briefing. She noted the current holistic treatment planned for the site, which will avoid piecemeal development.

Frazer Read (AllUrban Planning), Adam Mornement and Kai Chen (Chen) (Lovell Chen), and Rose Stranan (UTAS) joined the meeting via videoconference and provided a brief overview of plans for the site. It was noted by Chen that it is rare to be able to realise a conservation vision for a whole campus, and that UTAS should be congratulated for their commitment to the site.

The project team were thanked for their presentation and left the meeting.

## **1.3. Chair's Report**

### **1.3.1. General Update from the Chair**

The Chair advised that she met recently with Minister Ogilvie to discuss the planned meeting with components of the heritage sector to consider common issues and ways to reduce fragmentation within the sector.

The project for completion of the Heritage Council skills matrix is underway, and the Heritage Council financial statements for 2021-22 have now been provided to the Tasmanian Audit Office.

The Chair raised the need for discussion of current developments around the Crowther statue in Franklin Square. Caroline Evans' declaration at the 15 June 2022 Heritage Council meeting in relation to this matter was raised, and it was

agreed that as today's discussions would be general in nature, Caroline should remain in the meeting.

It was noted that as the Crowther statue is located within the bounds of Franklin Square, which is entered in the Tasmanian Heritage Register, any works to the statue, its inscription or plinth will require the approval of the Heritage Council via the discretionary permit application process. It was agreed that Heritage Tasmania would manage the process if/when an application is lodged, to ensure the Heritage Council has maximum time for consideration and discussion within the statutory process.

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

**20220817/3 Resolved:**

**That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:**

Note the update provided by the Chair.

#### **1.4 Director's Report**

##### 1.4.1 Heritage Tasmania Report to 31 July 2022

See 1.1.4 above.

#### **1.5 Matters for Noting**

##### 1.5.1 THC Finance Report

See 1.1.4 above.

##### 1.5.2 THC Contact List

See 1.1.4 above.

##### 1.5.3 DRAFT Registration Committee minutes of 23 May 2022

See 1.1.4 above.

##### 1.5.4 DRAFT Works Committee minutes of 11 May 2022

See 1.1.4 above.

##### 1.5.5 Registration Committee Action Sheet, as at August 2022

See 1.1.4 above.

##### 1.5.6 Works Committee Action Sheet, 11 May 2022

See 1.1.4 above.

##### 1.5.7 Resolution outside of meeting – proposed mediated resolution of Appeal P-2022-94 – UTAS development, 83 Melville Street, Hobart

**Move:** Deirdre Wilson **Second:** Genevieve Lilley

**20220817/4 Resolved:**

**That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:**

NOTE the resolution made outside of meeting on 16 July 2022 in accordance with Clause 5A of Schedule 2 of the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995*, as follows:

Resolved that:

*The Tasmanian Heritage Council endorse the recommendation in relation to Appeal P-2022-94 and:*

- 1. Agrees to the proposed mediated outcome, including the Consent Memorandum and Replacement Notice of Heritage Decision; and*
- 2. Authorises the Chairperson to sign these documents on behalf of the Tasmanian Heritage Council.*

It was noted that Peter Scott had abstained from voting on the resolution in line with his previous declaration of interest relating to this place.

## **1.6 Strategic and Policy Matters**

### **1.6.1 Draft THC Annual Work Plan 2022-23**

The Draft Annual Work Plan for 2022-23 was noted by members, and it was agreed that this should be considered further at, and following, the October strategic planning workshop.

### **1.6.2 Workshop – Tasmanian Heritage Register Searchability Framework**

Annita Waghorn provided the meeting with an update on work completed to-date, noting that she was seeking to gain member's thoughts on the intended approach to the project. Detailed discussion ensued around: the intended audience; better pathways to the Heritage Register; coding of THR places; accuracy of coding; the importance of messaging; public feedback mechanisms; the appearance of the search 'portal'; and the need for a detailed communications plan. Categorisation of architectural periods, and possible 'tailoring' for Tasmania was discussed. The Chair and members congratulated Annita and the Assessment and Registration Team for their work on this project.

With Annita shortly moving to another role within NRE Tas, the Chair formally thanked her for her enormous contribution during her time as Registration Manager with Heritage Tasmania, which includes some of the most important steps made to-date for the Heritage Council and the Heritage Register.

**Move:** Stuart King **Second:** Mary Duniam

**20220817/5 Resolved:**

**That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:**

1. PROVIDE INPUT on approaches to the provision of searchability as outlined below and in Attachment 1, to inform finalisation of project planning for coding of Heritage Register entries;
2. NOTE the briefing provided on the status of the searchability framework, including the current category lists for Architectural Styles, Groups and Types, and Chronological Periods (Attachments 2-4)

Possible formats for a publication of architectural styles, groups and types, and periods were discussed. It was agreed that commercialisation of such a publication could be discussed at the October strategic planning workshop.

## **2. MATTERS FOR DECISION**

### **2.1 Works Matters**

#### **2.1.1 Terms of Reference – Review of Delegated Works Decisions**

Ian Boersma provided a brief overview of this matter.

**Move:** Peter Scott **Second:** Mary Duniam

**20220817/6 Resolved:**

**That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:**

Endorses the amended Terms of Reference for Review of Delegated Decisions.

#### **2.1.2 WA7884 – Willow Court Asylum Complex, New Norfolk – Atrium to link the Derwent and Esperance Buildings**

Russell Dobie provided a brief overview of this application, noting that no public representations had been received.

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

**20220817/8 Resolved:**

**That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:**

Consents to the discretionary permit being granted in accordance with the documentation submitted with Development Application DA 2022/111, advertised on 27/07/2022, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the commencement of works, a digital copy of all drawings and specifications for the works must be submitted to Heritage Tasmania and must be to the satisfaction of the Works Manager. Any substantial variance from the works covered by this approval must be identified by the applicant.

Reason for condition

To provide Heritage Tasmania with an opportunity to review the construction documentation for the work in order to ensure that there has been no increase in the impacts anticipated at the discretionary permit application stage.

2. Prior to the commencement of works, a landscaping plan must be submitted to Heritage Tasmania and must be to the satisfaction of the Works Manager. The landscaping plan must include all parking and paved areas, as well as soft landscaping elements around the site.

Reason for condition

To ensure that landscaping treatments enhance the setting of the buildings and have regard for the landscape values of The Avenue.

## 2.2 Registration Matters

### 2.2.1 Provisional entry – St John’s Anglican Church, Hall & Cemetery, Railton (THR 12031)

**Move:** Liz Frankham **Second:** Michael McLaren

**20220817/7** Resolved:

**That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:**

Endorses the amended Terms of Reference for Review of Delegated Decisions APPROVE the provisional entry in the Heritage Register of the new entry for the St John’s Anglican Church, Hall and Cemetery, 92 Foster Street, Railton (THR12031) as per the datasheet and the boundary plan provided in Attachment 1.

It was agreed that the excellent datasheet for St John’s be forwarded to Cement Australia for their information.

### 2.2.2 Intention to remove entry from the Tasmanian Heritage Register – Former Mangana School (THR 5914)

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

**20220817/9** Resolved:

**That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:**

APPROVE the intention to remove ‘Former Mangana School’, 13 Argyle Street, Mangana (THR #5914; Attachment 1), Tasmanian Heritage Register, pursuant to s22(1A)(c) of the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995*, and subsequently writing to owners and planning authorities and issuing public notices of this intention pursuant to s22(5)(a) and s22(6).

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Tas Fire Service’s findings around the accidental cause of the fire at this property should be recorded in the Heritage Management System.

### 2.2.3 Removal of five duplicate entries from the Tasmanian Heritage Register

**Move:** Peter Scott **Second:** Stuart King

**20220817/10** Resolved:

**That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:**

Approve the removal of the following entries from the Tasmanian Heritage Register pursuant to s25, *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995*, and subsequently writing to

owners and planning authorities of this decision pursuant to s26(a), on the basis that they duplicate or substantially duplicate existing replacement entries:

1. Victoria Dock (THR 10182), Lot 1, Franklin Wharf, Hobart
2. Constitution Dock (incl. Bridge and Crane), (THR 10184), Lot 1, Franklin Wharf, Hobart
3. Seabrook Cottages (THR 2387), 159-163 Harrington Street, Hobart
4. Conjoined Cottages (THR 6078), 165 Harrington Street, Hobart
5. Former Crisp and Gunn Buildings (THR 2507) 83 Melville Street, Hobart

### **3. OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **3.1 Other business**

##### **3.1.1 Meeting Review**

Potential problems with viewing high resolution plans via pdf meeting papers were discussed.

##### **3.1.2 THC acknowledgement – retirement of Elspeth Wishart**

**Move:** Caroline Evans **Second:** Simon Angilley

**20220817/11 Resolved:**

**That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:**

Acknowledges the retirement of Elspeth Wishart, with the following motion of appreciation:

*The Tasmanian Heritage Council acknowledges the retirement of Elspeth Wishart, Senior Curator of Cultural Heritage at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery. We convey our sincere appreciation to Elspeth for her long-standing commitment and service to heritage management in Tasmania, including ten years as a member of the Council's Archaeological Advisory Panel. We thank Elspeth for her passion and dedication and wish her well for her retirement.*

##### **3.1.3 Annual Strategic Planning Workshop**

The Chair noted that a number of items from today's meeting which will need to be considered at the October strategic planning workshop. These will be tracked in the Action Sheet.

##### **3.1.4 Tasmanian Heritage Council Skills Matrix project**

The format and goals within the matrix survey document for this project were discussed. It was agreed that the consultant be approached to discuss the findings at the October Heritage Council meeting.

##### **3.1.5 Thanks to Executive Officer**

With Felicity Britten shortly moving to another role within NRE Tas, the Chair thanked Felicity for her support to the Heritage Council in the role of Executive Officer over a number of years.

##### **3.1.6 Future northern Heritage Council meeting**

At the suggestion of members, it was agreed that consideration be given to a northern meeting in coming months.

### **4. NEXT MEETING**

#### **4.1 Date of next meeting:**

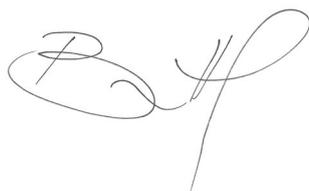
- Tuesday 18 October 2022 – Annual Strategic Planning Workshop, Hobart

- Wednesday 19 October 2022 - Regular, bi-monthly meeting: 10.00am – 2.00pm, Hobart or via MS Teams

Meeting concluded at 1.56 pm.

**Meeting No 20220817  
Held on 17 August 2022**

**Signed as a correct record**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brett Torossi', with a long vertical line extending downwards from the end of the signature.

Brett Torossi  
**Chair**

19 October 2022