

# Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting Record 7 October 2020



Location:	Zoom Meeting	
Date:	7 October 2020	
Time	Started at: 3.33pm	Closed at: 4.55pm
Chair	Councillor Jane Smith	
File Ref	F2018/00102	

## **Present:**

Councillor Kyle MacGregor, Councillor Jane Smith, Warren Andrews, Margot Castles, Gary Dean, Sandra Hunt-Sharman, Verena Mauldon, Kreenah Yelds (joined 3.42pm)

## **External Representatives present:**

Richard Waterhouse, Lucy King (GML Heritage - joined 4.02pm, left 4.52), Claire Nunez (GML Heritage - joined 4.04pm, left 4.52), Lisa Trueman (GML Heritage - joined 4.02pm, left 4.52)

## **Council Staff present:**

Scott Duncan – Section Manager Local Planning and Policy, Rebecca Cardy – Heritage Officer, Zoie Magann – Advisory Group Support Officer

## **Item 1 Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country and Apologies**

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Apologies received: Councillor Louise Greenaway, Councillor Jeff Sundstrom, Councillor Doug Vincent, David Benwell, Walter Billington, Prue Wyllie, Tracey Howie (Guringai Tribal Link)

Councillor Jane Smith declared the meeting open and completed an Acknowledgement of Country and Connection to Land statement.

## **Item 2 Disclosure of Interest**

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Councillor Jane Smith declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest for Items 3 and 5 as a board member of the Marine Discovery Centre, which was mentioned as part of the Heritage Trail discussion.

## **Item 3 Confirmation of Previous Meeting Record**

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The Advisory Group confirmed the Meeting Records from 4 September 2019 and 1 July 2020. An informal meeting was also held 26 August 2020 to discuss Heritage Trail opportunities – the notes from this were circulated to Advisory Group members via email.

The Advisory Group discussed the Action Log, noting most actions are now complete. There is one pending action regarding information to be shared from National Parks and Wildlife Services.

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#### **Item 4 Calga Cultural Landscape Heritage Listing**

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*Tracey Howie (Guringai Tribal Link) was no longer able to attend the meeting due to unforeseen circumstances so this item was deferred.*

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#### **Item 5 Update on Heritage Trails**

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Rebecca Cardy (Heritage Officer) provided an update on Heritage Trails, following the informal meeting held 26 August 2020.

The following key points were noted:

- Maritime heritage is a key point of difference for the Central Coast region which could be beneficial to leverage.
- Keen to employ drives and trails which could be marketed through an app, where people can filter options for exploration based on their interests.
- Proposal is not to reinvent the wheel, but to create connections between existing spaces.
- Conversations have also been held with Gosford Foundation Trust Management Committee. Heritage Trails are being considered as a project for support by the Trust Management Committee.
- Prototype of Heritage Near Me App (Heritage NSW) was shown to Advisory Group for their information.
- MidCoast Stories (partnership between MidCoast Council and NSW Government) is a good example of how heritage info can be presented. Link here: <https://midcoaststories.com/>

**Action:** Another informal meeting (workshop) to be held for interested Advisory Group members with regard to progress of the Heritage Trails. Members from the Gosford Foundation Trust Management Committee to be invited to join workshop.

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#### **Item 6 Heritage Gap Analysis Presentation and Discussion**

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Lisa Trueman (GML Heritage) provided a presentation on the Heritage Gap Analysis which is currently being undertaken.

The following key points were noted:

- Project is running alongside to heritage nominations review being undertaken by David Scobie Architects.
- GML Heritage is reviewing existing studies, strategies, policies and processes to identify gaps. This will be complemented by community consultation. Recommendations to fill identified gaps and opportunities will be prepared as part of the final Gap Analysis.
- The Gap Analysis will be a primary document used for the preparation of the Central Coast Heritage Strategy and Action Plan. The Heritage Strategy and Action Plan will provide strategic direction for the Council's heritage program over the next 10 years and will include a priority list of projects. The strategy will provide opportunities for identification of funding and grant opportunities.
- Project commenced May 2020, expected to produce final report in early 2021.

- Key areas for focus have been identified and some further studies recommended to better understand these areas. Recommended studies include:
  - Combined thematic history for the Central Coast
  - Aboriginal Heritage Study
  - Archaeological Study
  - Landscape Heritage Study
  - Community Heritage Engagement Strategy
  - Central Coast Regional Interpretation Strategy.
- Lisa invited feedback from Advisory Group members on various items. The following was noted:
  - Favourite Heritage Places in LGA: Fairview Homestead and the Dubbo Gully area, agricultural landscapes such as Yarramalong Valley, Norah Head Lighthouse, South Gosford Precinct, Point Frederick Cemetery, rock art sites including one above Mangrove Creek, Hawkesbury River and Peat Island, Calga Cultural Landscape, Old Great North Road, Woy Woy War Memorial, St Paul's Church Kincumber, Shipbuilders walk Kincumber, Henry Kendall Cottage and landscape, archaeological sites, *Gosfordia* lung fish, tree tunnels in rural areas, Coastal Open Space System (COSS) lands.
  - Main opportunities for Heritage: community knowledge is vast, Aboriginal Heritage Study and Landscape Heritage Study would provide needed direction and certainty.
  - Challenges to achieving opportunities: cost (budget is required to implement recommendations).
  - Community engagement: important to gain interest from younger generations (need to consider how this can be achieved), ensure varied approaches and different platforms (one size doesn't fit all), explore engagement opportunities in schools.
- Concern raised that local histories often only include Aboriginal stories as a precursor to the story of colonisation. Noted importance of ongoing representation of Aboriginal stories and their continuity through histories.

**Action:** Presentation to be circulated with key questions highlighted for further input from Advisory Group members. Advisory Group members will have two weeks to provide comments.

## **Item 7                      General Business and Close**

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It was agreed the Advisory Group should start forward planning with regard to events in 2021 such as Heritage Week.

**Action:** Staff to collate key dates of events (e.g. Heritage Week) for Advisory Group members to consider with regard to future planning.

The meeting closed at 4.55pm

**Next Meeting:**            **January 2021 (TBC)**  
                                  **4pm – 6pm**  
                                  **Location TBC**