



HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

WEDNESDAY 6 JUNE 2018 AT 3.11PM
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

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.

REPORT HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE Wednesday 6 June 2018 at 3.11pm

ITEMS 1 to 7

PRESENT

Councillor Kurt Rehbein	Committee Chair, Townsville City Council
Ray Holyoak	National Trust of Queensland, Townsville Branch
Dr Shelley Greer	James Cook University Australia
Roger MacCallum	Australian Institute of Architects
Dr Dorothy Gibson-Wilde OAM	Individual member
Geoff Hansen	Individual member
Sharyn Denyer	Individual member
Bronwyn Bignoux	Townsville City Council
Ted Brandi	Meeting Facilitator, Townsville City Council
Katie Pittock	Local History Librarian, Townsville City Council

APOLOGIES

Councillor Les Walker	Townsville City Council
Annette Burns	Townsville City Council
Eber Butron	Townsville City Council
Jeffrey Kerr	Townsville City Council
Paul Johnston	Townsville City Council
Lesley Cameron	Townsville City Council
John Rains	Department of Environment and Science
Carly Grieg	Department of Environment and Science
Sandi Robb	Individual member
Leigh Preston	Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

NOT PRESENT

Opening of meeting

The Chair, Councillor K Rehbein opened the meeting at 3.11pm.

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 25 January 2018 to be a true record.

Business Arising from the Minutes

a. Willmet Street lookout

The Chair, Councillor K Rehbein advised that maintenance services staff have attended to the Willmet Street lookout and it now looks fantastic.

b. Acknowledgement of former HAC Members

The Meeting Facilitator and the Chair, Councillor K Rehbein requested the Committee members to forward any other names to add to the list.

c. Letter to lobby State Government on reinstatement of a heritage officer at Townsville branch of Department of Environment and Science

The Chair, Councillor K Rehbein advised of the response received from the Minister with regards to the reinstatement of a heritage officer at the Townsville branch of the Department of Environment and Science (DES) as well as advising of the reason given for the decision. Councillor Rehbein requested the Committee members to provide any reasons to bolster the argument (for a heritage officer at the DES in Townsville) to send back to the Minister. Councillor Rehbein also advised of the DES's offer for a heritage officer to attend future meeting/s of this Committee.

The Committee discussed this matter.

ACTION:

1. That the Committee advise the Mayor, Councillor J Hill that it recommends that Council accept the Minister's offer, and invite the Heritage section of the Department of Environment and Science to the next HAC meeting, as well as request that Brisbane-based Department of Environment and Science heritage officers visit Townsville once a month.
2. Recommend to Council that the Mayor, Councillor J Hill continue to pursue the original request – with input from Councillor K Rehbein, the Townsville City Council Heritage Officer and Committee members – that at least one Department of Environment and Science heritage officer be re-deployed to Townsville.

Agenda Items

Item 1. Agency Reports

Councillor K Rehbein explained that 'Agency Reports' will be a standing agenda item and this will give the opportunity for everyone to advise what activities or projects their organisation have been undertaking.

The Committee discussed this proposal.

Dr D Gibson-Wilde advised that the road closures near the Heritage Centre in West End are causing issues. Dr Gibson-Wilde provided an example.

Councillor Rehbein suggested to Dr Gibson-Wilde to contact him and he will follow up on this issue.

The Committee members provided suggestions with regards to the road closures.

Item 2. Museums Historical Working Group update

Council's Local History Librarian provided an update on the Museums Historical Working Group.

The Chair, Councillor K Rehbein requested Ray Holyoak to contact the appropriate person from the Army Museum and request that they contact Katie Pittock regarding Museums Historical Working Group membership.

The Local History Librarian advised that the library will be having an 80th birthday party and provided a brief overview on this celebration.

The Committee members spoke on some of their library experiences.

Item 3. Archaeological Zoning Plan

Dr Shelley Greer advised of her proposal for an archaeological sites schedule / archaeological zoning Plan for the Townsville local government area. The proposed schedule / plan is to include known archaeological sites. Dr Greer advised that there may be some funding available from the Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning.

The Committee discussed the proposal.

ACTION:

That a discussion paper be prepared (by the Land Use and Urban Design Unit, with input from Dr Shelley Greer) around the composition and logistics of an archaeological zoning plan and how it could be implemented, for discussion at the next meeting.

Item 4. Pioneers Walk - other nominees

The Chair, Councillor K Rehbein queried if the Committee members have any additional nominees for the Pioneers Walk.

The Committee discussed the Pioneers Walk project which included the following comments / information:

- a. Roger MacCallum suggested to put a list in the minutes and when anyone thinks to add a name we could add it;
- b. Geoff Hansen suggested to do a ranking when new information comes in;
- c. Katie Pittock highlighted that the Committee needs to decide on a list of names;
- d. Dr Dorothy Gibson-Wilde queried who are going to be called pioneers; and
- e. a copy of the Townsville Pioneers booklet was tabled at the meeting.

ACTION:

1. That Council's Heritage Officer investigate if the Townsville Pioneers booklet can be circulated to the Committee members.
2. That Council's Heritage Officer investigate the definition of pioneer (for the Pioneers Walk).

Item 5. West End - City Plan 2005 entries

The Committee discussed the West End - City Plan 2005 entries item.

The Meeting Facilitator advised he will re-forward the West End heritage register/property listings (from City Plan 2005) to the Committee members for their review/feedback.

ACTION:

That Council's Heritage Officer re-forward the West End heritage register/property listings from City Plan 2005 to the Committee members and that the Committee members advise of any properties they believe should be added to or removed from Schedule 7 of Townsville City Plan (2014), and the reason/s for this.

Item 6. Ross Dam catchment study

Ray Holyoak provided an overview of his proposal for a record / desktop study to be undertaken of artefact and heritage sites within the Ross River Dam catchment area.

The Committee discussed this proposal.

ACTION:

That Council consider incorporating a study of heritage significance in the vicinity of the Ross river Dam, as part of larger investigations and background research relating to the Townsville 2020 project regarding recreational activities at Ross River Dam.

Item 7. China Conference

This item was held over.

General Business

(i) Congratulations on Heritage Day

The Chair, Councillor K Rehbein congratulated the people involved in Heritage Day.

(ii) Small cemetery in Lake Ross

Geoff Hansen informed the Committee that he is aware of a small, possibly non-gazetted cemetery in the area that was inundated with the creation of Lake Ross when the Ross River Dam was constructed. He will circulate a photo to the Committee if possible.

(iii) 21 Bundock Street

Geoff Hansen queried which heritage listing 21 Bundock Street has and what is the purpose of having it heritage listed.

The Chair, Councillor K Rehbein advised this property is only on the local register.

Next meeting - Wednesday 26 September 2018 (proposed – TBC)

Agenda items due - COB 12 September 2018

Venue - Council Chambers

The meeting closed at 4.31pm.

**COUNCILLOR K REHBEIN
CHAIR**