

**TASMANIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING NO.
20240821**

Wednesday 21 August 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.

- All Heritage Tasmania and Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (NRE Tas) staff left the room/video conference for the session.
- It was reported that the Council discussed various issues including succession planning.

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
Genevieve Lilley	Member with expertise in architecture, and Deputy Chairperson
Philip Mussared	Member representing the National Trust
Deidre Wilson	Alternate member for the Director of National Parks and Wildlife
Elizabeth Frankham	Member representing the Tourism Industry Council of Tasmania
James Dryburgh	Member with expertise in planning, nominated by the Local Government Association of Tasmania

Apologies:

John Beswick	Member representing the Local Government Association of Tasmania
Roger Hesketh	Member representing the Tasmanian Council of Churches
Stuart King	Member representing heritage conservation interests
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

Heritage Tasmania

Melissa Ford	Director
Pene Snashall	Manager Executive Services
Danielle Telega	Executive Officer
John Stephenson	Registration Manager
Ian Boersma	Works Manager
Fiona Benka	Program Administrator
Melinda Clarke	Heritage Research Officer

Via video conference:

Fiona Ranson	Senior Assessment Officer
Hilary Smith	Administration Officer

1.1.4. Declarations of Interest

Brett Torossi advised she has:

- Retired as Director of Wallis Watson (Cowes) Ltd.
- Retired as Director of Australian Pacific Airports (Launceston) Pty Ltd.
- Commenced role as Corporate Advisor for Australian Pacific Airports (Launceston) Pty Ltd.
- Retired as Chair of the Board of Trustees, Tasmanian Museum Art Gallery, she will continue as a trustee.
- Sold Respiri Ltd (ASX: RSH) shares.
- Will commence as a chair for Tasmanian Museum Art Gallery Modern Subcommittee at some point in the future and will advise of the date when it becomes known.

James Dryburgh advised:

- He is no longer a Board Member of Local Government Professionals.

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

The following were removed from the list of asterisked items:

NIL

Move: Genevieve Lilley **Second:** Elizabeth Frankham

20240821/1 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

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

1.1.6 Register of Interests

1.2.2 Action Sheet

1.4.1 HT Report to 31 July 2024

1.5.1 THC Finance Report to 31 July 2024

1.5.3 2023-24 Strategy Final Update

1.5.4 THC Contact List

1.5.5 Registration Committee minutes and action sheet – no meeting held

1.5.6 Works Committee minutes and action sheet – no meeting held

1.5.7 Correspondence Register as at 5 August 2024

1.1.6. Register of Interests

Noted per item 1.1.5.

1.1.7. Work Health and Safety

Heritage Tasmania Director advised no specific issues to highlight.

1.1.8. Round Table – brief updates, engagement activities

Members provided an update on recent engagement activities.

Philip Mussared advised:

- Quiet time for the National Trust Tasmania with numerous winter property closures.

Genevieve Lilley advised:

- Working with the owner at Carlton River Post Office (also a recipient of a Built Heritage Grant for the restoration of the property). The Works Manager advised the building is one of Tasmania's earliest timber buildings.

Deidre Wilson advised:

- Drew THC attention to the Tasmanian Government policy *Growing our Housing Supply*, to highlight the impact on THC policies/direction. The Chair and Director to engage with Homes Tasmania regarding this policy.
- The THC was encouraged to also read the Tasmanian Government policy *Keeping our Parks and Environment Strong*.

James Dryburgh advised:

- Busy with local government work and provided information regarding the new Bridgewater Bridge project. He also advised he was a Peer Assessor for this year's Arts Tasmania Grants where over half the applicants were heritage related.

Alexandra Linter advised:

- She is continuing her role as an extra on season two of Bay of Fires, which highlights West Coast Tasmania heritage (for example Zeehan School of Mines).

Caroline Evans advised:

- She attended the Church Working Group, which discussed how to refine the assessment of church interiors, and capturing the history of women who played a major part in the establishment of many Tasmanian churches.

Elizabeth Frankham advised:

- Met with the CEO of the Tourism Industry Council Tasmania (TICT). The CEO offered to share the final version of the new Heritage Highway film and is keen to strengthen heritage and tourism links. The THC Chair will meet with the CEO to discuss how the TICT could support the Built Heritage Grant Scheme and to brief the TICT on the new search portal.

1.2. Minutes, Agenda Review and Action Sheet

1.2.1. Draft Minutes of 19 June 2024 THC Meeting + Notice of Heritage Decision WA 8371 St Johns Park

Move: Genevieve Lilley **Second:** Deidre Wilson

20240821/2 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. ACCEPT the amended minutes as a true and accurate record of the 19 June 2024 meeting (meeting 20240619) with amendments to item 1.1.4 where Peter Scott provided background information on his involvement in the St Johns Park project and item 3.2.2 noting other promotional options and costings within the publications project.
2. NOTE the resolution out of session on 21 June 2024, regarding the St Johns Park Development Application WA8371, where under section 39(6)(b) of the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995*, the Heritage Council gives notice that it consents to the discretionary permit being granted in accordance with the documentation submitted with Development Application PLN-24-84, subject to the following conditions:
 1. The area defined as the 'proposed contractor compound' on BPSM drawing DA002 rev C must be archaeologically investigated to determine whether there are any unmarked burials within the development site; and, in the event that any burials are identified and human remains cannot be left undisturbed in situ, the remains must be exhumed by controlled archaeological excavation and reinterred in a respectful manner within the burial ground. To achieve this:
 - (i) An Archaeological Method Statement (AMS) must be prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced historical archaeologist with extensive experience in excavation of human interments and realising the research potential of significant and sensitive historical burials; and, the AMS must include:
 - a) provisions for the initial removal of topsoil and fill material from the area; and,
 - b) an excavation strategy outlining a best-practice approach to the recovery and analysis of human remains, stipulating that any exhumation of human remains must be undertaken by a qualified archaeologist; and,
 - c) a communication plan that includes provision of routine interim reports to Heritage Tasmania Works Manager detailing the results of the excavations, while this work is underway; and,
 - d) research questions that might be answered by scientific analysis of the human remains and associated material culture, and,
 - e) a methodology for obtaining information from the remains that may assist in establishing the identity of the person at any future date; and,

- f) a proposal for the reinterment of remains, including provision for consultation with those communities who are associated with those buried at the site so as to establish culturally respectful procedures for the handling and reburial of the human remains including appropriate reburial locations.
- (ii) The AMS must be submitted to Heritage Tasmania and be to the satisfaction of the Works Manager before any works involving ground disturbance commence; and,
- (iii) The endorsed AMS must be implemented by a suitably qualified and experienced historical archaeologist with extensive experience in excavation of human interments and realising the research potential of significant and sensitive historical burials. The nominated archaeologist must be approved by Heritage Tasmania's Works Manager; and,
- (iv) A report detailing the findings of the archaeological investigations must be submitted to Heritage Tasmania in digital format within 12 months of the completion of the archaeological excavations.

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 Chair

The Chair noted the following:

- Item 3.2.3 regarding progress with the Historical Cultural Heritage Amendment Bill 2024.
- The appeal against the Department of Health development application at St Johns Park precinct New Town. The Chair thanked Jennifer Jones-Travers for her input and expertise in developing strong archaeological conditions in the Notice of Heritage Decision.
- The draft 2023-24 THC financial statements have been finalised and signed by the Chair. There was a further discussion and requested advice on whether the budget/financials could be simplified moving forward as well as the exploration of options to reduce auditing costs.
- The 2024 Built Heritage Summit discussion around activating the voice of young people into Council deliberations and activities. The THC has agreed to undertake an expression of interest process to seek applications from Tasmanians over the age of 18 years to join the THC as a volunteer/observer with terms of reference regarding the scope of their role to be finalised.
- The position currently filled by Caroline Evans is expiring in December 2024 and an open process will be undertaken by expression of interest seeking a person with expertise in history or engineering per section 6(1)(c) of the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995*. The Chair encouraged Caroline to reapply.

Move: Caroline Evans **Second:** Alexendra Lintner

20240821/3 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

Note the update given by the Chair.

1.4 **Branch Report**

1.4.1 Heritage Tasmania Report to 31 July 2024

Noted per item 1.1.5.

1.5 Matters for Noting

1.5.1 THC Finance Report to 31 July 2024

Noted per item 1.1.5.

1.5.2 Reflection THC Strategic Plan 2024-25 to 2027-28

- Discussion around the workshop the previous day and the workplan for the 2024-25 year.
- Action – updated Annual Workplan to be provided to the October meeting.

1.5.3 2023-24 Strategy Final Update

- Reflection on the incredible amount achieved and how much the THC has progressed in the last 12 months. Thanks to Heritage Tasmania and the THC members for their contribution.

1.5.4 THC Contact List

Noted per item 1.1.5.

1.5.5 Registration Committee minutes and action sheet – No meeting held

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Noted per item 1.1.5.

1.5.7 Correspondence Register as at 5 August 2024

Noted per item 1.1.5.

2. MATTERS FOR DECISION

2.1 Registration Matters

2.1.1 Permanent Entry – New Town Commercial High School (AG Ogilvie High School) THR#12034

Move: Caroline Evans **Second:** James Dryburgh

20240821/4 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. APPROVE the permanent entry in the Heritage Register of a replacement entry for New Town Commercial High School (AG Ogilvie High School), 224 New Town Rd, New Town (THR#12034) as per the datasheet and boundary plan provided in Attachment 1.
2. APPROVE the intention to remove Ogilvie High School, 224 New Town Rd, New Town (THR#2699; 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 New Town Commercial High School (AG Ogilvie High School), 224 New Town Rd, New Town (THR#12034), and subsequently writing to owners and planning authorities pursuant to s22(5)(a) and s22(6).

2.1.2 Removal – Red Hills State School and Residence (former) THR#10983

Move: Alexandra Lintner **Second:** Elizabeth Frankham

20240821/5 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. APPROVE the Permanent removal of Red Hills State School and Residence (former), 547 Mole Creek Road, Red Hills, THR#10983 from the Tasmanian Heritage Register on the basis that the place was destroyed by fire and no longer meets the criteria for entry in the Register.

2.1.3 TNT9 Studio process (verbal)

The Registration Manager provided the following update:

- Since the June 2024 meeting, the draft datasheet was presented to the owner, and technical experts in the field, as part of the standard pre-statutory consultation process.
- A Development Application (DA) for partial demolition of the site was lodged soon after the June THC meeting and Heritage Tas provided the draft datasheet to the City of Launceston to help inform its decision.
- Prior to the City of Launceston meeting, the Chairs of the Heritage Council and Registration Committee confirmed continuation of the THC pre-assessment process. Further correspondence was provided to the City of Launceston and Councilors drawing attention to the draft datasheet.
- The City of Launceston approved the DA on 25 July 2024, including a condition requiring interpretation of the site as the birthplace of television in northern Tasmania.
- The Council discussed the merits of reviewing timing of consideration of places on the PAL where pending developments might be known.

2.2 Works Matters

2.2.1 Update on Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium (verbal)

The Director and Works Manager provided the following update.

- The Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC) has advised that once a development application has been accepted, the Assessment Panel will have 12 months to complete its integrated assessment process and present a final report to Parliament under the Project of State Significance process.
- There will be opportunity for Heritage Tasmania to provide input in the development of the TPC's draft integrated assessment report.
- The TPC will then release its draft integrated impact assessment and invite public submissions and conduct hearings, which will provide the Heritage Council with an opportunity to provide a submission.

Move: James Dryburgh **Second:** Elizabeth Frankham

20240821/6 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

Note the update from Heritage Tasmania

2.2.2 Update from Committees

Update from the Chair of the Works Committee as follows:

- Interesting cases in the last year notably the Forth Pub which wanted an area for live entertainment at the rear of the venue. A tree removal on a heritage listed property was proposed, with negotiation between all parties resulting in a trim of branches instead, which helped protect the tree and also provide greater visibility of the heritage place from the street.
- Annual review of Works Committee delegated decisions to begin later this month.
- Optimum committee composition was discussed - the Works Committee is seeking one additional member.
- Relevance and currency of applicable policies/practice notes was discussed.
- The Chair of the THC noted the incredible work carried out by the Chair and the members of the Works Committee.

Move: Philip Mussared **Second:** Caroline Evans

20240821/7 Resolved:

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

Note the update given by the Chair of the Works Committee.

The Chair of the Registration Committee was an apology and will be given time at the next THC meeting to update the Council.

3. STRATEGIC MATTERS

3.1 Strategic Matters – Heritage Register

3.1.1 Searchability Project Update

- Following presentation of the new search portal at the THC at the Strategic Planning workshop, the portal will be made available to the Council to provide feedback on usability and on the user guide.

3.2 Strategic Matters – Stakeholder Engagement and Communications

3.3 Stakeholder Engagement and Communications Strategy – Verbal

a) Strategy and Summit Outcomes

The Manager Executive Services provided the following updates:

Following the strategic planning workshop on 20 August, the THC 2024-27 Strategic Plan and Annual Workplan for 2024-25 will be updated for Council endorsement at the next meeting. The Heritage Happenings e-newsletter is receiving positive reviews. Currently working on project plans for the outcomes of the Historic Built Heritage Summit 2024. THC 2023-24 Annual Report is drafted and currently with NRE Tas design team.

b) Grants Scheme

The Program Administrator joined the THC to update the Council on the Built Heritage Grants Scheme. The Council noted:

Strong demand for both streams in round 1 with a total of 135 applications received and 33 applications funded. The Government is expected to launch round 2 of the Grants Scheme very soon. Several administrative amendments have been made to the guidelines based on feedback from round 1, including greater clarity around the assessment criteria.

3.3.1 Draft Annual Report 2023-24

Move: Genevieve Lilley **Second:** James Dryburgh

20240821/8 *Resolved:*

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. ENDORSE the table of contents with the addition of the thank you list for the 2023-24 Annual Report, noting the final draft including audited financial statements will be presented to the Chair, out of session by early October (to meet deadline for presentation to the Minister by 31 October).

3.3.2 Amendment Bill/legislation updates

Move: Genevieve Lilley **Second:** James Dryburgh

20240821/9 *Resolved:*

That the Tasmanian Heritage Council:

1. NOTE the update provided by the Director of Heritage Tasmania regarding the Amendment Bill update and process for legislative amendments.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1.1 Other Business

It was noted that:

- James Dryburgh will be an apology for next meeting.

4.1.2 Meeting Review

- Pene Snashall, Manager Executive Services advised the THC of her resignation from Heritage Tasmania. The THC thanked her for the extraordinarily productive 6 months with the Council and wishes her all the best with future endeavors.

4.1.3 Next Meeting

Regular, Bi-monthly THC Meeting

16 October (9.30am – 2.30pm), Lands Building, 134 Macquarie Street, Hobart, Cape Barren Island meeting room.

Meeting concluded at 1.52pm

Meeting No 20240821

Held on 21 August 2021

Signed as a correct record

Brett Torossi

Chair

