

HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

UNCONFIRMED NOTES

Thursday, 3 November 2022 3:02 PM 103 Walker Street, Council Chambers

Opening of Meeting

The Acting Chair, the Mayor, Councillor Jenny Hill, opened the meeting at 3:02pm.

Present

Councillor Jenny Hill – Acting Chair Townsville City Council (ex officio member)

Members

Trish Cronin Townsville Museum and Historical Society

Claire Brennan James Cook University
Robert De Jong Townsville Maritime Museum

Ray Holyoak National Trust of Australia (Queensland)

Nick Shailer Individual Member
Jane Perkins Individual Member

TCC Staff

Ted Brandi – Meeting Facilitator Heritage Officer, Townsville City Council

Bronwyn Bignoux Coordinator Land Use

Katie Pittock Local History Librarian, Townsville City Council

Tony Bligh In-House Counsel

Jess Prentice Council Secretariat, Townsville City Council Sheree Andersen Council Secretariat, Townsville City Council

Disclosure of Interests - Statement by the In-House Counsel

The In-House Counsel reminded councillors and committee members of their obligations for disclosing declarable conflicts of interest and prescribed conflicts of interest for items on the agenda.

Disclosure of Interests

There were no declarable conflicts of interest or prescribed conflicts of interest declared.

Acknowledgement of Country

The Acting Chair acknowledged the Wulgurukaba of Gurambilbarra and Yunbenun, Bindal, Gugu Badhun and Nywaigi as the Traditional Owners of this land. We pay our respects to their cultures, their ancestors and their Elders – past and present – and all future generations.

Apologies

Councillor Kurt Rehbein Townsville City Council
Councillor Mark Molachino Townsville City Council

Leigh Preston Department of Seniors, Disability Services and

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

Roger MacCallum Australian Institute of Architects

Geoff Hansen Individual Member Rohan Lloyd Individual Member

Donna Goldie Coordinator Learning and Information Services,

Townsville City Council

Jeffrey Kerr Senior Urban Design Officer, Townsville City Council

Not present

Marilyn Grogan Family History Association North Queensland

Confirm Quorum

The meeting did not have a quorum.

The meeting agreed that the Mayor, Councillor Jenny Hill, would chair the meeting.

Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Advisory Committee meeting

As the meeting did not have a quorum, the unconfirmed minutes from the meeting of 4 August 2022 were held over.

In relation to General Business item (v) on the unconfirmed minutes, the meeting discussed Heritage Day and its inclusion in the Our Townsville event. The Meeting Facilitator noted that the 2023 Our Townsville event will now be held on 10-11 June 2023.

Outstanding Action Item Update

The Meeting Facilitator and committee members provided an update of the following action items.

21-4 Meeting Action - Highways and Byways

The Meeting Facilitator noted that the work is almost complete.

21-8 Meeting Action - Captain W.F MacIntosh memorial

This item was held over.

22-3 Townsville Museum – Interpretive Signs for named parks

Committee members were encouraged to identify named parks where a QR code link to information about the naming origins of the park would be desirable.

22-6 Maritime Museum – Installation of plaque near site of former HMAS Magnetic

The Meeting Facilitator noted that the draft sign had yet to be received. The draft sign will also need approval from the state government.

22-7 National Trust of Australia (Queensland) – Unmarked grave in Belgian Gardens Cemetery

This item was held over.

22-5 West End Cemetery Memorial Wall

The Meeting Facilitator noted that the proposal for this project has been supported by other areas of Council and funding will be sought in the next financial year.

Agenda submissions

1. Changes to Terms of Reference

The In-House Counsel provided an overview of the changes to the Heritage Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.

As the meeting did not have a quorum, the amended Terms of Reference were held over for endorsement.

2. Rollingstone Cenotaph

Trish Cronin spoke on her proposal to name the gardens area of the Bushy Parker Park at Rollingstone after the late David Edward (Jack) Maher.

The Meeting Facilitator noted that the naming request was with Council's Infrastructure and Operations Division for processing.

The Acting Chair noted that consultation with locals is usually required.

3. Burns Philp building

An agenda item was submitted by Lyndon Megarrity, a non-member, regarding a development proposal for the Burns Philp building.

The Meeting Facilitator noted that the development application is viewable on Council's ePlanning platform, and that the property is state heritage listed and will need to comply with heritage building requirements.

The Coordinator Land Use shared that the developers engaged with Council early in the process, which leads to better outcomes.

The meeting agreed to discuss a general business item as the next item of business.

General Business

(i) Heritage buildings in the city

The Acting Chair noted that work on other heritage listed buildings in Flinders Street East (Queen's Building) is also occurring, and that Council is contributing funding towards some of these projects.

Ray Holyoak agreed to undertake a search for information and photos of the Queen's Building.

The Acting Chair raised the matter of ensuring that the planning scheme review accommodates the preservation of the heritage buildings, including the potential impact of development of adjoining blocks.

Agency reports

(i) Townsville Museum and Historical Society

The museum continues to work on upgrading their interpretive board displays on topics such as Rollingstone, the railways, the Mayors of Townsville, the Chairmen and Mayors of Thuringowa, city timeline, Telstra, and printing.

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General Business

(ii) Military exercise

The Acting Chair noted that a forthcoming military exercise may offer some opportunities to some of the agencies and welcomed ideas for how the defence forces could contribute to the community.

The Acting Chair noted that the Australian American Association is considering reopening a chapter in the city.

Agency reports

(ii) James Cook University

Claire Brennan noted that the university has a good thesis on the establishment of Lavarack Barracks, and will offer a military history subject for the first time next year.

The university has a new Professor of History, Koen Stapelbroek.

Funding has been provided for a couple of projects on topics such as the lost town, which is an historical archaeology project that will engage with schools, voyages of exploration, and connections between Australia and Japan up to the second World War.

General Business

(iii) Publications

Jane Perkins offered congratulations to Rohan Lloyd for his recent publication.

Claire Brennan noted other recent historical publications that included information on northern Australia.

(iv) Thuringowa Library closing

The Local History Librarian noted that the Thuringowa Library will be closing on 27 November.

(v) Asleep in the Deep

Trish Cronin noted the launch of the publication "Asleep in the Deep: A Love Lost on the SS Yongala", by Trisha Fielding.

The Local History Librarian noted that the library will be having a public lecture on this book in the future.

Confirmation of next meeting

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday 2 February 2023, 3:00pm – 4:30pm at 103 Walker Street, Council Chambers.

Close of Meeting

The Acting Chair, the Mayor, Councillor Jenny Hill, closed the meeting at 4:08pm.

COUNCILLOR JENNY HILL

ACTING CHAIR

Attachment 1 – Heritage Advisory Committee Agenda Submission and Meeting Action Register

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Action Item No.	Agenda Submission / Meeting Actions	Item	Action to be taken	Date Listed	Responsible Officer	Completed Date
21-8	Meeting Action	General Business (ix)	The Chair, Councillor Kurt Rehbein requested that the nomination of a prominent Townsvillean for recognition in the city be held over to the next Committee meeting for a Committee Recommendation. The Meeting facilitator recommended this action item be brought back to the next committee meeting with a specific proposal for the commemoration of	09.12.21	Meeting Facilitator Geoff Hansen	
			Captain W.F MacIntosh. Options to be explored at Jezzine Barracks.	4.8.22	Geoff Hansen	
22-3	Townsville Museum – Interpretive Signs for named parks	3	The Chair, Councillor Mark Molachino suggested this agenda item come back to the next committee meeting with a proposal of names of parks to have interpretive signs.	03.3.22	Trish Cronin	
22-7	National Trust of Australia (Queensland) – Unmarked grave in Belgian Gardens Cemetery	3	 Ray Holyoak to bring back more information to the Committee on Sidney's lineage. The Meeting Facilitator to follow up on a cost estimate for a headstone / marker. Councillor Kurt Rehbein to discuss the proposal with Local Unions. 	05.05.22 04.08.22 04.08.22	Ray Holyoak Meeting Facilitator Cr Kurt Rehbein	04.08.2022
22-9	Heritage buildings in the city	General Business (i)	Ray Holyoak to undertake search for information and photos of the Queen's Building.	04/11/2022	Ray Holyoak	

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21-4	Meeting Action	General Business (v)	That the Coordinator Land Use arrange a presentation for the next committee meeting on the 'Have your Say' platform for the Highways and Byways' project.	09.12.21	Coordinator Land Use	This action has been redirected
			The Meeting Facilitator informed the Committee that the use of the 'Have Your Say' platform for this project is on hold and staff are looking to engage James Cook University adjuncts to assist with research.	03.03.22		
21-7	Meeting Action	General Business (viii)	The Meeting Facilitator to follow up on the Chair, Councillor Kurt Rehbein's request regarding Member Organisation Agency Reports.	09.12.21	Meeting Facilitator	5.05.22
22-1	Maritime Museum – Installation of plaque near site of former HMAS Magnetic	1	A formal submission will be brought back to the May Committee meeting for the installation of a plaque.	3.3.22	Robert De Jong	05.05.22
22-2	Townsville Museum – Criterion Hotel Site	2	The Meeting Facilitator to look at renewal timeframes for the developer of the Criterion Hotel Site.	03.3.22	Meeting Facilitator	05.5.22
22-4	External Submission via Mayor's office – Proposal to design and assist with registration of official Coat of Arms and tartan	4	Committee Recommendation That an acknowledgement letter be sent to the submitter and that the Coat of Arms are not changed.	03.3.22	Meeting Facilitator	05.5.22
22-5	West End Cemetery Memorial Wall	Presentation (i)	Committee Recommendation That the Committee endorse the specifications of the Memorial Wall for the West End Cemetery and its location.	03.3.22	Meeting Facilitator	05.5.22

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22-6	Maritime Museum – Installation of plaque near site of former HMAS Magnetic	2	Committee Recommendation That the Committee supports in principle Maritime Museum's proposal for the installation of a plaque that recognises the significant contribution of HMAS Magnetic dependent on funding and that Councillor Kurt Rehbein provide a letter of support	05.05.22	Cr Kurt Rehbein	4.8.22
			The Museum has applied for grant funding.	04.08.22		
22-8	General Business (ii) Oonoonba Bombing Memorial	(ii)	The Meeting Facilitator to come back to the next Committee meeting with who owns the land and is responsible for the maintenance of the monument.	05.05.22	Meeting Facilitator	4.8.22