



Heritage Advisory Committee

Minutes
10 June 2021

**Camden Council
Administration Centre
70 Central Avenue, Oran Park**



PRESENT

Councillor C Cagney (Chairperson), Dr Ian Willis, Ms Laura Jane Aulsebrook, Mr Ian McIntosh, Aunty Glenda Chalker (via teleconference)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Manager Legal & Governance (Charles W), Manager Strategic Planning (Martin C), Team Strategic Planning (Heath J), Assistant Governance Officer (Leanne B).

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Councillor C Cagney read the acknowledgement of country:

I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands on which we meet and pay our respects to elders past, present and those emerging leaders in the Aboriginal community.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest noted.

HAC01 Leaves Of Absence

Resolution: Moved Councillor Cagney, Seconded Ms Aulsebrook, that Mr Kennedy and Councillor Campbell be granted a leave of absence.

HAC02 Confirmation Of Minutes

Resolution: Moved Dr Willis, Seconded Mr McIntosh, that the Heritage Advisory Committee confirm and adopt the meeting minutes of 8 April 2021.

HAC03 My Camden Story - Update

Resolution: Moved Ms Aulsebrook, Seconded Dr Willis that the Heritage Advisory Committee note the information.

Manager Strategic Planning gave an update on the work being done in conjunction with the Library staff to tap into the graphics work in relation to theming and messaging. The Team Leader Strategic Planning gave an update on linking stories with map coordinates and is currently consulting with IT and Library staff on the best platform to use, the Library or Council website. This will be subject to the Open Data Policy being finalised.

HAC04 Heritage Affected Development Application Listing - April - May 2021

Resolution: Moved Dr Willis, Seconded Ms Aulsebrook, that the Heritage Advisory Committee note the information provided to the Committee.

Aunty Glenda Chalker enquired about the DA for 199 Cawdor Road as to the heritage significance.

Manager Strategic Planning advised that the property was adjacent the Catholic Cemetery which is a heritage item.

HAC05 General Business

Resolution: Moved Ms Aulsebrook, Seconded Dr Willis, that the Heritage Advisory Committee decide on any actions arising from general business. **Heritage Act review**

Dr Willis mentioned the review of the Heritage Act. Discussion ensued about the Committee and possibly Council making a submission. Dr Willis noted a discussion paper and that the Historical Houses Association also put out a paper with questions. Submissions are open until 27 June 2021. Aunty Glenda Chalker noted that the review of the Heritage Act has an impact on Aboriginal heritage. Mr McIntosh noted that a lot of heritage precincts are being lost, particularly in regional areas, the number of councils that have heritage advisory committees is diminishing, and the importance of promoting Aboriginal heritage.

Councillor Cagney asked if staff would be looking at the review of the Heritage Act.

Manager Strategic Planning advised that the review was currently a Parliamentary Committee Enquiry and that Council officers would undertake a review once a draft Heritage Act is placed on public exhibition.

Unlock Camden

Ms Aulsebrook enquired about the Unlock Camden event and whether it can still go ahead if the Committee were not operating due to the new Council term.

Manager Legal & Governance advised that Unlock Camden is a Council event and that it was a matter for Council to approve in the events program.

Manager Legal & Governance advised the process for appointing members is governed by the Committee's Terms of Reference and that all positions end at the end of the term of Council on 3 September 2021. Manager Legal & Governance also gave a summary of the appointment process and that a timeframe for recruitment for the Committee was under consideration.

Mr McIntosh asked what 'Plan B' was for Unlock Camden if the Court House is not available and suggested that the saleyards might be considered.

Australian Historical Society magazine

Dr Willis noted that the Australian Historical Society quarterly magazine had been released with Macaria featured on the front cover and he asked about the possibility of Council purchasing copies and advised that he was submitting an order. He noted that he would submit his order by 15 June 2021.

ACTION

- Manager Strategic Planning have staff look at the review of the Heritage Act to ensure awareness of the subject and in preparation for the draft Heritage Act public exhibition.
- Team Leader Strategic Planning to seek feedback from Manager Public Affairs on what can be achieved with the Unlock Camden event and advise the committee members.
- Team Leader Strategic Planning to reach out to Justice Department for an update on the review of the use of the Camden Court House.
- Manager Strategic Planning to enquire about Council purchasing copies of the magazine from the Australian Historical Society, to make a copy available to Councillors, and advise Dr Willis if Council would like to add to his order.

- Team Leader Strategic Planning to enquire about the availability of the saleyards as a starting point for walking tours during the Unlock Camden event.

HAC06 Action Register

Resolution: Moved Dr Willis, Seconded Aunty Glenda Chalker, that the Heritage Advisory Committee note the status of the action register for April 2021.

Team Leader Strategic Planning gave an update on the progress of the Heritage Materials and Colours Guidelines.

Manager Strategic Planning advised that the recent nomination from Tharawal Aboriginal Land Council can be rolled in to the expression of interest (EOI) process for committee membership for the new term.

Ms Aulsebrook asked when can committee members reapply for a position on the committee for the new term.

Manager Legal & Governance noted that he would advise once a decision is made about the timing of advertising for the new term.

ACTION

- Manager Legal & Governance to advise the committee members of when the EOI for the new term of the committee will be advertised.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.02 PM.

Next Meeting is at 6.30pm on Thursday 12 August 2021.