



TASMANIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 20260218

Wednesday 18 February 2026

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

Start time: 09:30am

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 – 10:05am

The incoming Chair, Hon. Stephen Parry opened the meeting by thanking Heritage Tasmania for assistance with induction into the role and noted that he is looking forward to working with Heritage Council members. He thanked Liz Frankham for undertaking the duties of Chair while the Chair position was vacant and advised that Liz will co-chair today's meeting.

1.1.1 Acknowledgement of Aboriginal people and country

1.1.2 Present/Apologies (+ Attendance Record)

The Deputy Chair welcomed David Gatenby as the new member representing TasFarmers (formerly the Tasmanian Farmers and Grazers Association), noting his previous experience in the role and welcoming his insights and contribution.

Tasmanian Heritage Council

Hon. Stephen Parry	Chair
John Beswick	Member representing the Local Government Association of Tasmania
Lucy Burke-Smith	Member with expertise in architecture
James Dryburgh	Member with expertise in planning, nominated by the Local Government Association of Tasmania
Caroline Evans	Member with expertise in history
Elizabeth Frankham	Member representing the Tourism Industry Council of Tasmania and Deputy Chair
David Gatenby	Member representing the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association (TasFarmers)
Duncan Grant	Member representing the Tasmanian Council of Churches
Jennifer Jones-Travers	Member with expertise in Archaeology
Alexandra Lintner	Member representing the mining industry with expertise in mining

Philip Mussared	Member representing the National Trust
Peter Scott	Member representing the building development industry
Jennifer Jones-Travers	Member with expertise in Archaeology
Richard Warner	Member representing community interests
Deidre Wilson	Alternate member for the Director of National Parks and Wildlife
Max Hollingsworth	Youth Observer

Apologies

Stuart King	Member representing heritage conservation interests
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Heritage Tasmania

Melissa Ford	Director
Fiona Benka	Manager Executive Services
John Stephenson	Registration Manager
Danielle Telega	Executive Officer
Melinda Clarke	Heritage Research Officer
<i>In person and via online</i>	
Russell Dobie	Regional Heritage Advisor
<i>In person and via online</i>	
<i>By video conference</i>	
Richard Allen	Heritage Assessment Officer
Ian Boersma	Works Manager
Chris Bonner	Regional Heritage Advisor
Nic Haygarth	Heritage Assessment Officer
Fiona Ranson	Senior Assessment Officer
Erin Rockliffe	Heritage Advisor
Hilary Smith	Administration Officer
Courtney Webber	Senior Grants and Project Officer
Andrew Winkler	Data and Spatial Officer

1.1.3. Declarations of Interest

David Gatenby noted:

Item 2.2.2 – he has a personal connection with the property and will leave the room for the discussion and decision of this item.

Lucy Burke-Smith noted:

Item 2.1.1 – she has prepared the Conservation Management Plan for the proponent.

Item 1.4.1 – her standing declaration in relation to Macquarie Point Stadium.

Stephen Parry noted:

He is still in the process of completing his initial declaration of interest, however he does not have any interests to declare regarding today's agenda.

Caroline Evans noted:

Item 2.2.5 – she previously submitted a submission in respect to the Crowther Statue located at Franklin Square.

John Beswick noted:

Item 1.4.1 – there has been an application to remove a property from the Heritage Register which falls inside the Central Coast Council municipality where he holds the role of Deputy Mayor.

1.1.4. Review of agenda and noting of ‘asterisked’ items

The following were removed from the list of asterisked items:

1.4.1 HT Report – January 2026

1.5.2 THC Finance Report to 31 January 2026, which will be discussed in conjunction with Item 2.1.1.

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council noted the below agenda items:

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

1.1.5. Register of Interests

1.2.2. Action Sheet

1.5.1. Correspondence Register as at 11 February 2026

1.5.3. THC 2025-26 Work Plan Tracker

1.5.4. Works Committee minutes and action sheet 5 November 2025

3.2.2. 2025-26 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 Deputy Chair welcomed the incoming Chair and David Gatenby to their first meeting. Council members took the opportunity to introduce themselves and explain their role on the Heritage Council.

Caroline Evans reminded members of the Glamorgan Spring Bay Historical Society’s launch of the *Tasmania Built* publication on 25 March 2025.

Richard Warner advised he has been supporting community efforts to preserve Willow Court barracks. The community representatives have engaged Dr Bruce Neill to facilitate discussions with Friends of Willow Court.

1.2. Minute, Agenda Review and Action Sheet

1.2.1. Draft Minutes of 10 December 2025 THC Meeting

Move: Peter Scott

Second: Alexandra Lintner

20260218/1 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. ACCEPTS the minutes as true and accurate record of 10 December 2025.

1.2.2. Tasmanian Heritage Council Action Sheet

Noted per item 1.1.5.

1.3. Chair's Report

1.3.1. General Update from the Deputy Chair

The Deputy Chair advised it has been a busy period with a large volume of works matters managed at delegate level outside of the meeting, impacting the workloads of Heritage Tasmania, herself and the Chair of the Works Committee.

The Deputy Chair noted receipt of a recent Deloitte report, *The Economic and Social Value of Australia's World Heritage properties* commissioned by the Department of Climate, Change, Energy the Environment, and requested it be circulated to Heritage Council members.

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council noted the update given by the Deputy Chair.

1.4. Branch Report

1.4.1. Heritage Tasmania Report

The Director:

- Thanked the Deputy Chair and Chair of the Works Committee for their assistance over the last two months in handling several works matters.
- Clarified the role of Heritage Tasmania in relation to the *State Polices and Projects (Macquarie Point Precinct) Order 2025*. Anticipated works outside of the Order but within the precinct will be handled under normal regulatory procedures. Heritage Tasmania will keep the Heritage Council informed of relevant matters.
- Shared Heritage Tasmania's learnings from recent compliance activity, including future potential legislative changes.
- Advised that an application received to remove a place from the Tasmanian Heritage Register would be subject to the statutory process, with a full assessment undertaken before consideration by the Heritage Council.
- Confirmed recent meetings with representatives of two key stakeholders. Opportunities for the Chair to meet with key stakeholders was discussed.

1.5. Matters for Noting

1.5.1. Correspondence Register as at 11 February 2026

Noted per item 1.1.5.

1.5.3. THC 2025-26 Work Plan Tracker

Noted per item 1.1.5.

1.5.4. Works Committee minutes and action sheet 5 November 2025

Noted per item 1.1.5.

2 MATTERS FOR DECISION

2.1. Works Matters

2.1 Compliance activities (verbal)

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

2.2. Registration Matters

2.2.1. Permanent Replacement Entry – Stone Trough Melton Mowbray (THR#12130)

Move: Lucy Burke-Smith

Second: Liz Frankham

20260218/3 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. APPROVES the permanent entry in the Heritage Register of a replacement entry for 'Melton Mowbray Hotel, stables and horse trough' at 21 Blackwell Road, 18 Highlands Lakes Road and part of 3452 Midland Highway, Melton Mowbray (THR#12130) as per the datasheet and the boundary plan provided in Attachment 1.

Move: John Beswick

Second: David Gatenby

20260218/4 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

2. APPROVES the intention to remove the two Register entries for 'Melton Mowbray Hotel' 21 Blackwell Road, Melton Mowbray (THR#5483) and 'Stone trough at Melton Mowbray' (THR#5484) (Attachment 2) from the Tasmanian Heritage Register, pursuant to s22(1A)(c) of the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995* as this entry is duplicated or substantially duplicated by the replacement entry 'Melton Mowbray Hotel, stables and horse trough' (THR#12130) and subsequently writing to owners and planning authorities pursuant to s22(5)(a).

2.2.2 Provisional Replacement Entry – Barton (THR#12125)

Move: Alexandra Lintner

Second: James Dryburgh

20260218/5 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. APPROVES the provisional entry as amended in the Heritage Register of a revised entry for 'Barton', 2464 Macquarie Road, Campbell Town (THR#4992) as per the datasheet and boundary plan provided in Attachment 1.

Noted that David Gatenby left the room for the discussion and decision.

2.2.3 Provisional Replacement Entry – Waverley Woollen Mills (THR#11586)

Move: David Gatenby

Second: Richard Warner

20260218/6 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. APPROVES the amended provisional entry in the Heritage Register of Waverley Woollen Mills, 45 Waverley Rd, Waverley (THR#11586) as per the datasheet and boundary plan provided in Attachment 1.

2.2.4 Provisional entry for the Wellington Falls Track, Wellington Park (THR#12086)

Move: Peter Scott

Second: James Dryburgh

20260218/7 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. APPROVES the provisional entry in the Heritage Register for the Wellington Falls Track, Wellington Park (THR#12086) as per the datasheet and the boundary plan provided in Attachment 1.

2.2.5 Provisional replacement entry for Franklin Square and site of Old Government House (THR#2148), replacing existing Heritage Register entry for Franklin Square (THR#2333)

Move: Jennifer Jones-Travers

Second: David Gatenby

20260218/8 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. APPROVES the provisional entry in the Heritage Register of a replacement entry for Franklin Square and site of Old Government House, 70 Macquarie Street, Hobart (THR#12148) as per the datasheet and the boundary plan provided in Attachment 1.

Move: Liz Frankham

Second: Philip Mussared

20260218/9 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. REQUESTS Heritage Tasmania to investigate the archaeological potential and management options of the site of Old Government House not currently protected by the Tasmanian Heritage Register or the local heritage code.

3. STRATEGIC MATTERS

3.1. Strategic Matters – Stakeholder Engagement and Communications

3.1.1. Communication and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy/Plan

The Heritage Council noted the following update by the Manager Executive Services:

- A request to sponsor the 2026 Tasmanian Architecture Awards was received. The Heritage Council agreed it could not provide support at this time as the sponsorship budget for 2025-26 has been exhausted.
- Heritage Happenings Summer edition is expected to issue by the end of February.

3.2. Other

3.2.1. Amendment of Deputy Chair procedure

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. Noted the proposed updates and agreed to set aside.

The Chair will revisit and provide further advice with input from Deidre Wilson.

3.2.2 2024-25 to 2026-27 THC Strategic Plan

Noted per item 1.1.5

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Other Business

As a member of Cultural Heritage Practitioners Tasmania, Jennifer Jones-Travers extended an invite to members to join the event 'Looking Backwards – Looking Forwards: 30 years and 50 years of Tasmania's State Cultural Heritage Legislation' occurring in May 2026. Both Jennifer and Lucy Burke-Smith will be giving presentations in their individual capacity.

4.2 Meeting Review

Stephen Parry thanked Liz for co-chairing the meeting with him.

Philip Mussared noted the Heritage Council's discussions today touched on some sensitive topics all of which were dealt with respectfully.

4.1.3. Next Meeting

Regular bi-monthly Council Meeting

15 April 2026 (09.30am-3.00pm), Lands Building, Level 1, Cape Barren Island Meeting Room. 134 Macquarie Street, Hobart.

Meeting concluded at 2:24pm

Meeting No 20260218 held on 18 February 2026

Signed as a correct record

Hon. Stephen Parry

Chair



15 April 2026