



HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Thursday, 3 August 2023

3:05 PM

103 Walker Street, Committee Room

Opening of Meeting

The Chair, Councillor Kurt Rehbein opened the meeting at 3:05 PM.

Present

Members

Councillor Kurt Rehbein - Chair
Trish Cronin
Nick Shailer
Robert De Jong
Geoff Hansen
Diannne Houlahan
Jane Perkins

Townsville City Council
Townsville Museum and Historical Society
Individual Member
Townsville Maritime Museum
Individual Member
Family History Association North Queensland
Individual Member

TCC Staff

Ted Brandi – Meeting Facilitator
Katie Pittock
Donna Goldie
Jess Prentice

Heritage Officer
Local History Librarian
Coordinator Learning and Information Services
Council Secretariat

Acknowledgement of Country

The 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 Mark Molachino	Townsville City Council
Roger MacCallum	Australian Institute of Architects
Ray Holyoak	National Trust of Australia (Queensland)
Rohan Lloyd	Individual Member
Leigh Preston	Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
Claire Brennan	James Cook University

Confirm Quorum

A quorum was present.

Guest

Matt Richardson	General Manager Property Fleet & Emergency Management
Paul Johnson	Team Manager Development Assessment
Tom Askern	Coordinator City Planning

Disclosure of Interests and confidentiality – Statement by the Meeting Facilitator

The Meeting Facilitator reminded councillors and committee members of their obligations for confidentiality and 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.

The Committee members agreed to consider the Magistrate Court & Perfume Garden Activation as the next item of business.

Presentation

(i) Magistrate Court & Perfume Garden Activation

The General Manager Property Fleet & Emergency Management provided the Committee with potential future use options for the Magistrate Court and Perfume Garden activation.

The General Manager noted that the copper tower and façade will be retained and invited Committee members to the Magistrate Court for the next Committee meeting in November.

The order of business resumed.

Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Advisory Committee meeting

It was MOVED by Robert De Jong, SECONDED by Trish Cronin:

“that the minutes of the Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held 2 February 2023 be confirmed.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Agenda Submissions and Meeting Action Register Update

21-4 Highways and Byways project

The Meeting Facilitator advised that this action item will be closed.

Jane Perkins entered the meeting during the following register update at 3.40 pm.

21-8 Commemoration of W.F. Macintosh

The Meeting Facilitator advised that the proposal to name the playground at Jezzine Barracks was not supported by Council's Open Space section.

Committee Recommendation

It was MOVED by Geoff Hansen, SECONDED by Jane Perkins:

“that the Committee resolves to write to the Infrastructure Services Department for choices on naming (of infrastructure) for W.F Macintosh by the next Committee meeting.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

This action item is carried over.

22-3 Interpretive signs for parks

The Meeting Facilitator advised that there is standard signage for parks and additional information can be added to these signs.

This action item is complete.

22-7 Unmarked grave in Belgian Gardens Cemetery

The Chair, Councillor Kurt Rehbein advised that he met with Cathy Allen, Secretary of Queensland Council of Unions and that the proposal will be put to the Union.

This action item is complete.

23-1 Talisman Sabre – US Presidents in Townsville during WWII

The Meeting Facilitator advised that research was conducted and it was not able to be confirmed whether three of the US president more information was required to confirm three of the presidents had visited Townsville during World War II.

This action item is closed.

22-9 Maritime Museum – HMAS Magnetic sign

Robert De Jong advised that the project is on track for completion with the wording on the plaque being finalised and a work order is underway for construction of the plinth. Robert noted that a date for the sign's unveiling has been set for Tuesday 10 October, 10:30 am.

This action item is carried over.

22-2 Restoration of Castling fountain

The Meeting Facilitator advised of staff feedback that the fountain is not capable of being restored and will be assessed by the Galleries team in the future to scope potential repair works.

The Meeting Facilitator to provide an update at the next committee meeting.

This action item is carried over.

Agenda Submissions

1 Former Church/ School/ Hall, at St Francis Xavier Parish, Railway Estate

The Meeting Facilitator provided a brief history on the Former Church/ School/ Hall, at St Francis Xavier Parish, Railway Estate and advised that it contains in its core the oldest surviving timber building in Townsville. The Meeting Facilitator noted that a site inspection was conducted with the Team Manager Development Assessment and the Heritage Advisory Committee Chair and that discussions are taking place with the Catholic Church regarding consideration of a heritage sign on the hall.

The Committee members noted in principle support for a heritage sign.

2 Nick Shailer presented the following agenda submissions

- a) Request that Strand Bowls Club gate be preserved
- b) Request for old cast iron footpath plates with Robertson & Co or Davis Cleveland Foundry markings, and
- c) Request that TCC gift commemorative flag plinth / plaque to Townsville Museum

Nick Shailer tabled pictures of the strand bowls club gate, and cast iron footpath plates.

The Committee members discussed retainment of heritage items, including the process of communication and transferring of the items when they are pulled out.

Committee Recommendation

It was MOVED by Nick Shailer, SECONDED by Councillor Kurt Rehbein:

“that the Chair, Councillor Kurt Rehbein discuss with the Chief Executive the review and process for transferring of heritage assets.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3 Recent book launch - 55 Days in Korea, Letters Home From Larry Low

Geoff Hansen provided an overview of the recent book launch for '55 Days in Korea, Letters Home From Larry Low'. It was noted that a copy of the book has been provided to the library.

General Business

(i) West End Cemetery Tourist Information

Trish Cronin referred to previous discussions around tourist information for the West End Cemetery and tabled the 'McLeod Street Pioneer Cemetery' tourist information provided by Cairns Regional Council.

(ii) Queensland Family History Association Open Day

Diannne Houlahan noted that the Queensland Family History Association Open day is on 6 August from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

(iii) Campaign to make Castle Hill a mountain

The Chair, Councillor Kurt Rehbein informed the Committee of a campaign by Power 100 to make Castle Hill a mountain.

(iv) Missing Infrastructure and Faded Signage at Jezzine Barracks

The Meeting Facilitator to follow up on Geoff Hansen's query around the missing eagle and faded signage at Jezzine Barracks.

Confirmation of next meeting

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 2 November 2023, 3.00 - 4.30 pm.

Close of Meeting

The Chair, Councillor Kurt Rehbein closed the meeting at 4:35 pm.

COUNCILLOR KURT REHBEIN

CHAIR

Attachment 1 – HAC Agenda Submission and Meeting Action Register

Action Item No.	Agenda Submission / Meeting Actions	Item	Action to be taken	Date Listed	Responsible Officer	Completed Date
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. 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.	09.12.21 03.03.22	Coordinator Land Use	Closed 3.08.23
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
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 Captain W.F MacIntosh. Options to be explored at Jezzine Barracks The Meeting Facilitator to contact the former person in charge of Jezzine Barracks trust to understand what the opportunities are and whether naming the playground is a suitable option. Committee Recommendation It was MOVED by Geoff Hansen, SECONDED by Jane Perkins: "that the Committee resolves to write to the Infrastructure Services Department for choices on naming (of infrastructure) for W.F Macintosh by the next Committee meeting."	09.12.21 03.3.22 04.08.22 2.02.23 4.08.23	Meeting Facilitator Geoff Hansen Geoff Hansen Meeting Facilitator Meeting Facilitator	
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
22-3	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	3.08.23
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
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	
22-7	National Trust of Australia (Queensland) – Unmarked grave in Belgian Gardens Cemetery	3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ray Holyoak to bring back more information to the Committee on Sidney’s lineage. 2. The Meeting Facilitator to follow up on a cost estimate for a headstone / marker. 3. Councillor Kurt Rehbein to discuss the proposal with Local Unions. 	05.05.22	Ray Holyoak Meeting Facilitator Cr Kurt Rehbein	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	04.08.22
23-1	National Trust – Activities in conjunction with 2023 Joint Military Exercise	1	Ray Holyoak to provide information on the walk and wording for the stickers to the Meeting Facilitator. Committee Recommendation It was MOVED by Ray Holyoak, SECONDED by Nick Shailer: “That the committee recommend footpath signage located in the Jezzine Barracks precinct to acknowledge past US presidents visits to Townsville during the World War 2 period. The signage to be completed in two stages: Stage 1 – Stickers on the footpath. To be completed prior to commencement of Talisman Sabre in June 2023	2.02.23	Ray Holyoak	4.08.23

			Stage 2 – Replacement of stickers with brass plaques.”			
23-2	National Trust – Possible restoration of Castling Memorial Fountain, Anzac Park	2	The Meeting Facilitator to provide the reports to Roger MacCallum and investigate / create a report on the status of the fountain’s current condition, including reviewing the previous recommendation and bring information back to the next committee meeting for a decision.	2.02.23	Meeting Facilitator	4.08.23
23-3	Nick Shailer – Agenda Submissions	2	Committee Recommendation It was MOVED by Nick Shailer, SECONDED by Councillor Kurt Rehbein: “that the Chair, Councillor Kurt Rehbein discuss with the Chief Executive the review and process for transferring of heritage assets.”	4.08.23	Cr Kurt Rehbein	

