

TASMANIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 20240221

Wednesday 21 February 2024

Board Room, Level 1, Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS), 20 Castray Esplanade, Battery Point AND via videoconference

Start time: 9:30am

In-Camera Session

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

- All Heritage Tasmania staff, and Stuart Fletcher (NRE Tas staff member) left the room/video conference for the duration of the session.
- THC member Deidre Wilson (also an NRE Tas staff member) left the room after clarification of caretaker conventions, and before any decisions were made by the THC.

A copy of the caretaker conventions can be found on the Department of Premier and Cabinet website.

I. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

1.1. Welcome

1.1.1. Welcome

Poppy (Judith) Lyne was welcomed to her first THC meeting.

It was acknowledged that it was Simon Angilley's final meeting as a member of the THC. Simon was thanked for his contribution to the THC and its committees over the past 10 years. Simon was also thanked for agreeing to continue as an external member of the THC's Registration Committee from 1 April 2024.

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

NRE Tas

Stuart Fletcher <i>via videoconference</i>	General Manager, Heritage and Land (Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania)
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Heritage Tasmania

Andrew Roberts	Director
Mandy Richardson	Manager Executive Services
Danielle Telega	Executive Officer
John Stephenson	Registration Manager
Ian Boersma	Works Manager

Via video conference:

Melinda Clarke	Heritage Research Officer
Fiona Benka	Grants Program Administrator
Nic Haygarth	Heritage Assessment Officer

External Attendees for Bridgewater Bridge Archaeology Presentation

Darren Watton <i>(presenter)</i>	Principal Archaeologist (Southern Archaeology)
Frank Chen	Project Manager Development and Delivery (Department of State Growth)
Fraser Morris	Graduate Officer (Department of State Growth)
Gordon Williams	Environment Manager (McConnell Dowell)

1.1.4. Declarations of Interest

- Philip Mussared advised:
 - That as representative of National Trust Tas he has an interest in Oak Lodge (Agenda item 2.2.3).
 - He has retired as a director of the Tasmanian Traineeships and Apprenticeships Committee.
 - His Register of Interests can be updated to remove his role with Hobart Airport, as this is now more than 3 years old.
- Brett Torossi advised:
 - The Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens project that herself and Genevieve Lilley have been working on, has concluded.

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

The following were removed from the list of asterisked items:

- NIL

An additional agenda was added: 2.1.6 Representative Study (Gap Analysis)

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

20240224/1 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

NOTE those items from the agenda marked with an asterisk:

- 1.1.6 Register of Interests
- 1.2.2 Action Sheet
- 1.5.1 THC Finance Report to 31 January 2024
- 1.5.2 THC Strategic Plan 2023-24 to 2027-28
- 1.5.3 THC Contact List

1.1.6. Register of Interests

See item 1.1.5 above.

1.1.7. Work Health and Safety

The HT Director advised there were no items to report.

The Chair requested a 6-month WHS report for discussion at the next THC meeting.

The Chair noted accommodation support available to ensure THC members remain safe when travelling to THC meetings.

1.1.8. Round Table – brief updates, engagement activities

Members provided an update on recent [engagement] activities.

- Roger Hesketh:
 - Visited the West Coast and stayed at a state heritage-registered building, The Bischoff Hotel.
- Peter Scott:
 - Advised his involvement the St John's Park project in New Town has concluded.
 - Will be attending the opening of the 1951 Diesel Workshop at the Inveresk site in Launceston later this month, following his involvement in the site refurbishment.
 - Noted that the Victoria Tavern site in Hobart is close to receiving an occupancy certificate.
 - Visited Pillinger and was impressed with the history and heritage the site contained.

- Elizabeth Frankham:
 - Updated member on the Richmond Centenary commemoration activities, with Open House events to be held at Richmond on the 24/25th of February.
 - Advised of her ongoing work to encourage the expansion of the Open House Scheme to regional events – coordinating discussions between the Open House Scheme and regional event organisers.
- Alexandra Lintner:
 - Visited Back Creek at Pipers River which is a gold prospecting activity.
- Judith Lyne
 - Judith introduced herself to council members and outlined her background and passion for Tasmania’s history and built heritage.
- Philip Mussared:
 - Thanked members of the THC for attending the Convict Memorial Hub at the Hobart Penitentiary after the conclusion of the December THC meeting – noting the valuable Convict Records data that the project connects to.
- Deidre Wilson
 - Noted that the Tasmanian Government is now in caretaker status following the recent election announcement.
- Stuart King:
 - Presented a paper in December in Gold Coast and due to present another in Adelaide regarding architect Edith Emery who immigrated from Austria to Tasmania.
 - Presented to the Victorian Society in London regarding Australian/Tasmanian public building in 19th century culture, which may also be relevant to the THC’s representativeness study.
- Genevieve Lilley
 - Volunteering in a mid-century house for the Open House program at the Richmond Bicentenary this weekend.
 - Visited the Carlton River Post Office and suggested THC members review the website images.

1.2. Minutes, Agenda Review and Action Sheet

1.2.1. Draft Minutes of 6 December THC Meeting + Resolution Outside of Meeting – Launceston Gasworks Carpark Minor Amendment

Move: Alexandra Lintner **Second:** John Beswick

20240224/2 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. ACCEPT the amended minutes as a true and accurate record, the draft minutes of the 6 December 2023 meeting of the Tasmanian Heritage Council (meeting 2023|206)
2. APPROVE Caroline Evans’s offer to join the Church Review Working Group
3. NOTE the resolution made outside of meeting on 29 January 2024, regarding the Launceston Gasworks Carpark Minor Amendment in accordance with Clause 5A of Schedule 2 of the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995*, as follows:

Resolved that:

The Tasmanian Heritage Council is supportive of the proposed amendment approved subject to the condition requiring:

- (a) The steelwork currently proposed to be of a natural galvanized finish to have a mid to dark tone grey finish (e.g., Slate Grey or Dulux Basalt as shown on drawing A810-A01) so as to be visually recessive; and,
- (b) The Rhino-Stop to be backed by a perforated screen that is also of a dark tone grey finish so as to filter views of parked vehicles through the structure.

1.2.2. Tasmanian Heritage Council Action Sheet See I.1.5 above.

1.3. **Chair's Report**

1.3.1. General Update from the Chair

The Chair provided the following updates:

- The THC working group considering ideas for a heritage publication have had one meeting to date and will be scheduling a further meeting shortly.

Move: Philip Mussared **Second:** Deidre Wilson
20240221/3 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

Notes the update provided by the Chair.

1.4 **Director's Report**

1.4.1 Heritage Tasmania Report to 31 January 2024

- The recently developed policy regarding the management of nominations was considered following a review of its practical implementation. THC members agreed to update the policy to include classification and escalation options like those that already exist for complex works matters.
- It was also suggested that explanatory responses and broader communications regarding the nomination and registration processes may improve public understanding of processes and outcomes (such as nomination acceptances and refusals).

Move: Genevieve Lilley **Second:** Caroline Evans
20240224/4 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

Notes the update provided by the Director.

1.5 **Matters for Noting**

1.5.1 THC Finance Report to 31 January 2024
See I.1.5 above.

1.5.2 THC Strategic Plan 2023-24 to 2027-28 See I.1.5 above.

1.5.3 THC Contact List
See I.1.5 above.

1.5.4 Registration Committee minutes
No meetings held since the last THC meeting.

1.5.5 Works Committee minutes
No meetings held since the last THC meeting.

1.6 Other Governance Matters

1.6.1 Council Performance Appraisal 2023 – Action List

Move: Peter Scott **Second:** Elizabeth Frankham
20240221/5 *Resolved:*

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

APPROVES the Heritage Council's performance review action list and its inclusion as a standing item on the meeting agenda

1.6.2 Memorandum of Audit Findings

The THC thanked Philip Mussared for his assistance with the completion of the Financial Reporting Risk Assessment.

Move: Philip Mussared **Second:** John Beswick
20240221/6 *Resolved:*

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

APPROVES the THC Financial Reporting Risk Assessment in response to the Memorandum of Audit Findings issued by the Tasmanian Audit Office.

1.6.3 Amendment to terms of reference for THC committees

Move: Stuart King **Second:** Genevieve Lilley
20240221/7 *Resolved:*

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. APPROVES changes as amended to the Committee and Panel Terms of Reference to clarify the appointment term for members, as amended.
2. APPROVES amending current Committee and Panel appointment terms to align with the new process.

2. MATTERS FOR DECISION

2.1 Registration Matters

2.1.1 Permanent Entry – Adamsfield Track (THR#12048)

Move: Alexandra Lintner **Second:** Simon Angilley
20240221/8 *Resolved:*

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. APPROVE the permanent entry in the Heritage Register for the Adamsfield Track (THR#12048), replacing the existing Heritage Register for Churchill's Hut (THR#10521) as per the datasheet, as amended, and the boundary plan as tabled at the meeting.
2. APPROVE the intention to remove the entry for Churchill's Hut (THR#10521; 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 the Adamsfield Track (THR#12048), and subsequently writing to owners and planning authorities pursuant to s22(5) (a) and s22 (6).

2.1.2 Permanent Entry – Newnham Hall (THR#12088)

Move: Caroline Evans **Second:** Genevieve Lilley

20240221/9 *Resolved:*

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. APPROVE the permanent entry in the Heritage Register of a replacement entry for Newnham Hall, (THR#4475) and Riverside Cottage (THR#4476), as per the datasheet and the boundary plan provided in Attachment 1.
2. APPROVE the intention to remove Newnham Hall (THR#4475) at Attachment 2 and Riverside Cottage (THR#4476) at Attachment 3 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 Newnham Hall, Riverside Cottage and Grounds (THR#12088), and subsequently writing to owners and planning authorities pursuant to s22(5) (a) and s22 (6).

2.1.3 Permanent Entry – Oak Lodge (THR#12071)

Move: Simon Angilley **Second:** John Beswick

20240221/10 *Resolved:*

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. APPROVE the permanent entry in the Heritage Register of a replacement entry for Oak Lodge, 18 Bridge St, Richmond (THR#12071), as per the datasheet and the boundary plan provided in Attachment 2.
2. APPROVE the intention to remove Oak Lodge, 18 Bridge St, Richmond (THR#1079; Attachment 3) 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 Oak Lodge, 18 Bridge St, Richmond (THR#12071) and subsequently writing to owners and planning authorities pursuant to s22(5) (a) and s22 (6).

2.1.4 Permanent Entry – Tamar (Cormiston) Battery (THR#5684)

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

20240221/11 *Resolved:*

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. NOTE that an objection has been received in response to the proposed permanent entry of the Tamar (Cormiston) Battery (THR#5684).
2. NOTE the update provided by Heritage Tasmania in regard to attempts to resolve the issues identified in this objection.
3. APPROVE the permanent entry in the Heritage Register of the Tamar (Cormiston) Battery (THR#5684) as per the datasheet and the boundary plan provided.

2.1.5 Request to Remove – George Town Female Factory (THR#11931)

Move: Philip Mussared **Second:** Stuart King

20240221/12 *Resolved:*

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

REJECT the application to remove part of the 'George Town Female Factory' 31A Cimitiere Street, George Town, from the Tasmanian Heritage Register. On the basis that the place meets at least one criteria for entry in the Register and should be retained.

2.1.6 Representative Study (Gap Analysis)

Pilot studies to be undertaken by Heritage Tasmania before the next Registration Committee meeting to identify gaps within the Tasmanian Heritage Register. It is expected this will assist when developing the Priority Action List (PAL) each year to improve representativeness in the Tasmania Heritage Register.

Plan and project information to be re-circulated to THC members and the Representativeness Study to become a standing item on the THC meeting agenda.

2.2 Works Matters

2.2.1 Out of Session Resolution Process

The THC discussed the Out of Session Resolution process and requested that the procedure be updated to include a preferred order (ie. Out session meeting, teams meeting, or chat page etc) of presentation to the THC for complex issues.

Proposed amendments to reflect this position to be presented to the next THC meeting for approval.

3. STRATEGIC MATTERS

3.1 Strategic Matters – Heritage Register

3.1.1 Searchability project update (verbal)

It was noted that NRE Tas IT had been focusing on ensuring the appropriate security protections were in place before proceeding onto finalisation of the searchability function in LIST. With security work now complete IT resources are now moving onto implementation of functionality.

A demonstration system will likely be available for the Heritage Summit in May 2024, with project completion by June 2024.

3.2 Strategic Matters – Stakeholder Engagement

- Engagement strategy update

Update provided in the HT Directors Report.

3.2.1 Heritage Summit update

Move: Deidre Wilson **Second:** John Beswick

20240221/13 Resolved:

1. NOTES the update on Heritage Summit activities.
2. NOTES the progress on the development of the program for the Historic Heritage Summit 2024.

3.2.2 Communication Strategy

Move: Deidre Wilson **Second:** John Beswick

20240221/14 Resolved:

NOTES the Communications Strategy Update, as amended.

3.3 Strategic Matters – Other

3.3.1 Macquarie Point Update

The Director advised that the guidelines for submissions to the Project of State Significance (PoSS) have been issued by the Tasmanian Planning Commission. The guidelines take account of provisional and permanent heritage registrations.

The PoSS assessment criteria is still to be issued.

3.3.2 Built Heritage Grants Scheme

Move: Simon Angilley **Second:** Deidre Wilson

20240221/15 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. NOTES the Built Heritage Grants Scheme update provided, as amended.
2. APPROVES the Built Heritage Grants Scheme Assessment Framework and Process
3. APPROVES the Built Heritage Grants Scheme Assessment Panel Terms of Reference.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1.1 Other Business

It was noted that:

- The Historic Heritage Summit schedule for 17 May 2024 will proceed even if a new Minister for Heritage has not been appointed by that date, following the upcoming State Election. With invitations being from the Chair of Heritage Tasmania.
- The appeal process with respect to the Crowther Statue decision commences next week. THC members again thanked Simon Angilley for his service on the THC, and also thanked Mandy Richardson (Manager Executive Services) following the announcement of her departure from Heritage Tasmania.

4.1.2 Meeting Review

No issues raised.

4.1.3 Next Meeting

Regular, Bi-monthly THC Meeting

17 April 2024 (9.30am – 2.30pm), Remarkable Cave, Lands Building Hobart or via MS Teams

Meeting concluded at 2:45pm.

**Meeting No 20240221
Held on 21 February 2024**

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



18 April 2024