



STATE HERITAGE REGISTER COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

6 February 2024 | 9:00 AM – 1:32 PM

Meeting held via Teams videoconference.

ATTENDANCE

State Heritage Register Committee

The Hon. Robyn Parker	Chair
Ms Colleen Morris	Deputy Chair
Dr Stephen Gapps	Member
Dr Wayne Johnson	Member
Dr Brian Lindsay	Member
Ms Lisa Trueman	Member

Apologies

Ms Natalie Vinton	Member
Mr Frank Howarth AM PSM	Alternate Member

Heritage NSW

Mr Matthew Clark	A/Executive Director
Ms Lucy Albani	Director Policy & Strategy
Mr Tim Smith	Director Assessments (<i>item 3.1</i>)
Ms Anna London	A/Director Heritage Programs
Ms Alexandra Boukouvalas	Manager Heritage Programs North
Mr Stuart Read	Senior Heritage Officer (<i>item 2.1</i>)
Ms Rochelle Johnston	Senior Manager Major Projects (<i>item 3.1</i>)
Ms Judith Coombes	Senior Heritage Officer (<i>item 3.1</i>)
Dr Damian Tybussek	Senior Heritage Officer (<i>item 4.1</i>)
Mr David Hoffman	Senior Heritage Officer (<i>item 4.2</i>)
Ms Margot Stuart	Senior Heritage Officer (<i>item 5.1</i>)
Ms Rebecca Newell	Manager Streamlining (<i>item 5.2</i>)
Dr Natalie Blake	A/Manager Program Coordination (<i>item 7</i>)

Approvals Committee (*item 3.1*)

Ian Clarke	Chair
Caitlin Allen	Member
Nicholas Brunton	Member
David Burdon	Member
Vanessa Holtham	Member
Daniele Hromek	Member
David McNamara	Member
Julie Marler	Member
Bruce Pettman	Member

Darren Kong Architects (item 3.1)

Darren Kong	Director/Architect
Vivian Chan	Architectural Assistance

Secretariat

Ms Olgica Lenger	Manager Secretariat
Miss Linda Bugarin	Secretariat Officer

IN-CAMERA SESSION

This item was not minuted.

Item 1. Welcome and Formalities

Chair Robyn Parker opened the meeting at 9:00 AM and delivered an Acknowledgment of Country.

The Committee noted that Natalie Vinton was an apology and a quorum had been met.

Item 1.1 Conflict of Interest Declarations

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the following standing declarations:

- Robyn Parker: 2011-2015 Decisions
- Colleen Morris: National Trust of Australia
- Dr Wayne Johnson: Place Management NSW
- Natalie Vinton: Powerhouse Museum, Ultimo and MLC Building, North Sydney

Item 1.2 Out of Session Decisions

Nil reported.

Item 1.3 Minutes from the Previous Meeting – 4 December 2023

Resolution 2024-01
The State Heritage Register Committee: 1. Confirmed the minutes of the previous ordinary meeting (4 December 2023) as a complete and accurate record of that meeting.
Moved by Brian Lindsay and seconded by Lisa Trueman

Item 1.4 Matters Arising

The State Heritage Register Committee noted that Robyn Parker has been reappointed as Chair, and Colleen Morris has been reappointed as Deputy Chair of the State Heritage Register Committee, for the duration of their term on the Heritage Council.

Item 1.5 Action Report

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report.

Item 2 SHR Nominations – Notice of Intention**Item 2.1 199 Cleveland Street, Redfern – NOI**

The State Heritage Register Committee noted a verbal update on 199 Cleveland Street, Redfern – NOI by Stuart Read.

Key points noted:

- The item was nominated by a former tenant and the listing is supported by the owner.

- Heritage NSW conducted a site visit of the rear premises and noted that the theatre is operational and effective. The owner has offered Heritage NSW an opportunity to revisit the site to view the front premises.
- The Committee discussed the heritage fabric and noted that the building has been greatly modified with changing uses over time. Heritage NSW will draft site specific exemptions (SSE) for discussion with the owner.
- The Committee noted that the owner was invited to present but was unable to attend.
- This item will return to the April SHRC meeting.

The Chair thanked Stuart Read for his presentation and for his hard work on this item.

Resolution 2024-02
<p>The State Heritage Register Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Considers the item known as <i>199 Cleveland Street</i>, Redfern at Lot 3 Deposited Plan 430312, defined in accordance with the curtilage shown at Tab 3.1C of the report, may be of State heritage significance. 2. In accordance with section 33(1)(a) of the <i>Heritage Act 1977</i>, will give each person that it considers to be an affected owner or occupier written notice that it is going to consider whether or not to recommend the listing of the item concerned (<i>a notice of intention to consider listing</i>). 3. In accordance with section 33(1)(b) and section 33(1)(c) of the <i>Heritage Act 1977</i>, within 14 days after notice of intention to consider listing is given, will cause a notice of intention to consider listing to be published in a newspaper circulating in the area in which the item is situated, inviting submissions on the listing, specifying a date as the closing date for the receipt of submissions of 28 days after the publication of the newspaper notice and the manner in which submissions may be made.
Moved by Colleen Morris and seconded by Brian Lindsay

Item 3. External Presentations

Item 3.1 Kwong War Chong Building – Presentation by Darren Kong Architects

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the presentation by Darren Kong Architects on the Kwong War Chong Building.

The Chair welcomed members of the Approval Committee to the presentation and noted that the item is under consideration by the SHRC to determine its heritage significance as part of the NOI listing process. Assessment of the proposed development will follow in due course as a separate process.

Key points noted:

- Architect Darren Kong confirmed the owner's support of the listing and the building's importance to Chinese history in Australia.
- The Committee discussed the importance of moveable heritage being retained within a commercial space to celebrate the significant values of the place and looks forward to discussing this further with Heritage NSW once a record of items is provided.
- The Committee noted that a new development application is under consideration by the City of Sydney with submissions due on 9 February.
- This item will return to the March SHRC meeting.

The Chair thanked Darren Kong Architects for their presentation and the Approvals Committee members for their contribution.

Resolution 2024-03

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. **Notes** the presentation by architect Darren Kong.
2. **Requests** that Heritage NSW liaise with the owner's representatives and City of Sydney to ensure that the most significant elements of the building, interiors and moveable heritage are conserved and appropriately interpreted in the plans for adaptive reuse.
3. **Requests** that Heritage NSW work with the owner's representatives to develop appropriate site specific exemptions.
4. **Requests** that Heritage NSW ask the owner's representative to undertake immediate remedial work to limit current threat of damage to significant fabric.

Moved by Colleen Morris and seconded by Wayne Johnson

Item 4. SHR Nominations – Recommendation to List

Item 4.1 Fitz Roy Iron Works Precinct (and moveable heritage) - RTL

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the presentation by Damian Tybussek on Fitz Roy Iron Works Precinct (and moveable heritage) – RTL.

The Committee noted the updates to the proposed SHR listing, which now includes the blast furnace archaeological site, ironstone cottage and moveable heritage collections. Members also noted late amendments to the recommended SHR curtilage for the blast furnace archaeological site to allow Wingecarribee Shire Council to develop access to Ironmines Oval in the future.

The Chair thanked Damian Tybussek for his presentation.

Resolution 2024-04

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. In accordance with section 33(1)(d) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, has **considered** the submissions received in response to its notice of intention to consider listing and considers the item known as *Fitz Roy Iron Works Precinct (and moveable heritage)* at 3/185 and 197 Old Hume Highway and 42A Bessemer Street, Mittagong satisfies more than one of the approved criteria for determining whether an item is of State heritage significance, being criteria (a), (b), (e), (f), and (g), as detailed in the report at Tab 4.1A of the report.
2. **Recommends** to the Minister, in accordance with sections 32(1) and (2) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, that the Minister **direct** the listing of the item *Fitz Roy Iron Works Precinct (and moveable heritage)* at 3/185 and 197 Old Hume Highway and 42A Bessemer Street, Mittagong on the State Heritage Register, as shown in the plan at Tab 4.1C of the report.
3. In accordance with section 33(1)(e) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, **gives notice** of its decision to persons notified under section 33(1)(a).

4. In accordance with section 57(2) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, **recommends** that the Minister **grant** the site specific exemptions at Tab 4.1D of the report from section 57(1) of the *Heritage Act 1977* in addition to the Heritage Council Standard Exemptions.

Moved by Lisa Trueman and seconded by Stephen Gapps

Item 4.2 Hayden Orpheum Picture Palace – RTL

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report by David Hoffman on the Hayden Orpheum Picture Palace – RTL.

The Committee noted the high number of submissions received indicates the high esteem in which the Orpheum is held by the community. Of 99 submissions received, 98 were in support of the listing or no objection. This includes submissions from North Sydney Council, the member for Willoughby, the National Trust, and the Royal Australian Historical Society.

Heritage NSW has conducted site visits and were regularly communicating with the owners, who have agreed to the negotiated SSEs.

The Chair thanked David Hoffman and Brian Lindsay for their work on this item.

Resolution 2024-05

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. In accordance with section 33(1)(d) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, has **considered** the submissions received in response to its notice of intention to consider listing and considers the item known as Hayden Orpheum Picture Palace (formerly Cremorne Orpheum Theatre) at 380 Military Road, Cremorne, satisfies more than one of the approved criteria for determining whether an item is of State heritage significance, being criteria a, b, c, d, e and f, as detailed in the report at Tab 4.2F.
2. **Recommends** to the Minister, in accordance with sections 32(1) and (2) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, that the Minister **direct** the listing of the item, Hayden Orpheum Picture Palace (formerly Cremorne Orpheum Theatre) at 380 Military Road, Cremorne, on the State Heritage Register, as shown in the plan at Tab 4.2C of the report.
3. In accordance with section 33(1)(e) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, **give notice** of its decision to persons notified under section 33(1)(a).
4. In accordance with section 57(2) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, **recommends** that the Minister **grant** the site specific exemptions at Tab 4.2D of the report from section 57(1) of the Act in addition to the Heritage Council Standard Exemptions.

Moved by Brian Lindsay and seconded by Lisa Trueman

Item 5. Matters for Consideration

Item 5.1 Catherine Hill Bay Cultural Precinct – Amended SSEs

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report on Catherine Hill Bay Cultural Precinct – Amended SSEs by Margot Stuart.

The amended Site Specific Exemptions (SSEs) will simplify the management of the Catherine Hill Bay Cultural Precinct listing and clarify the status of the DCP with residents, developers and council.

The Chair thanked Margot Stuart for her work and presentation.

Resolution 2024-06

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. In accordance with section 57(2) of the *Heritage Act 1977* (the Act), **recommends** that the Minister **grant** the amended site specific exemptions for the item known as *Catherine Hill Bay Cultural Precinct* (SHR 01828) as specified at Tab 5.1A of the report from section 57(1) of the Act in addition to the Heritage Council Standard Exemptions.

Moved by Wayne Johnson and seconded by Colleen Morris

Item 5.2 Minimum Standards for Significance Assessment

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the presentation and participated in the workshop led by Rebecca Newell.

Key points noted:

- The workshop focused on minimum standards for assessing significance to support consistent approaches on research and detail required in assessments including reporting to the State Heritage Register Committee and the Heritage Council.
- Heritage NSW is seeking feedback from the Committee for principles to assist staff during regulatory processes.
- The Committee discussed the importance of comparative analysis (with a focus on rarity) and criteria which succinctly addresses State significance.
- Heritage NSW will continue developing principles for staff to improve capability in this area; and will return to the March SHRC meeting for additional input on best practice methods for owner engagement.

The Chair thanked Rebecca Newell for her presentation and the Committee Members for their contribution to the discussion.

Item 6. Preliminary Assessment of New SHR Nominations**Item 6.1 SHR Nomination – Kembla Fortress – World War II Military Sites**

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report on Kembla Fortress – World War II Military Sites by Anna London.

The Committee noted the proposed nomination is extensive in area, comprising 43 separate sites across the Wollongong area. The condition of these sites varies and many of them contain no remnants of the structures they are being nominated for, or they have been heavily modified.

Resolution 2024-07

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. **Considers** that while the nomination for Kembla Fortress – World War II Military Sites includes sites which may be of State heritage significance, the nomination is not a current priority to progress for listing on the SHR (Tabs 6A and 6B of the report).

Moved by Colleen Morris and seconded by Stephen Gapps

Item 6.2 Newcastle Ocean Baths Complex

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report on Newcastle Ocean Baths Complex by Anna London.

The Committee noted the proposed item is newly renovated and has strong local support.

Members discussed the significance of ocean baths in general and asked for a comparative analysis to support its decision making and as a case study for the SHR process improvements.

Resolution 2024-08

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. **Considers** that Newcastle Ocean Baths may be of State heritage significance and **advises** that the nomination should be progressed to a full assessment (Tab 6C and 6D of the report).

Moved by Lisa Trueman and seconded by Colleen Morris

Lisa Trueman left the meeting at 1:00 PM.

Item 6.3 SHR Nomination – Northwood House and Cottage (SHR #00440)

The State Heritage Register Committee noted that a request has been received to amend the curtilage of Northwood House and Cottage (SHR #00440). This is under assessment and will be presented to the SHRC for consideration in 2024.

Item 7. SHR Listings Monthly Report

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report.

Item 8. SHR Workplan – Mid-financial year update

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report by Alexandra Boukouvalas, including the proposed changes to the FY 2023/24 SHR workplan.

A full list of nominations will be presented at the May SHRC meeting for discussion of the 2024/25 work plan.

The Committee reiterated its role on making recommendations for listings on the State Heritage Register.

Resolution 2024-09

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. **Notes** the reprioritisation of the following nominations from the 2023/34 workplan to the pipeline for delivery in future financial year workplans:
 - Koonenberry Mountain, Packsaddle
 - Meadowvale, Appin
 - Toganmain Woolshed Complex, Coleambally
 - Weilmoringle Station Complex, Weilmoringle.

2. **Determined** that, while the following nominations may be of State heritage significance, they are not a current priority for listing on the State Heritage Register and will not be progressed:
 - Dyraaba Homestead Complex, Dyraaba
 - Homebush Theatre, Homebush.
3. **Notes** the reprioritisation of the following nominations to be included in the current FY 2023/24 workplan:
 - The Powerhouse, Ultimo
 - The Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney.

Moved by Brian Lindsay and seconded by Colleen Morris

Item 9. General Matters

Item 9.1 Forward Agenda

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report.

General

The Committee noted the Heritage NSW Executive Director's report.

Meeting Close

There being no further items of business, the Chair, The Hon. Robyn Parker, closed the meeting at 1:32 PM.



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The Hon. Robyn Parker
Chair, State Heritage Register Committee

Date: 5 March 2024