



HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

**WEDNESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 3.03PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Advisory Committee Members >>

Councillor Kurt Rehbein	Committee Chair, Townsville City Council
Councillor Les Walker	Townsville City Council
Annette Burns	Townsville City Council
Eber Butron	Townsville City Council
Jeff Kerr	Townsville City Council
Lesley Cameron	Townsville City Council
Paul Johnston	Townsville City Council
Ray Holyoak	National Trust of Queensland, Townsville Branch
Dr Shelley Greer	James Cook University Australia
Leigh Preston	Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
John Rains	Department of Environment and Heritage Protection
Carly Grieg	Department of Environment and Heritage Protection
Roger MacCallum	Australian Institute of Architects
Dr Dorothy Gibson-Wilde OAM	Individual member
Geoff Hansen	Individual member
Sharyn Denyer	Individual member
Sandi Robb	Individual member
Non-member HAC support role: Ted Brandi	Meeting Facilitator, Townsville City Council

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Townsville City Council would like to acknowledge the Bindal and Gurambilbarra Wulgurukaba peoples as Traditional Owners of the land on which our Council operates. We pay respect to Elders past, present and future and value the traditions, culture and aspirations of the first Australians of this land. We acknowledge and hold in great significance the valuable contribution that Traditional Owners have made and continue to make within the Townsville Community.

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Goals and Objectives of Townsville City Council >>

Corporate Plan >>

Goal 1 - A Prosperous City

Deliver a strong and innovative economy for Townsville with sustainable growth and support for local jobs and businesses.

Objectives that identify our strategic intent:

- 1.1 Support local businesses, major industries, local innovation and employment growth.
- 1.2 Promote our economic and geographic strengths and market Townsville as a vibrant destination for commerce, education, research, tourism, entertainment and lifestyle.
- 1.3 Plan, support, provide and advocate for infrastructure and investment that supports innovation, residential and economic growth.
- 1.4 Maximize opportunities for economic growth by building and maintaining effective partnerships.

Goal 2 - A City for People

Enhance people's experience of Townsville as a liveable and vibrant city by providing services that support the growth of an inclusive, knowledgeable, active, safe and healthy community.

Objectives that identify our strategic intent:

- 2.1 Provide services and local infrastructure that meet community expectations, support growth and provide for the needs of our community.
- 2.2 Improve the liveability of Townsville and encourage active and healthy lifestyles by providing accessible public facilities and community infrastructure.
- 2.3 Improve the vibrancy of Townsville by supporting the community's access to, and participation in, a range of artistic, cultural and entertainment activities.
- 2.4 Enhance community knowledge of and access to council services to improve community wellbeing, health and safety.

Goal 3 - A Clean and Green City

Create a sustainable future for Townsville through the protection, maintenance and enhancement of our unique, natural and built environment.

Objectives that identify our strategic intent:

- 3.1 Plan, design and deliver sustainable development and support this by actively managing the natural environment and increasing green infrastructure, at both a city, suburb and place level.
- 3.2 Develop and implement long term solutions for the management of water and waste that are socially, financially and environmentally sound.

Goal 4 - A Simpler, Faster, Better Council

Transform the Townsville City Council into a simpler, faster and better council that is easy to work with, and for, and gains community trust by being transparent and managing its resources.

Objectives that identify our strategic intent:

- 4.1 Provide customer-focused services that meet the expectations of our community in a dynamic and adaptive manner.
- 4.2 Ensure that council's plans, services, decisions and priorities reflect the needs and expectations of the community.
- 4.3 Be a valued and committed employer who provides a productive, inclusive and respectful environment for staff and the community.
- 4.4 Improve financial sustainability and provide value and accountability to the community for the expenditure of public funds.
- 4.5 Ensure that public funds are expended efficiently and that council expenditure represents value for money whilst supporting the local economy.

Heritage Advisory Committee

Purpose of the Heritage Advisory Committee

The Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC), and associated Museums and Historical Working Group will bring together organisations, both public and non-governmental, with the skills, knowledge and expertise in the field of history of the Townsville Local Government Authority and good heritage conservation practice generally. The Townsville City Council HAC serves as a means of providing community engagement, feedback, and project development to council, in-keeping with the goals of the Townsville City Council Corporate Plan and Operational Plan regarding heritage matters.

The key objectives of the committee are to:

- Encourage public interest in, and understanding of, Townsville's cultural heritage
- Promote and support projects and events relating to Townsville's cultural heritage
- Provide advice to council with regard to the conservation of the cultural heritage of the Townsville region
- Encourage the appropriate management of places of cultural heritage significance
- Advise council on potential compliance issues concerning maintenance of local heritage buildings
- Provide suggestions in response to requests to name landmarks, infrastructure and locales.

Terms of Reference

The terms of reference describes the purpose and structure of the committee. It defines the scope of the committee detailing the committee's authority, composition and objectives, providing the framework for the committee's operations. The terms of reference also identifies the duties and responsibilities of members and the chair, the terms of membership, roles and responsibilities, conflict of interest, meeting information and conduct requirements.

Heritage Advisory Committee Member interaction with media:

Media (TV or newspaper agencies) may be in attendance at meetings and may wish to speak with committee members. It is important to be aware that as a member of Heritage Advisory Committee you are representing and speaking on behalf of your organisation. We would advise that you seek confirmation as to your organisation's media policies, and inform the Heritage Research Officer if you have any issues / concerns.

5.8.6 Audio or video recording of a meeting – as per Townsville City Council, Code of Meeting Practice

Only authorised persons may make an audio or video recording of a meeting in accordance with Section 35 of Local Law No. 1 (Administration) 2011.

A person is authorised to make an audio or video recording of the meeting if the Chairperson consents to the recording being made. A record of the Chairperson's consent made in the minutes of the meeting (or the report of a committee meeting) is "written consent" for the purposes of Section 35 of Local Law No. 1 (Administration) 2011.

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REPORT HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE Wednesday 27 February 2019

ITEMS 1 to 10

PRESENT

Councillor Kurt Rehbein	Committee Chair, Townsville City Council
Ray Holyoak	National Trust of Queensland, Townsville Branch
Dr Shelley Greer	James Cook University Australia
Leigh Preston	Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
Kristen Corkill	Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (Proxy for Carly Grieg)
Roger MacCallum	Australian Institute of Architects
Dr Dorothy Gibson-Wilde OAM	Individual member
Geoff Hansen	Individual member
Sharyn Denyer	Individual member
Katie Pittock	Local History Librarian, Townsville City Council
Ted Brandi	Meeting Facilitator, Townsville City Council
John Edgar	Heritage Officer, Townsville City Council
Jeffrey Kerr	Senior Urban Design Officer, Townsville City Council

GUESTS

Sally Butler	Demographic Social Planning Officer, Townsville City Council
Kirsty Geaney	Senior Planning Officer, Townsville City Council

APOLOGIES

Councillor Les Walker	Townsville City Council
Sandi Robb	Individual member
Bronwyn Bignoux	Coordinator Land Use, Townsville City Council

Opening of meeting

The Chair, Councillor K Rehbein opened the meeting at 3.03pm.

Acknowledgement to Country

The Chair, Councillor K Rehbein provided the Acknowledgement to Country.

Statement by Meeting Facilitator - Disclosure of interests

Following recent changes to the *Local Government Act 2009* the Meeting Facilitator reminded the Councillor of his obligations for disclosing conflicts of interests and material personal interests for items on the agenda.

Apologies and leave of absence

Apologies were noted.

Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 October 2018 to be a true record.

Agenda Items

Item 1. Presentation - Rate your neighbourhood - Townsville City Council Liveability Study

Sally Butler, Demographic Social Planning Officer and Kirsty Geaney, Senior Planning Officer provided a presentation on Rate your neighbourhood - Townsville City Council Liveability Study, which included the following information:

- Townsville City Council has teamed up with PLACESCORE to conduct liveability surveys throughout Townsville;
- the surveys will capture what attributes the Townsville community believes makes an ideal neighbourhood by rating community values and neighbourhood performance;
- this is community engagement for the future; data driven, rigorous, representative and able to be used for multiple projects not just one. It saves time, money and improves the effectiveness of the engagement in driving changes that are valued; and
- the surveys open Monday 29 April and closes Friday 24 May.

Item 2. Museums Historical Working Group update

Council's Local History Librarian provided an update on the Museums Historical Working Group which included an update on the Young Historians Award. 2,200 History Hunt booklets have been distributed to 4 history organisations and 3 library branches. Young Historians Award submissions will be accepted in a mix of mediums and must be based on a local history topic of the applicant's choosing. A set of criteria will be created which will give most weight to the research component of the submission.

Item 3. Ongoing matters

(i) Interpretive sign regarding Castle Hill to be located on The Strand

The Meeting Facilitator advised that Council ratified the Committee's request for an interpretive sign regarding Castle Hill to be located on The Strand and provided

an estimated time of when the sign is to be installed – by 30 June 2019.

(ii) Townsville Archaeological Zoning Plan

The Meeting Facilitator provided an update on the Townsville Archaeological Zoning Plan and the draft discussion paper.

Leigh Preston provided comments from an Indigenous heritage side.

The Committee discussed the Indigenous heritage side with regards to the Plan.

Dr Shelley Greer explained the reason for the request for a Townsville Archaeological Zoning Plan and advised if further clarification is needed to contact her. Dr Greer suggested she could investigate if there have been recent examples to look at.

Dr Dorothy Gibson-Wilde suggested that there should be a requirement to do archeological digs and explained the reason for this.

The Committee discussed this proposal and the importance of preserving the archeological history of Townsville.

Council staff will continue to investigate this issue and the matter will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Item 4. Pioneers Walk - Proposed nominees

The Meeting Facilitator proposed the following nominees for the Pioneers Walk: James Morill and Philip Leong.

The Committee discussed.

The Chair, Councillor K Rehbein advised that this item be held over and the Committee members will be requested to vote, via email, on the two proposed pioneers.

Geoff Hansen will send out information to the Committee members, via email, on James Morill.

Dr Shelley Greer requested to add Charles Price to the list for consideration.

ACTION:

That the Meeting Facilitator circulate information provided by members following the meeting, and call for a formal vote by e-mail on the two nominees to be added to the Pioneers Walk.

Item 5. Local Repair and Maintenance Procedure

The Meeting Facilitator provided an overview of the proposed Local Repair and Maintenance Procedure for local heritage-listed places.

Leigh Preston vacated the meeting.

The Meeting Facilitator sought support from the Committee members for the Local Repair and Maintenance Procedure.

ACTION:

It was MOVED by Roger MacCallum, SECONDED BY Dr Shelley Greer:

"that the Committee support council proceeding with development of the proposed Local Repair and Maintenance Procedure for local heritage-listed places."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item 6. Heritage Day - Sunday 16 June 2019 in Anzac Park

The Chair, Councillor K Rehbein highlighted that Heritage Day is proposed for Sunday 16 June 2019 in Anzac Park.

Dr Dorothy Gibson-Wilde OAM provided details on the Australian Heritage Festival which will finish on 19 May 2019.

The Meeting Facilitator provided details with regards to Heritage Day.

Item 7. Lighting of heritage buildings

Sharyn Denyer outlined her suggestion for lighting of heritage buildings.

The Committee discussed this proposal.

The Senior Urban Design Officer provided an overview of lighting projects in the City.

ACTION:

The Senior Urban Design Officer to provide to the Meeting Facilitator, for circulating to the Committee members, a list of the proposed buildings for lighting and the Committee members are requested to provide any additional suggestions.

Dr Shelley Greer suggested contacting the Rockhampton Council and asking if they had anything to do with the lighting (of the heritage buildings in Rockhampton) and if so how they did it; if they had grants.

Item 8. Queensland Government Memorials Grant - closes 10 March

The Meeting Facilitator highlighted that the Queensland Government Memorials Grant closes on 10 March 2019.

Item 9. Hotson Street Fuel Tanks

The Meeting Facilitator provided details of the former fuel tank site at Hotson Street, Railway Estate, from World War II. The Meeting Facilitator sought feedback from the Committee as to whether this site should be included on the Local Heritage Register.

The Committee members provided feedback.

Item 10. Allambie Lane Drivers Way

This item was held over.

General Business

(i) Commemoration of Arch Fraley

The Meeting Facilitator advised that Arch Fraley is going to be commemorated with a lane within the forthcoming Bus Hub.

(ii) Jezzine Artifacts

The Meeting Facilitator advised that the Jezzine artifacts are now with Queensland Museum.

**(iii) Proposal to republish book 'Townsville - War and Peace'
Query - Recognition of 75th anniversary of end of World War II**

Geoff Hansen advised of a proposal to republish the book titled 'Townsville - War and Peace', (a copy of the book was tabled at the meeting).

Geoff queried if there will be any recognition of the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II next year.

The Local History Librarian advised that she will take this query to the Museums Historical Working Group.

The Chair closed the meeting at 4.36pm

**COUNCILLOR K REHBEIN
CHAIR**