TASMANIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 20260819

Wednesday 19 August 2026

Wukalina / Mt William Meeting Room, Level 6, 134 Macquarie Street Hobart AND via videoconference

Start time: 09:00am

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, refer to item 1.1.7.

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1. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

1.1 Welcome – 09:31am

1.1.1 Acknowledgement of Aboriginal people and country

1.1.2 Present/Apologies (+ Attendance Record)

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
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
Stuart King *Via Video Conference*	Member representing heritage conservation interests
Alexandra Lintner	Member representing the mining industry
Peter Scott	Member representing the building development industry, Deputy Chair
Richard Warner	Member representing community interests
Deidre Wilson	Alternate member for the Director of National Parks and Wildlife
Max Hollingsworth	Youth Observer

Apologies:

Emma Boyce	Member representing the National Trust

Heritage Tasmania

Will Joscelyne	General Manager Heritage
Melissa Ford	Director
Fiona Benka	Manager Executive Services
John Stephenson	Registration Manager
Danielle Telega	Executive Officer
Via online	
Ian Boersma	Works Manager
Richard Allen	Heritage Assessment Officer
Melinda Clarke	Heritage Research Officer
Russell Dobie	Regional Heritage Advisor
Nic Haygarth	Heritage Assessment Officer
Fiona Ranson	Senior Assessment Officer
Erin Rockliffe	Heritage Advisor
Andrew Winkler	Data and Spatial Officer
Courtney Young	Senior Grants and Project Officer

1.1.3. Declarations of Interest

David Gatenby noted:

Item 2.2.7 – he has a relationship with the owner of one of the properties.

Jennifer Jones-Travers noted:

Item 1.4.1 – she is currently undertaking archaeology work at both Macquarie Point and the Princess Theatre.

Lucy Burke-Smith noted:

Item 1.4.1 – her standing declaration regarding an addendum to the Conservation Management Plan she prepared for a place mentioned in the Heritage Tasmania report.

John Beswick noted:

Item 1.4.1 – he has a standing declaration regarding an application to remove a place from the register located in the Central Coast Council.

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

The following were removed from the list of asterisked items:

1.5.2 THC Finance Report to 31 July 2026

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 12 August 2026

1.5.3. Works Committee minutes and action sheet 11 March 2026
1.2.3 Noting out of session resolutions

1.1.5. Register of Interests

Noted per item 1.1.5.

1.1.6. Work Health and Safety

The Director, Heritage Tasmania advised there was nothing to report.

1.1.7. In-camera session

The Chair advised that members discussed meeting with National Trust Tasmania Board representatives to discuss shared interests. It was agreed that the Chair, Richard Warner and Lucy Burke-Smith will attend the meeting.

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

Lucy Burke-Smith advised:

- Further to her previous update, she has commenced conversations with the Longford Academy to identify relevant organisations that may be able to support a symposium on traditional trade skills.
- Further to the presentation she and Stuart King gave at the ICOMOS General Assembly on the Crowther statue, a paper on the subject has been drafted, with Stuart as lead author. A copy will be shared once published.

Alexandra Lintner advised:

- She recently attended the Beaker Street Festival and visited the model village in Richmond, noting it was an engaging way to introduce children to built heritage.

James Dryburgh advised:

- St Marks Anglican church in Pontville will be holding its last service next week. The church is a prominent building in the Brighton municipality and there has been some conjecture about its future use.
- The historic train station platform near the Bridgewater Bridge is proposed for a park and ride facility.

Richard Warner noted:

- The *Tasmanian Built* publication is currently number 4 on the best sellers list at Fullers Bookshop.

David Gatenby advised:

- He recently visited the Man O'Ross Hotel and remarked on the activation of the 1860s stable and the important role of private investment in historic built heritage.

Stuart King advised:

- He enjoyed collaborating with Lucy on the paper regarding the Crowther statue and that it was a challenging paper to prepare due to the lack of publications dealing with such issues.
- Recently provided a presentation in Brisbane in relation to Henty House, Launceston.
- He recently wrote an article for Architecture Australia magazine reviewing the recent works undertaken at Wybalenna on Flinders Island

1.2. Minute, Agenda Review and Action Sheet

1.2.1. Draft Minutes of 17 June 2026 THC Meeting

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

20260819/1 *Resolved:*

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. ACCEPTS the amended minutes as true and accurate record of 17 June 2026.

1.2.2. Tasmanian Heritage Council Action Sheet

Noted per item 1.1.5.

1.2.3 Noting of out of session resolutions

The Tasmanian Heritage Council noted the following out of session resolutions noted per item 1.1.5.

Reappointment of members to the Works Committee

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. APPROVES the reappointment of Peter Scott to the Works Committee in alignment with his term to the Tasmanian Heritage Council (ending 30 June 2027).
2. APPROVES the reappointment of Peter Scott as Chair of the Works Committee.

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. APPROVES the reappointment of Alexandra (Lexie) Lintner and Jennifer Jones-Travers to the Tasmanian Heritage Council Works Committee from 21 June 2026 until 30 June 2028

Tasmanian Heritage Council 2026-27 Work Plan

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. ENDORSES the Heritage Council 2026-27 Work Plan (Attachment 1).

1.3. Chair's Report

1.3.1. The Chair advised he:

- Recently met with the General Manager Heritage and the Acting Director. He acknowledged Fiona Benka for acting as Director while the Director was on leave.
- Participated in the induction of Emma Boyce to the Heritage Council.
- Has met with community organisations such as Rotary clubs.

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

1.4. Branch Report

1.4.1. Heritage Tasmania Report

Alexandra enquired about the upcoming Australian and New Zealand Heritage Chairs and Officials meeting being hosted in by Tasmania in Hobart on 5-6 November. The Director provided an outline of the purpose of the meeting.

1.5. Matters for Noting

1.5.1. Correspondence Register as at 12 August 2026

Noted per item 1.1.5.

1.5.2. THC Finance Report to 31 July 2026

The Chair noted the Heritage Council's 2025-26 expenditure and discussed some areas where savings could be made going forward.

Deidre Wilson provided an update on the agency's broader budget sustainability planning and acknowledged the ongoing challenges within the current fiscal environment.

1.5.3. Registration Committee minutes and action sheet 11 March 2026

Noted per item 1.1.5.

2 MATTERS FOR DECISION

2.1. Works Matters

2.1 Summary of compliance matters in Appendix A2 of HT Report

CLOSED SESSION (to be redacted in published Minutes)

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The Works Manager also mentioned several recently closed compliance cases listed in Appendix A2 of the HT Report.

The Heritage Council notes that because these matters are related to potential enforcement action and ongoing investigations, this part of the Council minutes should be kept confidential to provide procedural fairness and not prejudice any potential enforcement actions. Reference to this briefing and related decisions will be redacted from the minutes when made public.

2.1.2 Actions - Maintenance of Halls Hut (THR#10805)

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

20260819/2 *Resolved:*

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. NOTES the actions and approach taken to date to manage the heritage values of Halls Hut (THR#10805).
2. ENDORSES the proposed next steps to agree a scope of works and timing for completion with the leaseholder and owner, with consideration to be given to recording of the hut in light of the minor works to be undertaken.

2.1.3 Processing for Managing Appeals

The Council discussed the management of appeals. It requested that the Procedure Manual reflecting the amendments advised in the meeting, be tabled at a future meeting for noting. The Council requested that information about the management of appeals form part of the information pack for induction of new members.

2.2. Registration Matters

2.2.1. Permanent entry for Rebekah Lodge No.11 (THR#12116), 2 Cutten Street, Queenstown

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

20260819/4 *Resolved:*

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. APPROVES the amended permanent entry in the Heritage Register of a revised entry for Rebekah Lodge No.11 (THR#12116), 2 Cutten Street, Queenstown as per the datasheet and boundary plan provided in Attachment 1.

2.2.2. Permanent replacement entry for Wesley Methodist Church & Wesley Hall (Mechanics' Institute) (THR#12150), 56-58 Melville Street, Hobart

Move: Peter Scott **Second:** Duncan Grant

20260819/5 *Resolved:*

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. APPROVES the amended permanent entry in the Heritage Register of a revised entry for Wesley Methodist Church & Wesley Hall (Mechanics' Institute) (THR#12150), 56-58 Melville St, Hobart as per the datasheet and boundary plan provided in Attachment 1.
2. REQUESTS the intention to remove Wesley (Uniting) Church and Hall (THR#2504), 56-58 Melville St, Hobart (Attachment 2) from the Tasmanian Heritage Register, pursuant to s22(1A)(c) of the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995* on the basis that this entry is duplicated or substantially duplicated by the replacement entry for Wesley Methodist Church & Wesley Hall (Mechanics' Institute) (THR#12150), 56-58 Melville St, Hobart; and subsequently writing to owners and planning authorities pursuant to s22(5)(a) and s22(6)).

2.2.3. Permanent entry for St Paul's Chapel at Launceston General Hospital (THR#12145), 280 Charles Street, Launceston

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

20260819/6 *Resolved:*

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. APPROVES the permanent entry in the Heritage Register of St Paul's Chapel at Launceston General Hospital (THR#12145), 280 Charles Street, Launceston, as per the datasheet and boundary plan provided in Attachment 1.

2.2.4. Permanent replacement entry for St Patrick's Catholic complex (THR#12138), 55 Bradshaw St, Latrobe

Move: Caroline Evans **Second:** John Beswick

20260819/7 *Resolved:*

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. APPROVES the amended permanent entry in the Heritage Register of a revised entry for St Patrick's Catholic complex (THR#12138), 55

Bradshaw St, Latrobe as per the datasheet and boundary plan provided in Attachment 1.

2. APPROVES the intention to remove St Patrick's Church, Convent and Presbytery (THR#3676; Attachment 2), 55 Bradshaw St, Latrobe from the Tasmanian Heritage Register, pursuant to s22(1A)(c) of the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995* on the basis that this entry is duplicated or substantially duplicated by the replacement entry for St Patrick's Catholic complex (THR#12138), 55 Bradshaw St, Latrobe and subsequently writing to owners and planning authorities pursuant to s22(5)(a) and s22(6).

2.2.5. Permanent replacement entry for Jet Service Station (THR#12149), 479 Sandy Bay Rd, Sandy Bay

Move: David Gatenby **Second:** Jennifer Jones-Travers

20260819/8 *Resolved:*

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. APPROVES the permanent entry in the Heritage Register of a revised entry for Jet Service Station (THR#12149) 479 Sandy Bay Rd, Sandy Bay as per the datasheet and boundary plan provided in Attachment 1.

2. APPROVES the intention to remove Jet Service Station (formerly Riverview Garage) (THR#8661; 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 for Jet Service Station (THR#12149); and subsequently writing to owners and planning authorities pursuant to s22(5)(a) and s22(6)).

2.2.6 Provisional replacement entry for Sydney Lodge and former Teaching Aids Centre (THR#12135), replacing existing Heritage Register entry for Sydney Lodge (THR#2182), 65 Brisbane Street, Hobart

Move: John Beswick **Second:** James Dryburgh

20260819/9 *Resolved:*

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. APPROVES the provisional entry in the Tasmanian Heritage Register of the replacement entry for Sydney Lodge and former Teaching Aids Centre, 65 Brisbane Street, Hobart (THR#12135) as per the datasheet and the boundary plan provided in Attachment 1.

2.2.7 Removal of Provisional replacement entry for Barton (THR#12125), 2464 and Lot 1 Macquarie Road, Campbell Town

Move: Alexandra Lintner **Second:** Richard Warner

20260619/10 *Resolved:*

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. NOTES the two objections received in response to the provisional entry of the replacement entry for Barton (THR#12125).
2. NOT APPROVE the permanent replacement entry of Barton, 2464 and Lot 1 Macquarie Road, Campbell Town (THR#12125) in the Heritage Register, pursuant to s21(1)(b) of the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995*;
3. REMOVES the provisional entry of Barton (THR#12125) from the Tasmanian Heritage Register, pursuant to s21(2) and s22(1A)(d) of the Act; and
4. APPROVES a s94(1)(a) amendment of Barton (THR#4992) that updates the history section of the current datasheet.

Noted David Gatenby left the room for the discussion and decision on this item.

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:

- Drafting of the Heritage Council's 2025-26 Annual Report is near completion. The Manager Executive Services extended her thanks to Stuart King for preparing a story on the *Tasmanian Built* publication.
- Latest edition of *Heritage Happenings* has been circulated. Members were reminded they are welcome to nominate or submit stories for future editions.

3.2. Other

3.2.1 Sub-Committee membership (verbal)

The Chair and Registration Committee Chair will meet out of session to discuss arrangements to fill the current vacancy in the Registration Committee.

3.2.2 Research report - *Unlocking Tasmania's built heritage potential – an engine for State growth*

Move: James Dryburgh **Second:** Lucy Burke-Smith

20260819/12 *Resolved:*

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. NOTES the key findings of the report*, Unlocking Tasmania's built heritage potential – an engine for State growth* (the Report), prepared by Stennings & Associates, Public Value Consulting and GSD Advisors.

2. AGREED to circulate the Report more widely since its publishing in September 2024.

3.2.3 Churches Working Group (verbal update)

Duncan Grant noted:

- The group has reviewed 290 places, with a focus on those with deteriorating condition and at risk of a change of use.
- Bishop Condie's recent public comments regarding increased redress obligations. The Working Group anticipates more properties may become available on the market to meet these obligations.

Peter Scott commended the amount of work undertaken by Duncan in the Working Group.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Other Business

The Chair sought member availability if the meeting day for 2027 was to move to Thursday in place of Wednesday. The proposed meeting dates for 2027will be presented for Council endorsement at the October meeting.

The Chair noted that a Whole of Government (WOG) travel policy for boards is being developed. It was agreed that any clarification of the current travel arrangements be deferred pending release of the WOG policy. Members were encouraged to contact the Executive Officer to arrange any travel and access related Government rates.

4.2 Extension of Youth Observer position

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

20260819/13 *Resolved:*

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. ENDORSES the extension of the current Youth Observer, Max Hollingsworth's, term until 31 December 2026 to enable the Council to consider future arrangements for the Youth Observer position and youth representation going forward.

4.3. Next Meeting

Regular bi-monthly Council Meeting

Wednesday 21 October (09.00am-2.30pm), Lands Building, Level 6, Mt William Meeting Room. 134 Macquarie Street, Hobart.

Meeting concluded at 12:44pm

Meeting No 20260819 held on 19 August 2026

Signed as a correct record

Hon. Stephen Parry

Chair

21 October 2026