



Central Coast Council

## Heritage and Culture Advisory Committee

Held in the Committee Room 2 Hely Street, Wyong

and Remotely - Online

16 August 2023

# MINUTES

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### Attendance

#### **Members**

Paul Dignam (arrived at 4.12pm)

Ross Howard

Gary Jackson

Peter Rea

Johanna Reygersberg

Richard Waterhouse

Kay Williams

Bradley Twynham

#### **Status**

Present

Present

Present

Present

Present

Present – via *Teams*

Present

Present

#### **Staff**

Shannon Turkington, Unit Manager Strategic Planning

Deanne Frankel, Section Manager Strategic Planning Projects

Glenn Cannard, Unit Manager Community and Culture

present for item 2.3

Jamie Barclay, Unit Manager Economic Property and Development

present for items 2.3 and 2.4

Rebecca Cardy, Heritage Officer

Peta James, Senior Strategic Planner

Rachel Callachor, Meeting Support Officer

#### **Status**

Present

Present

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#### **Guests**

Leonie Masson, GML Heritage – present for item 2.2 only

Minna Muhlen-Schulte, GML Heritage – present for item 2.2 only

#### **Status**

Present

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The Chairperson, Shannon Turkington, declared the meeting open at 4.06pm

## PROCEDURAL ITEMS

### 1.1 Introduction: Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country, Apologies, Disclosure of Interest

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The Chair read an Acknowledgement of Country statement.

Noted that Paul Dignam has advised he will be a late arrival for the meeting.

### 1.2 Previous business: Confirmation of minutes, review action log

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No previous business or confirmation of minutes as it is the inaugural meeting. Flagged the Terms of Reference for the Committee, with a copy included in the agenda.

***Action: Committee members invited to review the Terms of Reference and provide any feedback (should they have any) to be brought to next meeting for discussion.***

## REPORTS

### 2.1 General Introductions

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Committee members and staff introduced themselves.

General discussion regarding items of interest to the Committee/upcoming projects including:

- Development Control Plan – objectives and general discussion
- Character Statements as part of the Local Strategic Planning Statements (LSPS)
- Heritage study - Regarding recent (4 to 5 year) Heritage nominations – 60 to 80 properties identified. Further information to be provided to the Committee at the next meeting. Smaller and regular targeted areas – such as maritime – and studies to be broken down into themes.
- Thematic History
- Heritage Strategy

#### **Action:**

***Distribution of link to Heritage Conservation Chapter of the Central Coast DCP 2022 to Committee members, chapter is available online through the Central Coast Council website at this link: [3.6 Heritage Conservation.pdf \(www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au\)](http://www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au)***

### 2.2 Draft Central Coast Thematic History - Presentation by GML Heritage

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Leonie Masson and Minna Muhlen-Schulte from GML Heritage introduced themselves to the Committee and provided a presentation on Draft Central Coast Thematic History.

Topics covered:

- Overview of the project and briefing, *To provide a detailed thematic history of the Central Coast Local Government Area.*
- Introduction and breakdown of the development and themes of thematic framework.
- Overview of thematic history and previous thematic histories
- Methodology
- Details provided regarding the new thematic framework – 8 themes:
  - Aboriginal Country
  - Coast and Country
  - Isolation
  - The Industrial Spirit
  - Between Two Cities
  - Holiday Playground of two cities
  - Country Charms with Urban Advantages
  - Tree and Sea changers

Presentation concluded with information regarding recommended further research:

- Aboriginal history heritage study
- Rural and remote communities
- Post-war housing c1940 – 1960
- Planning and suburbanisation post 1960s

Call for any questions/feedback from the Committee regarding the topics covered.

- Feedback: Aboriginal history component - shouldn't be limited to one theme but should be a component of many themes.
- Feedback: Linkages between themes
- Feedback: Contribution by James Webb to opportunities for reconciliation on the Central Coast
- Feedback: Shell collecting industry and the negative impact / destruction of Aboriginal artefacts, knowledge and information
- Feedback: Other areas/themes to consider: Churches and Links between timber industry and ship building. Deerabin - for aboriginal culture and connection between communities.
- Feedback: A theme discussing arts and culture on the Central Coast

***Action: Documentation regarding Draft Central Coast Thematic History to be circulated to Committee members to enable their further review and any other feedback.***

***Feedback to be provided by the end of the public exhibition period. Dates to be advised.***

**Resolved**

***That the Committee notes the update and undertakes a further review of information distributed, providing any additional high level comments and feedback of the proposal, for review and consideration by of Council staff and consultants.***

**2.3 Kibble Park Place Plan presentation by Glenn Cannard, Unit Manager  
Community and Culture**

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Glenn Cannard Unit Manager Community and Culture attended to presented to the Committee on the Kibble Park Place Plan.

Topics covered:

- Overview of representative comments
- Overview of Key Feedback themes
- A walk through, with discussion, of the concept plan for Kibble Park, covering Park Edge Plan, Events and Gathering Plan, Community Space, Play and Adventure, Green Relaxation.

Next steps:

- Council report to adopt the place and concept plan in September 2023.
- Community Space – investigate and conceptualise what the space will look like in a revitalised Kibble Park.
- Traffic Studies – with RMS and internal traffic and roads teams, a detailed study and design of traffic movements undertaken.
- Design and Construct – detailed design and construction plan for Kibble Park including initial phasing plan for implementation.

Discussion and feedback received from the Committee following the presentation in relation to:

- The heritage significance / status of the current Library building, there are mixed views amongst the Committee although most considered the building to be heritage significant and it should be retained.
- It was noted that the building is one of only a few listed on the Australian Institute of Architects Significant Building list.
- Parking around the park and Gosford CBD
- The Aboriginal information within the Park – query regarding if this will be retained and reused. Response provided – the Aboriginal Advisory Committee will be consulted regarding any changes.
- There was a query as to the relationship between the Aboriginal Advisory Committee and the Heritage and Culture Committee?  
It was confirmed that matters could be referred to / between each group, where there was the scope for the different committees advice.
- There was a question as to how membership of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee was decided.

At this time, discussion was also had regarding the composition of the Aboriginal Advisory Group, these discussions included the expression of the view, held by some of the members of the Committee, in relation to the composition of membership, specifically their view that there was a lack of diversity within the First Nations representatives.

Additional response provided from Unit Manager Community and Culture in relation to the review and selection of applicants for this Committee. Information provided that selection was based on those who applied, and that the call for applicants was broad. It was also outlined, independent assessments of the applications was undertaken by three experienced, external First Nations people in addition to senior Council staff.

It was requested by the Committee members that their views in relation to the group membership be noted in the meeting minutes. It is further noted this reflects personal views of some Committee members and does not reflect the views of the Committee as a whole.

The response provided from Unit Manager Community and Culture in relation to the review and selection of applicants for this Committee. Information provided that selection was first and foremost based on those who applied, noting that the call for applicants was broad. , Some members of the committee held the view that membership was not diverse enough with representation from all traditional owner groups. It was requested by the Committee members that their views in relation to the group membership be noted in the meeting minutes. It is further noted this reflects personal views of some Committee members and does not reflect the views of the Committee as a whole.

## **Resolved**

***That the Committee notes the update.***

### **2.4 Gosford Waterfront Masterplan presentation by Jamie Barclay, Unit Manager Economic Development and Property**

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Jamie Barclay Unit Manager Economic Development and Property attended to presented to the Committee on the Gosford Waterfront Masterplan.

Topics covered:

- Activities since 27 April 2020 – noting there was inactivity between 2011 up until 27 April 2020.
- 2022 Gosford Waterfront Revitalisation – Concept Plan, key features and details of 'option 1' proposed.
- 2022 Community Engagement – Key changes from community feedback
- Next steps into the future and outline of studies to be undertaken, and workshops completed, plus the targeted date for completion – December 2023 – with outline of staging plan.

Feedback and questions received from the Committee following the presentation in relation to:

- Importance of linkages between the train station and the waterfront
- Earlier studies and reference to heat island and parking plans and movements and services of buildings (i.e waste services)
- Query regarding climate change analysis.  
Response provided that these aspects are all being referred for detailed review.
- Query regarding implications in the plan for south Mann St and the War Memorial park, and another query regarding the overhead bridge and link to the park.  
Response provided that the concept masterplan avoided the War Memorial park, at this time, as it will be a covered separately, which is a deliberate approach. This includes the bridge, no further information regarding this aspect.
- Landscape design and place will be forthcoming from this masterplan.
- Feedback highlighting the importance of community consultation, including lessons learnt from previous iterations of plans for the Gosford Waterfront space.
- Response provided that there will be lots of opportunities to incorporate heritage into urban design and lots of scope for this Committee to help inform the outcomes.

***Action: Request for copies of previous histories – Mann Street south history and fish fossil information – to be distributed to Committee members.***

**Resolved**

***That the Committee notes the update with the request for additional information (previous histories – Mann Street South and fish fossil history - to be distributed to Committee members, for their information and reference.***

## **2.5 General Business**

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This agenda item was held over due to time constraints.

**Resolved**

***Committee members are requested to forward any general business agenda items, including a short summary of the topic, in advance of the next scheduled meetings (as they are confirmed). Items will be reviewed and included in the agenda, the number of items may be capped to assist with keeping to the meeting time scheduled.***

**The Meeting** concluded at 6.18pm.

**Next meeting date** To be confirmed. Note: There will be consideration for scheduling a meeting before the next quarterly cycle, to discuss outstanding items from this agenda (General Business).

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<b>Action Number</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Action Update</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	16/08/2023	Review the Terms of Reference and provide any feedback (should they have any) to be brought to next meeting for discussion.	Committee members		
2	16/08/2023	Distribution of link to Heritage Conservation Chapter of the Central Coast DCP 2022 to Committee members	Senior Strategic Planner	Link to DCP Chapter contained within meeting minutes, 16 August 2023.	Completed
3	16/08/2023	Documentation regarding Draft Central Coast Thematic History to be circulated to Committee members to enable their further review and any other feedback.  Feedback to be provided by the end of the public exhibition period at a date to be advised.	Heritage Officer/Senior Strategic Planner and Committee members		
4	16/08/2023	Request for previous histories - Mann Street south and fish fossil history – to be distributed to Committee members for their information and reference.	Heritage Officer/Senior Strategic Planner		
5	16/08/2023	Committee members are requested to forward any general business agenda items, including a short summary of the topic, in advance of the next scheduled meetings (as they are confirmed). Items will be reviewed and included in the agenda, the number of items may be capped to assist with keeping to the meeting time scheduled.	Committee members		Ongoing