

Minutes

Heritage Advisory Committee

Date: Monday 24 July 2017, Richmond and Burnley Historical Society

Time: 6pm – 8pm

Chair: Councillor Stephen Jolly

Attendance: Cr Stephen Jolly (SJ), Lucinda Owen (LO), Angela Zivkovic (AZ), David Langdon (DL), Cr Jackie Fristacky (JF), Louise Elliot (not a HAC member, was there as an observer), Fiona Bell (FB), David Walmsley (DW), Ian Wight (IW), Cr James Searle (JS), Margaret O'Brien (MO'B), Greg Spark (GS), Janet Taylor (JT), Amanda Haycox (AH), Amruta Pandhe (Council Urban Designer), Hayley McNichol (Council Urban Designer).

Apologies: Anne Holmes, Paul Beekman, Jill Anwyl

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<p>1. <u>Declarations of conflicts of interest</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>	
<p>2. <u>Adoption of previous minutes – 22 May 2017</u></p> <p>Greg Spark attended the last meeting but his attendance wasn't recorded. Minutes accepted with the addition of Greg's name to the attendance register.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Presentation from Amruta Pandhe and Hayley McNichol from Council's Urban Design Department</u></p> <p>Hayley and Amruta made a presentation about urban design and built form principles which will form the basis of Design and Development Overlays (DDOs) and structure plans to control development in activity centres.</p> <p><u>Questions arising:</u></p> <p>IW: What is happening to plans for Swan Street? DW advised that Swan St is ahead of plans for Brunswick/Smith Streets and Bridge Road/Victoria Street. Work has progressed as different stages and Swan Street is more advanced. We are trying to present the same methodology for all activity centres.</p> <p>MO'B: How is it decided what the footprint will be? Activity centres are prime sites for residential development which devalues older centres. Heritage has been discounted Eg Coles in Smith Street. Consolidation of sites leads to new dominant buildings. CMPs should be requested to assess impact on heritage – a useful tool but resource intensive. Does Council have the relevant expertise?</p> <p>LO: East end of Swan Street has been given over to development but it is important to see it as part of a precinct. No emphasis on landscaping, such areas have been given over to car sales.</p> <p>GS: Important that heritage streetscapes remain as retail centres. Don't let residential dominate them. The 20 min neighbourhood will be lost as businesses are forced to move out. Use better materials, avoid facadism.</p> <p>SJ: Officers have outlined what they will do. It will come to Councillors for a decision. Want to protect shopping strips. Mandatory heights approved in Upper Ferntree</p>	

<p>Gully although Council opposed it but residents pushed for them. We don't have them in Yarra. Development in Bridge Road is awful. When the matter comes before Council, he urges HAC members and others to attend and make comment.</p> <p>JT: Where is Heritage Policy up to? DW advised AH was working on it. There has been work done on former industrial buildings and the built form work is helping guide the policy in activity centres.</p> <p>JF: Planning scheme rewrite will come to Council in Dec. When will it come to HAC? No HAC meeting planned for end of year. Can there be a special meeting to look at the heritage policy? There was support for this idea.</p>	
<p>4. <u>Presentation by David Langdon from Richmond and Burnley Historical Society</u></p> <p>David made a presentation about the extensive work of the society and the nature of the requests for information received.</p> <p><u>Comments arising:</u></p> <p>JF/LO: Things that integrate societies are important and should be provided by new developments eg meeting rooms at GTV9, community public spaces.</p> <p>GS: All the information at the Society is fantastic, should it be in a better building. DL advised society is very happy with its accommodation.</p> <p>MO'B: Can the Society charge people for the information provided? DL advised they are working on a strategy for that next year.</p> <p>GS: When a CMP is prepared, does a copy end up at the Society? JF supported the idea and suggested a motion: That when a CMP is prepared in support of a permit application, a copy is sent to the relevant historical society when a decision is made on the application.</p> <p>LO: On some projects there is an interpretation plan which can be watered down. SJ suggested the item be moved to next meeting due to time constraints.</p>	<p><u>Action</u></p> <p>Motion regarding CMPs being sent to historical society to be included in delegate report.</p> <p>Include interpretation plan on next agenda.</p>
<p>5. <u>Heritage Strategy implementation</u></p> <p><u>Oral histories</u></p> <p>AH advised that the TOR had been finalised and tenders called. Consultant to be appointed shortly. Project is not to do oral histories but rather identify what oral histories already exist and in what format and identify gaps for future work. MO'B asked if TOR could be circulated.</p> <p><u>Calendar of events</u></p> <p>AH advised of transcription of calendar events from last meeting still to be circulated to members for update. Will be circulated shortly.</p> <p><u>Walks</u></p> <p>We have had four responses from HAC members re walks. AH will work with Council's Economic Development team to update the maps. We will begin with the maps we have received and work out the best format. Should have a batch ready before the end of the year and will continue with the remainder next year.</p>	<p><u>Action</u></p> <p>AH to circulate Oral History TOR with minutes.</p> <p>AH to compile lists of events and email to members.</p> <p>HAC members to update list of events.</p> <p><u>Action</u></p> <p>AH to update implementation strategy and circulate</p>

<p>6. <u>Heritage Training</u></p> <p>JT: Training is outlined in the Heritage Strategy and is important for both strategic and statutory planners as we want our decision makers well informed. Three prong approach suggested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stock take to identify heritage qualifications of Yarra planners • Request heritage qualifications and experience when advertising positions • Offer in house training <p>JS: we need to consider what objectives we are to be achieved by sending staff on heritage training and the practicalities of implementation.</p> <p>AH: Has attended PLANET heritage course with Ray Tonkin. Excellent course but not sure Yarra specific training would be more useful.</p> <p>Resolved to form a subcommittee comprising JS, MO'B, JT, IW to discuss the matter and report back at next HAC meeting.</p>	<p><u>Action</u></p> <p>Subject to be included on next agenda</p>
<p>7. <u>HAC review</u></p> <p>DW: Four submissions were received from members in response to HAC review. No one challenged recommendations, rather commented on specifics. AH circulated summary of members' comments.</p> <p>MO'B: Heritage priorities and accountability show HAC should be properly resourced.</p> <p>JT: What are the implications if Council agrees to renew HAC at Aug meeting? Will the revised committee be in place to consider the heritage policy?</p> <p>DW: We will check with governance to see if we can have interim arrangements to allow for heritage policy review.</p>	<p><u>Action:</u></p> <p>AH to speak with governance about additional meeting after current HAC term expires.</p> <p>AH to update Council report to ensure members' views are put to Council and to update recommendation in support of interim arrangements.</p>
<p>8. <u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>Monday 25 September 2017</p> <p>6pm-8pm</p> <p>Labour Room, Collingwood Town Hall</p> <p>Request for special meeting to consider heritage policy to be added to meeting schedule.</p>	