

Minutes of the Cumberland Heritage Committee Meeting

Committee Rooms 1 and 2 at the Merrylands Service Centre, 16 Memorial Avenue, Merrylands.

Tuesday, 2 July 2019.

- **Site Visit to 10-15 Miller Street, Merrylands (Baby Health Care Centre): 5.00pm**
- **Meeting Start time: 6.00 pm**

Attendance

Heritage Committee Community Members

Name	In Attendance (Yes/No)
Edmund Beebe (EB)	Yes. Left at 7.20 pm
Reno Magro (RM)	Yes
Filomena Molinaro (FM)	Yes
Josephine Moncrieff (JM)	No – Apologies provided
Julie Nixon (JN)	Yes
Janaki Paudel (JP)	No
Cecilia Peralta (CP)	Yes
Greg Skelly (GS)	Yes
Kerryn Stanton (KS)	No – Apologies provided
Dorothy Warwick (DW)	Yes
David Williams	No – Apologies provided

Councillors

Name	In Attendance (Yes/No)
Clr. Garrard	No
Clr. Lake (Chair)	Yes
Clr. Campbell	Yes. Had to leave the meeting at 6.02pm to attend to a personal emergency.

Council Staff

Name	In Attendance (Yes/No)
Monica Cologna (MC)	Yes
Neelam Pradhananga (NP)	Yes
Yee Lian (YL)	Yes

Council Heritage Advisor

Name	In Attendance (Yes/No)
Ron Edgar – FORM Architects (RE)	Yes

Guests

Name	In Attendance (Yes/No)
Stephen Norton (re: Lower Prospect Canal Reserve)	Yes
Michael Brown, Gallery Director and Cultural Services Coordinator, Cumberland Council	Yes

Item 1: Attendance and Apologies

Opened 5.55pm

Apologies were received from Josephine Moncrieff, Kerryn Stanton and David Williams.

Item 2: Confirmation of minutes of meeting held on 12 February 2019 and extraordinary meeting held on 11 June 2019

The Cumberland Heritage Committee (Committee) confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2019 and the extraordinary meeting held on 11 June 2019.

Item 3: Request for National Heritage Listing – Lower Prospect Canal Reserve

A report outlining a request from Mr. Stephen Norton seeking Council's support for his nomination of the Lower Prospect Canal Reserve (Reserve) to the National Heritage List was presented to the Committee. Mr. Norton was also invited to speak to the Committee about his request. He provided a detailed history of how the Lower Prospect Canal Reserve has been protected and actions to date. He also noted that the State government, as the owner, needs to support the nomination of the Reserve on the national heritage list, but they won't progress this until Council's position is known.

Mr Norton is proposing that the whole reserve be listed (i.e. not just the canal).

The Committee reviewed the request submitted by Mr. Norton, the significance of the Lower Prospect Canal Reserve, and the nomination process to list places to the National Heritage List.

Discussion took place about the benefit for the community associated with national listing versus state listing, and acknowledgement was made regarding the cost for Council and the community in pursuing national listing. RE noted that national listing may require the item having had national ownership and national-level activity, e.g. lighthouse, military base, quarantine station. EB questioned whether the engineering is rare and of national significance. Mr Norton indicated it is. RE believes engineering is of national significance (infrastructure heritage). It was also noted that there are 2 endangered plants in the reserve.

RE subsequently outlined how achieving national listing can be difficult in terms of both meeting the criteria as well as the process. A question was raised as to how much threat the area is likely to be under if the Reserve weren't to be listed on the National Heritage List. RE indicated that the area is not very under threat currently. He also indicated that national listing indicates national funding.

RE indicated that a conservation management plan would be required (approx. cost of \$100,000). MC noted there is no budget for this for the FY 2019/2020.

The Committee considered the three levels of support outlined in the report, and strongly supported the nomination in principle. The Committee recommended that this agenda item be reported back to the next committee meeting with information on likely grants available, prior to a recommendation being made to Council.

Item 3: Actions

- MC/NP to inform Mr Norton of the outcome of the Committee meeting.
- Agenda item to be reported to 10 September meeting with information on likely grants available.

Item 4: Update on the display of historic items of the previous councils

Michael Brown, the Gallery Director and Cultural Services Coordinator at Cumberland Council provided an update on the work undertaken to-date. He noted that Council's Gallery and Cultural Services team with the assistance of Library's Local Studies have devised an initial option for the presentation of historical content displaying the political and geographical history of the Cumberland region.

Creating a display at the public customer service area at Merrylands Service Centre was determined the most feasible response. However, there are presently few physical objects that would form a cohesive collection for display cases, so utilising Council's digital and image collections is recommended as an appropriate response to achieve the desired intention of visibility and interpretation of Cumberland's history and heritage.

The proposal is a graphic interpretive sign comprising a collection of maps of the former municipalities of the region (Auburn, Granville, Prospect and Sherwood, and Rookwood) overlaid with a map of Cumberland LGA, and noting key dates. This interpretive signage is proposed for display at Merrylands. This proposed work requires cost of graphic design and signage production, for which estimates are being sought but can be reasonably expected to exceed \$3000. Funding sources are being explored to see this work realised.

Gallery and Cultural Services team are consulting with facilities teams as to the feasibility and availability of space for this display. It should be noted that aesthetic appearance of the Service Centre customer areas needs to be considered prior to any work being displayed.

The Committee was happy with the map idea outlined by MB.

Item 4: Actions

- Gallery and Cultural Services team to provide an update on progress for/at the 10 September 2019 meeting.

Item 5: Update on action items from 12 Feb 2019

An update was provided on the action items from the 12 February 2019 committee meeting.

Item 5: Actions

- Seek an update in early August on the investigations being made by Sydney Trains to relocate the wheel and plaque at Wentworthville Railway Station so both items are positioned together, and on creating contrast between the dark colour of the wheel and the dark background of the wall.
- Provide Clr. Lake a copy of the letter from the Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and Roads.

- Advise library staff about how Clr. Lake is appreciative of the list of books prepared, and invite library staff to speak about the list of books at the next heritage committee meeting on 10 September.
- Advise Community Development that the Committee is very interested in discussions on the Granville library.
- Request a member of the compliance team to attend the 10 September meeting.
- Forward a copy of the Terms of Reference to all members of the Committee.

Item 6: Cumberland Local Heritage Rebate Program 2019

The Committee considered the report presented on the 2019 Cumberland Local Heritage Rebate Program. Technical advice was provided at the meeting by Ron Edgar, heritage advisor.

Since the applications were provided to the Committee, an additional quote was received from 29 Jamieson Street, Granville. Two quotes were received from the same company for 17 Talbot Road, Guildford. Although 12 Fullagar Road, Wentworthville provided links and snapshots of the prices of various products to be used, no formal quote was received. 15-17 Thomas May Place, Westmead and 7 Villiers Street, Merrylands were unable to obtain a second quote.

The following applications were considered, feedback received from the Committee, and recommendations made by the Committee for the funding allocation as listed below:

SN	Address	Quote	Committee Comments	Funding Allocated (AUD)
1	30 Monash Street, Wentworthville	\$6,316.00	Repair and replace deteriorated and damaged weatherboards on a 'like for like' basis. The colour scheme nominated for painting works is appropriate to the period and style of dwelling.	\$ 3,158.00 Subject to submission of information detailing the use of an appropriate weatherboard profile for the cladding on a 'like for like' basis to match original cladding.
2	17 Talbot Road, Guildford	\$8,000.00	Colourbond fence is inappropriate and is not eligible; Quote for fence repairs is not clear on what it includes and what amount would be claimed for the repair of the 'interwar' period brick fence. Painting \$3,520 – this component would be eligible.	\$3,520.00 Details of colours appropriate to the style and character of the 1920s 'interwar' house to be provided. Colours nominated are more typical of Victorian and 'federation' period. For reference: 'Colour Schemes for Australian Houses' – 1915-1930 p93 (Available at Merrylands Library)
3	19 Austral Avenue, Westmead	\$12,250.00	Repairing and stabilizing of footing to arrest cracking of brickwork.	\$ 4,000.00 An engineer's specification would need to be submitted to

				ensure that the work proposed is adequate and appropriate.
4	27 Grimwood Street, Granville	\$7,700.00	<p>Replace/repair cladding (timber must be 'like for like'). Weathertex will not be considered an appropriate heritage outcome.</p> <p>Some cladding on the house appears to be an original weatherboard cladding profile contemporary to the age and style of the house. But, some of it seems to be Weathertex cladding on newer walls (?). Weathertex is not considered an appropriate cladding for the maintenance of heritage objectives that is the purpose of the rebate program. However, the rebate could be justified if a 'like for like' weatherboard cladding were to be used.</p>	Provisional allocation of \$4,000.00 subject to submission of information detailing the use of an appropriate weatherboard profile for the cladding on a 'like for like' basis to match original cladding.
5	29 Jamieson Street, Granville	\$990.00	Reinstate dentil details to verandah fascia.	\$495.00
6	7 Daniel Street, Granville	\$43,475.00	<p>Replace deteriorated roof tiling.</p> <p>Requires development consent and a Heritage Impact Statement to justify change of finish from shingles to Marseille pattern tile.</p> <p>Applicant appears to have had some consultation with Patrick O'Carrigan & Partners – architects and heritage consultants who would be able to provide guidance.</p>	\$4,000 Rebate to be awarded conditionally on approval of the development application supported by appropriate heritage advice to mitigate choice of tiling.
7	15-17 Thomas May Place, Westmead	\$10,405.00	<p>Electrical upgrade – does not meet criteria of providing a heritage outcome.</p> <p>Painting work has already been completed.</p>	Not awarded
8	32 Walter Street, Granville	\$2,800.00	Reinstatement of lattice verandah screens – applicant advised by Terry Kass	\$1,400.00

9	8 Spring Garden Street, Granville	\$3,745.00	House within a Conservation Area – not an item. Replacement of rotting 'post and rail' timber fence with timber picket fence appropriate to period of house and streetscape. Photographs of 2 fence types and specifications submitted but note that colorbond metal fencing would not be considered appropriate for the granting of a heritage rebate.	\$1,872.50 Subject to submission of detail of preferred fence proposed
10	57 John Street, Granville	\$16,500.00	Although works have already commenced, Committee approved funding.	\$4,000.00
11	6 Jamieson Street, Granville	\$3,743.00	Replacement of front fence in style compatible with the building's period.	\$1,871.50
12	55 Kerrs Road, Lidcombe	\$2,997.00	Replace guttering 'like for like' to maintain original character.	\$1,498.00
13	7 Villiers Street, Merrylands	\$1,440.00	Replace guttering 'like for like' to maintain original character.	\$720.00
14	12 Fullagar Road, Wentworthville	\$6,000.00	Replace front fence proposal. Not eligible as fence proposed not compatible with heritage, character and inter-war style of house. Would be eligible with compatible fence. A rebate may be allowable should the applicant replace the selection nominated in their application with one appropriate to the character of the Conservation Area.	Not awarded, Council will be able to advise as to the selection of a more appropriate style of fence (e.g. timber, low rail style of fence) to assist the applicant in amending their application or applying in 2020. Refer to page 397 of the Holroyd Development Control Plan 2013 for fence types – Interwar Housing. Or check with the local history librarian at Merrylands for early photos of Fullagar Road that show original fences. A rebate may be allowable should the applicant replace the selection nominated in their application with one appropriate to the character of the Conservation Area.
15	20 Fullagar Road, Wentworthville	\$1,300.00 to \$1,500.00	Use of putty to fix up a rusting roof. The work appears to have	Provisionally awarded \$750 for a more durable outcome. Council's Heritage Advisor is

			a degree of urgency as protracted delays could allow the ingress of water and cause more substantial damage to the verandah roof framing and supports.	concerned that the work proposed would be a 'temporary fix' and that the money would be more effectively spent on replacing the roofing.
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Item 7: Cumberland Local Heritage Awards 2019

The Committee considered the report presented on the 2019 Cumberland Local Awards.

The Committee judged the entries for all six categories, and the following winners and runner-ups were decided:

<i>Entries</i>	<i>Committee Comments</i>	<i>Outcome</i>
Category 1 – Best Maintained Heritage Property		
8-12 Miller Street, Merrylands - Baby health care centre, circa 1947 (Listed in the Holroyd LEP as 10-15 Miller Street, Merrylands)		Award/s were agreed on by the Committee.
20 Fullagar Road – Inter-war bungalow		
Category 2 – Restoration and Development (including Adaptive Reuse)		
8-12 Miller Street, Merrylands - Baby health care centre, circa 1947 (Listed in the Holroyd LEP as 10-15 Miller Street, Merrylands)		Award/s were agreed on by the Committee.
Category 3 – Historesearch: Researching our local history.		
DW declared an interest and left the meeting for the discussion of this item, and took no part in the decision.		
Entry 1 – Cottages on Greystanes Estate – including on Tree Hill Cottage	Both good entries, both meet the criteria.	Award/s were agreed on by the Committee.
Entry 2 – The Prospect and Sherwood Soldier's Memorial		
Category 4 – Keeper of the Stone (Children's Heritage Award)		
Division 1 (Kindergarten to Grade 2)		
	Winner	Entry 9
	Runner-up	Entry 14
	Runner-up	Entry 16
	Runner-up	Entry 18 (1st runner up)

Division 2 (Grade 3 to Grade 4)		
	Winner	Entry 2
	Runner-up	Entry 1
	Runner-up	Entry 13
	Runner-up	Entry 14
Keeper of the Stone		Winner: Entry 2 (Grade 3 to Grade 4)
Category 5 – Writing Competition		
Entry 1 – Kakadu National Park		Award/s were agreed on by the Committee.
Entry 2 – Connecting People and Places (Past and Present)		
Entry 3 – The Day of the Attack		
Entry 4 – Tree		
Category 6 – Artwork Competition		
Entry 1 – Uniting Pencils		Award/s were agreed on by the Committee.
Entry 2 – Auburn Gallipoli Mosque		
Entry 3 – Auburn Gallipoli Mosque		
Entry 4 – Uluru (Ayers Rock)		
Entry 5 – Local Places – My School History		
Entry 6 – Local Places – My School History		
Entry 7 – Local Places – My School History		
Entry 8 – Local Places – My School History		

Item 7: Actions

- The Committee to report the winners and runner-ups to the Director, Environment and Planning for confirmation.

Item 8: Updating and Publishing Liberty Plains

Agenda item carried over from previous meetings.

The Committee requested for Council library staff to prepare a list of books on the built history of the Cumberland LGA. A list has been prepared by the library staff and was circulated as an attachment to the action items from the heritage committee meeting on 12 February 2019. Should the Committee require library staff to be invited, this can be arranged for the 10 September 2019 meeting.

Clr. Campbell to contact Terry Kass to identify how the Liberty of Plains book could be updated (carry over action from previous meeting).

Item 8: Actions

- Carry over this agenda item to the next meeting.
- Councillor Campbell to contact Terry Kass

Item 9: Other Matters

A report prepared by the Auburn Heritage Sub-Committee on the former Lidcombe Post Office at 1A Taylor Street, Lidcombe was forwarded to the Committee for its consideration. The report considered the earlier report Council prepared and presented to the Extraordinary Cumberland Heritage Committee meeting on 11 June 2019.

Item 9: Actions

- Carry over this agenda item to the next meeting.

Item 10: Next Meeting

The next meeting for the Cumberland Heritage Committee will take place at 6.30pm on **Tuesday, 10 September 2019** at the Holroyd Centre, 17 Miller Street, Merrylands. The Cumberland Local Heritage Awards Ceremony will be held at the same venue from 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

Further details will be emailed to the Committee closer to the date.

The meeting closed at 8.23 pm.