

HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

TUESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2018 AT 2.06PM

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.

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

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REPORT HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE Tuesday 16 October 2018

ITEMS 1 to 6

PRESENT

Councillor Kurt Rehbein	Committee Chair, Townsville City Council
Annette Burns	Coordinator Learning and Information Services, Townsville City Council
Jeff Kerr	Senior Urban Design Officer, 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
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Roger MacCallum	Australian Institute of Architects
Dr Dorothy Gibson-Wilde OAM	Individual member
Geoff Hansen	Individual member
Sandi Robb	Individual member
Katie Pittcock	Local History Librarian, Townsville City Council
Bronwyn Bignoux	Coordinator Land Use, Townsville City Council
Ted Brandi	Meeting Facilitator, Townsville City Council

GUESTS

Fiona Gardiner	Heritage Director, Department of Environment and Science
Catherine Chambers	Manager Heritage, Department of Environment and Science

APOLOGIES

Sharyn Denyer	Individual member
Councillor Les Walker	Townsville City Council
Eber Butron	Townsville City Council
Lesley Cameron	Townsville City Council
Paul Johnston	Townsville City Council

Opening of meeting

The Chair, Councillor K Rehbein opened the meeting at 2.06pm.

Acknowledgement to Country

The Chair acknowledged the traditional owners of the land, the Wulgurukaba of Gurambilbarra and Yunbenun and to the south of Galbidira the Bindal people, and paid respect to their cultures, their ancestors and their elders, past and present, and all future generations.

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 6 June 2018 to be a true record.

Agenda Items

Item 1. Department of Environment and Science guest presentation

Fiona Gardiner, Heritage Director at the Department of Environment and Science explained the model the Department is currently working with, including advice that all heritage assessment functions have now been brought together in Brisbane.

Catherine Chambers, Manager Heritage provided the Department of Environment and Science presentation which included information on the following:

- departmental visits - Townsville visits for 2018;
- list of local government support projects;
- delivery of heritage development functions within the Department;
- Department of Environment and Science responsibilities under the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*; and
- Department of Environment and Science role under the *Planning Act 2016* and *Economic Development Act 2012*.

The Committee expressed their concerns with regards to not having a heritage officer based in North Queensland and the lack of (community) education regarding heritage / archaeology. Committee members asked questions including questions concerning the Victoria Park Hotel and the Criterion Hotel site.

Fiona and Catherine provided responses to the questions, in particular a suggestion that council continue to lobby the Minister at a political level, as well as via the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ).

Ray Holyoak and Sandi Robb vacated the meeting.

The Chair, Councillor K Rehbein thanked Fiona and Catherine.

Fiona Gardiner and Catherine Chambers vacated the meeting.

Item 2. Agency Reports

Committee members provided their agency reports.

The TCC Coordinator Learning and Information Services thanked Ted Brandi for all the work he undertook on the application for the Planning Institute awards with regards to the Townsville Tours & Trails smartphone app. The Coordinator Learning and Information Services provided an overview of this resource.

Item 2. Museums Historical Working Group update

Council's Local History Librarian provided an update on the Museums Historical Working Group including an overview on the booklet for the Young Historians Award.

Geoff Hansen advised the Townsville Museum launch of the book "Goldfields That Made Townsville", written by Mr Hansen, Lyndon Megarrity and the late Diane Menghetti, on 29 August, held in the Mayoral Reception Room.

Item 3. Chinese Heritage in Northern Australia (CHINA) conference

This item was held over.

Item 4. Townsville Archaeological Zoning Plan

The Meeting Facilitator referred to the draft Discussion Paper on the Townsville Archaeological Zoning Plan.

The Chair, Councillor K Rehbein indicated that this document will be circulated (to the Committee members).

Item 5. Pioneers Walk - call for nominees

The Meeting Facilitator provided an update on the Pioneers Walk and encouraged the Committee members to provide nominees for future installations. The Meeting Facilitator advised of the following proposed definition for 'Pioneer':

'A representative of a group of men and women from various walks of life who have contributed to social and physical development of Townsville.'

The Committee discussed the criteria / definition for the Pioneers with regards to the Pioneers Walk in Townsville.

ACTION:

That the definition of 'Pioneer' for the purpose of the Pioneers Walk in Townsville be refined to include that honorees are deceased.

The Meeting Facilitator explained how the community can make their contribution to the list of candidates for the Pioneers Walk.

Item 6. West End - City Plan 2005 entries

The Chair, Councillor K Rehbein advised that no feedback had been received for the list of places in West End that had been entered on Schedule 5 of City Plan 2005.

The Meeting Facilitator provided clarification on this item.

General Business

(i) National Trust diary

Dr Dorothy Gibson-Wilde presented the National Trust diary for next year.

(ii) Motion to Local Government Association of Queensland conference - Lobbying for Re-deployment of Heritage Assessment Officers throughout regional Queensland

The Chair, Councillor K Rehbein advised that a motion has been forwarded for the upcoming Local Government Association of Queensland conference in regards to a request to lobby to re-deploy Heritage Assessment Officers throughout regional Queensland (includes Townsville).

(iii) Proposal for information sign on Castle Hill to be located on The Strand

Councillor K Rehbein put forward a proposal for an information sign on Castle Hill be installed on The Strand (near the iron artwork / chairs). Councillor Rehbein provided the background to this proposal.

ACTION:

That the Infrastructure and Operations Division be requested to create an information sign regarding Castle Hill (with dot point information) to be located near the iron artwork / chairs on The Strand.

(iv) Expression of thanks

Dr Shelley Greer thanked Annette Burns (Coordinator Learning and Information Services) and Katie Pittock (Local History Librarian) for the naming of the John Mathew Room at the Library.

The Chair closed the meeting at 4.08pm.

**COUNCILLOR K REHBEIN
CHAIR**