

# Minutes

## Heritage Advisory Committee

Date: Tuesday, 14.09.2021 (Microsoft Teams Meeting)

Councillors: Co- Chaired by Cr. Bridgid O'Brien (BOB) and Councillor Edward Crossland (EC)

Attendance: Alexis Arrowsmith (AAr), Greg Chenhall (GC), Ian Wight (IW), Janet Taylor (JT), Jeffrey Atkinson (JA), Laura Campbell (LC), Malcolm MacDonald (MM), Terence Nott (TN), Ivan Gilbert (IG) - Group Manager, CEO's Office, City of Yarra (CoY), Richa Swarup (RS) - Sr. Advisor City Heritage, CoY.

Apologies: Kirsteen Thomson (KT), Nina Tory-Henderson (NTH), Ursula Chandler (UC).

Guest Attendance: Althena Davidson (AD), Manager City Strategy CoY, Joy Saunders (JS), Senior Project Officer, Retail, Tourism and Marketing, CoY

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<p>1. <u>Welcome</u></p> <p>BOB welcomed all and stated the meeting with the Statement of Recognition of Wurundjeri Land.</p>	
<p>2. <u>Minutes of the previous HAC meeting:</u></p> <p>The minutes of the HAC meeting of 13.07.2021 were adopted unanimously.</p>	<p><b><u>Actions</u></b></p> <p><i>No specific action needed.</i></p>
<p>3. <u>Introducing Manager Strategic Planning</u></p> <p>BoB introduced the Manager City Strategy (Strategic Planning) – Althena Davidson. Members welcomed her.</p>	<p><b><u>Actions</u></b></p> <p><i>No specific action needed.</i></p>
<p>4. <u>Actions arising from the previous meetings:</u></p> <p>Paint controls in heritage areas: RS informed that she had forwarded the link of the Council report on the above subject to the HAC members by email which provides details about the current controls, the process and constraints if the paint controls were to be introduced to existing heritage precincts. HAC members agreed that it will be difficult to introduce paint controls in already listed residential heritage precincts, however the need to introduce paint controls was pointed out for heritage precincts of commercial strips (where there are no paint controls currently- such as Gertrude Street), to protect the heritage character of the precincts with high visitation. It was discussed that future strategic work in commercial/ mixed use areas with significant heritage should also consider aspects of paint controls so that appropriate guidance on suitability of paint controls can be considered as a part of the overall work. A separate study just on paint controls was considered time and resource consuming. HAC therefore recommended that:</p>	<p><b><u>Action</u></b></p> <p><i>That HAC Delegate's report include HAC's recommendation about paint controls on heritage precincts.</i></p>

<p>Council in its submission to WHEA Strategy Plan requests for a guidance on paint controls along Gertrude Street (west of Brunswick Street).</p>	
<p>5. <u>New planter boxes on selected properties along Gertrude Street</u>          JS presented the project proposal and design for installation of new planter boxes on selected properties, along Gertrude Street as a pilot project to address the current issue of graffiti/tagging of walls. She also explained that the Planter boxes will be attached to walls. Since the plants will grow in boxed they will keep the wall from attracting moisture.</p> <p>HAC appreciated the idea of introducing greening through planter boxes and expressed their support for this pilot project.</p>	<p><b>Action</b></p> <p><i>No specific action needed.</i></p>
<p>6. <u>Fairfield Park- amphitheatre, kiosk and pavilion</u></p> <p>TN presented a paper on Fairfield Park, Fairfield regarding a concern about the potential threat to the following buildings located within the park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amphitheatre and Kiosk (1985 and 1986). Previously referred to as the Northcote Amphitheatre.</li> <li>• The Pavilion (1987-88) (Recently referred to as the River Pavilion)</li> </ul> <p>He informed about the Heritage Council Victoria's process that is currently on for consideration of the ED Heritage Victoria's recommendations and submissions by the community members on the heritage significance of these properties. He identified an urgent need for the Council to undertake a heritage study to provide heritage protection to these buildings. He also informed that the current Statement of Significance (SoS) is based on the landscape citation which mentions the "recent amphitheatre complex" but there is no direct mention of the River Pavilion.</p> <p>He also informed that the Porter shed has been moved from the Gas Fuel site to the Fairfield Park which also should be a part of the heritage overlay.</p> <p>He made recommendations listed below. HAC endorsed his recommendations and requests Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That Council clarify the existing status of protection to these buildings;</li> <li>• If the Heritage Council of Victoria (HCV) do not include these buildings on the State register then Council should protect the buildings from demolition, urgently undertake a heritage study, establish the heritage significance of these buildings and as necessary, revise the SoS and HO.</li> <li>• That Council should also take necessary steps to have the Heritage Victoria amend the heritage database and SoS relating to the location of the portable building, known as the Porter Building, that has been relocated from the Gas and Fuel site to the Fairfield Park at the east end of the sporting oval.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action</b></p> <p><i>That HAC Delegate's report include HAC's recommendation to Council for undertaking a further heritage study to establish local heritage significance if HCV determines to not include the buildings in the VHR.</i></p>
<p>7. <u>Real estate agents to include owner obligations in heritage overlays</u></p>	<p><b>Action</b></p>

<p>The item was deferred to the next meeting.</p>	<p><i>That RS include this item in the next HAC meeting's agenda.</i></p>
<p>8. <u>Heritage Strategy implementation</u></p> <p>HAC discussed the Heritage Strategy implementation progress, outstanding actions and resources required to implement the Strategy.</p> <p>HAC unanimously endorsed the need for creation of two additional regular- full-time positions in Heritage Unit, starting 2022 to enable implementation of the Heritage Strategy and all the outstanding actions within the Strategy time frame. HAC advocated that Council be advised of their recommendation to make appropriate budgetary allocation for new positions in the financial year 2022 -23 onwards.</p>	<p><b><u>Action</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>That HAC Delegate report include HAC advise to Council regarding new resources required.</i></li> <li>• <i>That IG/RS prepare the budget bids for the new resources.</i></li> </ul>
<p>9. <u>Updates:</u></p> <p>RS provided an update on following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yarra Community Awards-Heritage Category</li> <li>• Brunswick Street Oval Precinct Redevelopment</li> <li>• Yarra's Parklet Programme Draft Guidelines <a href="#">Yarra's Parklet Program – DRAFT Policy and Design Guidelines</a></li> <li>• Heritage Management Plan for Dights Mill</li> <li>• Queens Parade Shopping Precinct's Hearing</li> <li>• Amendment C270</li> <li>• Proposed amendments to the registration of Former Fairlea Women's Prison (VHR H1552 Yarra Bend Road, Fairfield)</li> <li>• World Heritage Environs Area Strategy Plan</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Action</u></b></p> <p><i>That RS provide a copy of final draft Heritage Management Plan on Dights Mill to HAC members.</i></p>
<p>10. <u>Dates for forward meetings:</u></p> <p>RS informed that there is going to be a change in the date of November meeting and that she will inform the members about the new meeting date by email.</p>	<p><b><u>Action</u></b></p> <p><i>That RS inform the HAC members about the new meeting date by email</i></p>