



Central Coast Council

Heritage and Culture Advisory Committee

Held in the Lighthouse Meeting Room 2 Hely Street, Wyong

and Remotely - Online

06 December 2023

MINUTES

Attendance

Members

Peter Rea

Johanna Reygersberg

Kay Williams

Bradley Twynham

Gary Jackson

Richard Waterhouse

Paul Dignam

Ross Howard

Status

Present

Apology

Present

Present

Present

Present – via *Teams*

Present

Present

Staff

Shannon Turkington

Deanne Frankel

Peta James

Rebecca Cardy

Status

Present

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The Chairperson, Deanne Frankel/Shannon Turkington, declared the meeting open at 4:05pm

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

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

The Chair read an Acknowledgement of Country statement.

1.2 Previous business: Confirmation of minutes, review action log

The Cenotaph was discussed in which it was stated that the minutes needed to be amended to reflect that the minister had already made her decision.

REPORTS

2.1 The History of Gosford Cenotaph - The history and significance of the Memorial

Gary Jackson provided a presentation to the Committee on the History of Gosford Cenotaph

Topics covered:

- No individual Local Heritage listing.
- The importance and meaning of the Gosford Cenotaph
- The history of the architect
- Government funding
- Maintenance
- Australian War Memorial register

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

- The need for more budget/funding
- There will be opportunity in the future for an application to be made to list the Gosford Cenotaph with the Australian War Memorial register.
- The significance surrounding the Memorial in park and each memorial should be noted.
- State listing, there is a continuously changing number of listings.

ACTION: Research, what is the plan of action for the future of the park?

2.2 Aboriginal Grinding Grooves (being damaged by vehicle driving over) Bradley Twynham 20 minutes Damage being down to the grooves by water washing pebbles into the

grooves and then cars driving over them.

Bradley Twynham led the discussion:

- Some of the grinding grooves listed, are of cultural importance.
- After rain road got damaged.
- Due to damage to the road on the bridge, vehicles are not driving over the bridge, instead they are driving across the grinding grooves, which is causing them to erode, the road requires maintenance to stop this from happening.

ACTION: Council to follow up the repair to the road.

2.3 Heritage Tourism – Model Ships and a place for Heritage on the Central Coast

Peter Rea provided a presentation to the Committee on Heritage Tourism and need for a permanent place for Heritage on the Central Coast

Peter presented to the committee many diorama's that he has made including model ships reflecting the history of the Central Coast.

Topics covered:

- Seeking location for "History Central", currently considering a number of options including building 28 on mainland opposite Peat Island and a building at Gosford Racecourse .
- Seeking state funding for future community uses of the former Empire Bay Heritage Boat Shed site.

Adam Crouch - seeking funding to put platform to demarcate previous footprint of Empire Bay Heritage Boat Shed.

Peter has spoken to a number of community members who are interested in establishing Heritage Tourism on the Central Coast.

ACTION: Find out if there is synergy between what Peter is proposing

2.4 Errors in Wyong Thematic History and Consequences

Potential wrong information presented in previous Wyong Thematic History.

Kay Williams led the discussion and provided an overview of her view of the Thematic History of Wyong and inaccuracies with the document.

Discussion occurred between Committee Members, with an agreement that any changes to

the document should be undertaken in consultation with First Nations people.

Committee members to be advised of the consultation dates of the Thematic History and will have the opportunity to make a submission through this process.

A query was raised if the Central Coast First Nations Accord had been adopted by Council, it was confirmed that the document had been adopted by Council and a link to the document would be provided to the Committee Members.

Link to Central Coast First Nations Accord - [Central Coast First Nations Accord | Central Coast Council \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/central-coast-first-nations-accord)

ACTION: Copy of Central Coast First Nations Accord to be provided to Committee Members.

2.5 Damage to Midden, Hardys Bay

Bradley Twynham led the discussion and provided an overview of the damage to the midden. RC advised she is aware of the issue and has contacted Council staff requesting an update on the project and rectification works to be undertaken. :

ACTION: RC to follow up with internal staff members and provide advice to Committee.

2.6 Heritage Listings and Nominations Gary Jackson 20 minutes

a. New Nominations

b. List of Deferred Past Nominations (Community Based Heritage Study) Suggestion that committee members make potential heritage nominations to the Committee if find unlisted potential items.

Want an update/list of past deferred heritage items, i.e. the Gosford Library

Gary Jackson led the discussion. Seeking opportunity for committee members to identify options for potential nominations. Committee members are encouraged to bring to committee meetings, any items they wish to be considered for Heritage Nomination. Explained we only amend LEP periodically but we could start compiling a list.

ACTION: Circulate Heritage Listing Guidelines

ACTION: Circulate GJ's presentation.

2.7 First Contact Sites that require Heritage Listing Kay Williams 20 minutes

a. Saratoga site/ Veteran Hall

Sites that should be heritage listed that convey an important, and as yet

unrepresented, part of our local history.

Kay Williams led the discussion:

- Restoration of the hall – no funding for heritage buildings
- First contact point – heritage listing
- Armed people
- Massacre on the Central Coast
- Mount Pleasant is where a fight between aboriginals and white people took place and the Aboriginal people were buried where they were killed
- Human thigh bone was found. Believes it was washed down from a well.
- A grenade was also found.

Further investigation of the site requested by ground penetrating radar as believes this may have been a burial site from battle. As there may be unexploded ordinances, this would need to be considered prior to any ground penetrating radar study.

Discussed limitations of ground penetrating radar study - i.e. soil affects results.

ACTION: KW to provide details of site.

ACTION: Committee to discuss options

2.8 Fairview Homestead

Kay requested an update.

RC advised she has discussed with Fairview relative and they have requested an invitation to present to the committee and provide their thoughts to Committee.

ACTION: RC to organise for Fairview relative to attend committee meeting in 2024.

2.9 Caring for Council's Heritage Assets

Deferred to next meeting.

2.10 Heritage Tourism

General discussion on:

- The Central Coast's unique history and lack of material promoting it - promoting heritage unlocks tourism and attracts people

- Heritage goes beyond European heritage - need to also consider pre-aboriginal and aboriginal heritage.
- Heritage plaques in Gosford CBD beyond their use by date. Could they be redone?

ACTION: BT to share details on the Kuringai Geopark project

ACTION: Council to review the heritage plaques in Gosford CBD to determine if they can be redone.

2.11 General Business

Signage (Kay Williams)

Requested correction be made to sign in Diamond Rd that incorrectly says "Government Philip Memorial".

Committee Meeting Dates

Current meeting dates March and June. Following election, new meeting dates will be confirmed.

Gosford Library

Requested copy of the condition report for the existing library.

ACTION: Council to provide condition report for existing library

Dual Naming

ACTION: BT to present on dual naming at future meeting.

Heritage Grants

Committee member asked if community grants could be accessed for heritage grants?

Confirmed heritage grants discussed at last meeting - report to be provided to Council re initiating Heritage Grants.

The Meeting concluded at 6:01pm.