

HERITAGE COUNCIL OF NSW

RESOLUTIONS – Approvals Committee

Tuesday, 3 September 2024 | 9:00 AM - 12:45 PM

via teleconference

1.1 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Item 2.2 Sydney Football Stadium carpark

Nicholas Brunton declared a perceived conflict of interest noting that he is a member of the Sydney Cricket Ground Heritage Trust. *It was agreed that Dr Brunton may participate in the discussion but will be excluded from any decisions made in relation to this item.*

1.2 Minutes from Previous Meeting – 3 September 2024

Resolution 2024-36

The Heritage Council Approvals Committee:

1. **Confirms** the minutes of the previous ordinary meeting (Tuesday, 6 August 2024), as a complete and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved by David Burdon and seconded by David McNamara

1.3 Out of Session Decisions

Nil

1.4 Matters Arising

Nil

1.5 Action report

The Committee noted the action report.

2.1 Tresco – Integrated Development Application

Resolution 2024-37

The Heritage Council Approvals Committee:

- 1. **Notes** the information provided in the Preliminary Assessment report and attachments.
- 2. **Thanks** the Applicant and the project team for their presentation.
- 3. **Notes** that the current proposal has been informed by the 2022 Conservation Management Plan (not endorsed by Heritage Council), Point Cloud 3D Modelling and 3D view analysis.
- 4. **Agrees** to have this item brought back to the Approvals Committee for determination upon receipt of additional information, including the City of Sydney Heritage Committee's findings and completion of the assessment process.

Moved by Nicholas Brunton and seconded by Caitlin Allen

2.2 Sydney Football Stadium car park (SSD-9835 Mod 7) - Busby's Bore (SHR 00568) unexpected find – pre lodgement consultation

Resolution 2024-38

The Heritage Council Approvals Committee:

- 1. **Thanks** the Applicant and their consultant team for presenting to the Approvals Committee.
- 2. **Notes** that Busby's Bore is a highly significant and rare item of colonial infrastructure, potentially of national significance, that is situated within the proposed carpark site and may require a new consent for the project.
- 3. Considers the attached documents and the presentation from the consultant team.
- 4. **Does not support** Option 2 salvage, remove and interpret the shaft and tunnel, as this would permanently destroy around 3% of Busby's Bore
- 5. **Provides** the following comments to the Applicant regarding this project:
 - i. Consider a redesign option that provides the car space requirements within a different footprint (eg. to the East) that preserves Busby's Bore, shaft and tunnel in its entirety.
 - ii. Option 1 avoids and retains the shaft and tunnel *in situ*, with the loss of 345 carpark spaces from the proposed 1080. It would require complete redesign to meet budget constraints and may also impact on project delivery times. Nevertheless, reduction of the carpark building footprint to avoid and retain the shaft and tunnel *in situ* would be an acceptable heritage outcome.
 - iii. Option 2 completely removes the shaft and tunnel of Busby's Bore spur within the area of impact for construction of the proposed multi-level carpark. Salvage excavation, recording, and heritage interpretation are proposed as mitigation for the removal. Removal of these elements would have a major adverse impact on the significance of Busby's Bore, and is therefore not supported.
 - iv. Option 3 (sub-options 3.1 to 3.5) partially retains the shaft and tunnel *in situ*, with opportunities for the public to view these elements. Support for this option would require further information on its feasibility, accessibility, conservation and longevity.

6. Recommends that:

- i. Option 2, involving the potential complete removal of the shaft and tunnel of Busby's Bore spur within the area of construction impact is not supported.
- ii. Options to completely avoid and retain the shaft and tunnel in situ, while meeting the project objectives and constraints, should be fully explored and considered.
- iii. If complete avoidance and retention of the shaft and tunnel is not possible, development of Option 3 should be undertaken to ensure partial retention, preservation and public access *in situ*.
- iv. The Heritage Council is consulted on revised design options that involve any destruction and interpretation of the Busby Bore shaft and tunnel.

Moved by Julie Marler and seconded by David Burdon

3.1 Varroville (SHR 00737) update

Resolution 2024-39

The Heritage Council Approvals Committee:

- 1. **Notes** the information provided in this paper and the presentation.
- 2. **Notes** that a site visit to the Catholic Cemeteries and Crematoria was held with representative members of the Approvals Committee and Heritage NSW on 30 August 2024.

- 3. **Thanks** the Catholic Cemeteries and Crematoria for their consultation with the Heritage Council of NSW.
- 4. **Continues** to monitor the issues at Varroville.
- 5. **Notes** the two Integrated Development Applications submitted for approval and **supports** Heritage NSW managing these under delegation.

Moved by David McNamara and seconded by Julie Marler

3.2 Guidelines for consideration of assessment matters by the Heritage Council and Approvals Committee – implementation assessment

Resolution 2024-40

The Heritage Council Approvals Committee:

1. **Supports** the updates to the *Guidelines for consideration of assessment matters by the Heritage Council and the Approvals Committee.*

Moved by Caitlin Allen and seconded by Bruce Pettman

4.1 Forward agenda

The Heritage Council Approvals Committee noted the forward agenda.

Meeting Close

There being no items of further business, the Chair, Ian Clarke, closed the meeting at 12:45 PM.

Secretariat Heritage Council of NSW