



# **HERITAGE AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**13 March 2024**



# COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2028

**ONE – CENTRAL COAST IS THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN (CSP) FOR THE CENTRAL COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA**

**ONE – CENTRAL COAST DEFINES THE COMMUNITY'S VISION AND IS OUR ROADMAP FOR THE FUTURE**

**ONE – CENTRAL COAST BRINGS TOGETHER EXTENSIVE COMMUNITY FEEDBACK TO SET KEY DIRECTIONS AND PRIORITIES**

One - Central Coast will shape and inform Council's business activities, future plans, services and expenditure. Where actions are the responsibility of other organisations, sectors and groups to deliver, Council will work with key partners to advocate on behalf of our community.

Ultimately, every one of us who live on the Central Coast has an opportunity and responsibility to create a sustainable future from which we can all benefit. Working together we can make a difference.

## RESPONSIBLE

**WE'RE A RESPONSIBLE COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY, COMMITTED TO BUILDING STRONG RELATIONSHIPS AND DELIVERING A GREAT CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE IN ALL OUR INTERACTIONS.**

We value transparent and meaningful communication and use community feedback to drive strategic decision making and expenditure, particularly around the delivery of essential infrastructure projects that increase the safety, liveability and sustainability of our region. We're taking a strategic approach to ensure our planning and development processes are sustainable and accessible and are designed to preserve the unique character of the coast.

 **Good governance and great partnerships**

**G2** Engage and communicate openly and honestly with the community to build a relationship based on trust, transparency, respect and use community participation and feedback to inform decision making

There are 5 themes, 12 focus areas and 48 objectives

### COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2028 FRAMEWORK

All council reports contained within the Business Paper are now aligned to the Community Strategic Plan. Each report will contain a cross reference to a Theme, Focus Area and Objective within the framework of the Plan.

The infographic details the following structure:

- THEME: BELONGING**
  - Focus Area: OUR COMMUNITY (G1, G2, G3, G4)
  - Focus Area: COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE AND LOCAL GOVERNANCE (G5, G6)
- THEME: SMART**
  - Focus Area: A GROWING AND COMPETITIVE REGION (G7, G8, G9, G10)
  - Focus Area: A PLACE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE (G11, G12, G13, G14)
- THEME: GREEN**
  - Focus Area: ENVIRONMENTAL WELL-BEING FOR THE FUTURE (G15, G16, G17)
  - Focus Area: INCREASED RAIN WATER RESILIENCE (G18, G19)
- THEME: RESPONSIBLE**
  - Focus Area: GOOD GOVERNANCE AND GREAT PARTNERSHIPS (G20, G21, G22)
  - Focus Area: BELONGING THROUGH INFRASTRUCTURE (G23, G24, G25)
  - Focus Area: SAFE AND SOUND DEVELOPMENT (G26, G27, G28)
- THEME: LIVEABLE**
  - Focus Area: RELIABLE PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND CONNECTIONS (G29, G30, G31)
  - Focus Area: SAFE AND SOUND INFRASTRUCTURE (G32, G33, G34)
  - Focus Area: HEALTHY LIFESTYLES (G35, G36, G37, G38)



# Meeting Notice

**The Heritage and Culture Advisory Committee  
of Central Coast Council  
will be held in the Council Daisy Meeting Room,  
2 Hely Street, Wyong and Online,  
on Wednesday 13 March 2024 at 2.00pm,  
for the transaction of the business listed below:**

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Shannon Turkington  
**Chairperson**

**1.1 INTRODUCTION: WELCOME, APOLOGIES, AND DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

**Chairperson**

***Welcome to Country – Brad Twynham***

## **1.2 PREVIOUS BUSINESS: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES, REVIEW ACTION LOG**

### **Chairperson**

#### **Attachments**

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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

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### 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  
Present  
Present  
Present

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

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**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.

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

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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.

[Heritage and Culture Advisory Committee Minutes - 16 August 2023](#)

<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		Ongoing
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



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6	6/12/2023	Research: what is the plan of action for the future of the park?			
7	6/12/2023	Follow up road repair of Aboriginal Grinding Grooves	Heritage Officer/Senior Strategic Planner		
8	6/12/2023	Research and find out if there are people interested in establishing Heritage Tourism on the Central Coast	Heritage Officer/Senior Strategic Planner		
9	6/12/2023	Provide advice to Committee members regarding the damage to Midden, Hardy's Bay	Heritage Officer/Senior Strategic Planner		
10	6/12/2023	Circulate Heritage Listing Guidelines and Presentation	Civic Support Officer		Completed
11	6/12/2023	First Contact Site - Details of Saratoga Site/Veteran Hall to be provided	Kay Williams		
12	6/12/2023	First Contact Site - Committee to discuss options of Saratoga site/Veteran Hall	Committee Members		

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13	6/12/2023	Organise a Fairview Homestead relative to attend a committee meeting in 2024	Heritage Officer/Senior Strategic Planner		
14	6/12/2023	Share details on the Kuringai Geopark project	Bradley Twynham		
15	6/12/2023	Review the heritage plaques in Gosford CBD to determine if they can be redone.	Heritage Officer/Senior Strategic Planner		
16	6/12/2023	Provide Condition Report for existing library @ Gosford.	Heritage Officer/Senior Strategic Planner		
17	6/12/2023	Dual Naming - Present on dual naming at a future meeting.	Bradley Twynham		

## REPORTS

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

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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.**

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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.**

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

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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.**

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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.centralcoastcouncil.nsw.gov.au/central-coast-first-nations-accord)

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

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**2.5 Damage to Midden, Hardys Bay**

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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**

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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.**

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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 ordnances, this would need

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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**

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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**

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Deferred to next meeting.

**2.10 Heritage Tourism**

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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**

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Signage (Kay Williams)

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

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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 reinitiating Heritage Grants.

**The Meeting** concluded at 6:01pm.

## **2.1 FRIENDS OF FAIRVIEW - UPDATE BY NEW PRESIDENT MR MATT LOHMEYER**

Presentation by Matt Lohmeyer, President of Friends of Fairview– 20 minutes

Matt to provide an update on Fairview and the direction of the Friends of Fairview.

### **Attachments**

*Nil.*



## 2.2 GOSFORD LIBRARY FUTURE

All Committee – 30 minutes

- Council at its meeting of 9 September 2023, resolved (**Resolution 159/23**)
  1. *That Council adopt the Kibble Park Place Plan (Attachment 1) and Kibble Park Concept Plan. (Attachment 2).*
  2. *That Council prepare documentation and obtain relevant approvals to demolish the existing Gosford Library in March 2025 post the opening of the Gosford Regional Library, to expand the public open space in the Gosford CBD.*
  
- The Heritage and Culture Advisory Committee, at its meeting of 19 October 2023 recommended:
  1. *Committee requests the topic be listed as an item for detailed discussion at a committee meeting in early 2024.*
  
- Discussion at this meeting is to review and discuss:
  1. Heritage significance and heritage listings
  2. possible future use of the site
  3. ways of recognising the heritage significance of the building
  4. whether any parts of the building, fabric, associated materials, archives, can be retained for educational and interpretation purposes.

### Attachments

*Nil.*

## 2.3 LOCAL HERITAGE ITEMS + NOMINATIONS

Heritage Officer – 30 minutes

Gary Jackson has requested:

*I would ask that you give us an overview of local listing, anything that may be under review or threat.*

*Also, what is the actual procedure to have something listed for the Local Heritage list.*

*Review the listing form.*

*I have attached some lists that I formulated which shows listings in the current CC Council wards.*

*This is based on my interpretation of the Wards and boundaries.*

- Presentation by the Heritage Officer on how Council identifies, and heritage lists items of local significance and what items are proposed for listing in the current Heritage Nomination Review.
- How can the Heritage and Culture Advisory Committee assist in nominating heritage items and places within the Central Coast Local Government Area?
- Where are listed items recorded?

### Attachments

*Nil.*

## **2.4 SUPPORT FROM THE HERITAGE AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL IN CLEARING VEGETATION FROM THE STONE RETAINING WALLS AT PALERMO PARK**

Peter Rea – 5 mins

Support from the Heritage and Culture Advisory Group for CCC clearing vegetation from the stone retaining walls at Palermo Park, where the Palermo Shipyard once operated and where during WWII 40 ft naval boats were built. CCC did clear this vegetation once before when on behalf of Rotary Kincumber, I coordinated the commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the sinking of HMAS Patricia Cam, which was also built at the site in 1940. The site was also in operation as a shipyard long before this time.

Clearing the invasive growth would ensuring it is not damaging this heritage item, plus allow a proper full view of the archaeology.

### **Attachments**

*Nil.*

**2.5 SUPPORT FROM THE HERITAGE AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
FOR EXPANDING AND EXTENDING THE (ROTARY) SHIPBUILDERS  
MEMORIAL PATH**

Peter Rea – 5 mins

Support from the Heritage and Culture Advisory Group for expanding and extending the (Rotary) 'Shipbuilders Memorial path' with the installation of additional Sandstone and stainless steel 'mini memorials' at former shipyard sites at Kincumber, Davistown and other sites on the Brisbane Water.

**Attachments**

*Nil.*

## 2.6 HAWKESBURY NEPEAN RIVER SYSTEM COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (HNRS CMP)

Neil Dufty – 30 minutes

- HNRS CMP is a partnership between local and state government agencies to support the coordinated management and sustainable development of the Hawkesbury-Nepean River system, including Broken Bay, Brisbane Water and Pittwater estuaries, for the benefit of nature, the economy, and the community.
- More information about the project can be found at: [Hawkesbury Nepean River System CMP \(hawkesburynepeancmp.org\)](http://hawkesburynepeancmp.org)
- Mr Dufty would like to speak with the Committee about the project. He states:

*We are interested in identifying possible management actions to protect/better manage indigenous and non-indigenous heritage on the foreshore of Brisbane Water, Umina and Pearl Beaches, and along the Hawkesbury River. Actions could be site-specific and/or more generic. Also, could involve broad collaborative management actions with other partner councils: Northern Beaches, Ku-ring-gai, Hornsby, The Hills, Hawkesbury.*

### Attachments

*Nil.*

## **2.7 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Shannon Turkington  
Chairperson

### **Attachments**

*Nil.*