



Minutes

Heritage Advisory Committee

Date: Wednesday, 26.04.2023

Venue/Mode: Microsoft Teams

Councillors: - Cr Bridgid O'Brien (BOB)- Chair,) Cr Michael Glynatsis

Attendance: Alexis Arrowsmith (AAr), Graeme Butler (GB), Eleni Courvisanos (ECo), Ian Wight (IW), Jeffrey Atkinson (JA), Kristianna Scheffel (KS), Kirsteen Thomson (KT), Leo John Showell (LS), Malcolm MacDonald (MM), Richa Swarup (RS) - Principal Advisor City Heritage, CoY.

Apologies: Cr Edward Crossland (EC), Greg Chenhall (GC), Robert Crawford (RC), Ursula Chandler (UC).

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<p>1. <u>Acknowledgement, Welcome and Apologies</u></p> <p>BoB started the meeting with the committee acknowledging the Statement of Recognition of Wurundjeri Land.</p> <p>HAC noted apologies (as stated above).</p>	<p><u>Action</u></p> <p><i>No action required.</i></p>
<p>2. <u>Minutes of the previous HAC meeting 01.03.2023 and actions arising</u></p> <p>HAC unanimously adopted the minutes of the previous HAC meeting of <u>01.03.2023</u>.</p> <p><i>Actions arising:</i> Following were the pending actions from the previous meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delegates' reports for the previous meetings: HAC noted that delegates' report for 19.12.2023 and 01.03.2023 HAC meetings have not been submitted. Members emphasised about the urgency of these reports as it had included HAC's advice to Council on the priority actions for 2023-24 and onwards and its recommendations to the Council on other matters. <p>BoB informed that she would be providing a Delegates report for this meeting and would include matters raised in the previous meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Process chart on planning proposals- including consideration of heritage advice. <p>RS informed that she will be working with the Statutory Planning Unit and seeking a process chart on planning proposals' assessments, and consideration of heritage matters and advice during the decision-making process.</p>	<p><u>Action</u></p> <p><i>That</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>HAC Delegates' report for this meeting covering the matters of previous meetings be submitted to the Council.</i> <i>RS ask Stat Planning Unit regarding planning proposal assessment, heritage referrals and consideration of heritage advice during the decision-making process.</i>

<p>3. <u>Presentation by Kristianna Scheffel</u></p> <p>KS presented to HAC on the topic of Cultural Heritage Interpretation. She provided aspects that need to be a part of planning for heritage interpretation in council's context. These included,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motivational, • Goal/purpose/reasoning • Audience • Storey/Theme <p>She also suggested that there should be a municipal wide interpretation strategy. She cited some of the examples of places in York, Western Australia and New South Wales that were successful in branding of different precincts and places.</p> <p>HAC noted that Yarra's Heritage Strategy action 26 relates to preparation of interpretation strategies. Progressing such work will also implement the above-mentioned Heritage Strategy action.</p> <p>HAC appreciated her presentation and recommended that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interpretation projects should be a priority for Yarra's Heritage budget. • Opportunities should be explored to link it with Council Asset redevelopment and management projects and precinct frameworks. • RS should discuss incorporation of site interpretation strategies with buildings and assets unit's projects. AA and IW noted that this should be a primary consideration in Yarra's placemaking framework and projects and as it would be consistent with Heritage Strategy key directions and goals. <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"Our heritage is important to us and will be protected through a robust management framework that encourages heritage as a primary consideration in all elements of planning and placemaking."</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"YCC diversifies its means of promoting heritage to ensure the widest reach within the community."</i></p>	<p><u>Action</u></p> <p><i>That RS discusses heritage interpretation opportunities with relevant Council units.</i></p>
<p>4. <u>Updates</u></p> <p>RS provided updates on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGBTIQ+ Heritage Study: Consultants are currently undertaking targeted consultations. They have programmed to provide an initial draft by June/July which will be finalised in early part of the next budget year. • World Heritage Management Plan and WHEA Strategy Plan Update –Steering Committee for the management of REB and CG World Heritage site is currently reviewing the submissions and any modifications needed to the WHMP. Also, that the WHEA Strategy Plan Hearing by HCV is scheduled to start on 15 June. 	<p><u>Action</u></p> <p><i>That RS includes an amount in the budget bid from next year onwards for Yarra's regular participation in the Australian Heritage Festival</i></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gas lamp pole part reinstallation/reinstatement at the Scotchmer Street/ Nicholson Street corner – RS mentioned that the local members of the previous HAC have visited the site and have provided their advice on the matter. She further informed that the design for the Nicholson/Scotchmer intersection is under preparation by the relevant section of the Council and will be ready for review in June, with construction likely programmed for Q4 23/24 (subject to the budget availability). • Heritage and tram stop upgrades- Department of Transport and Planning is discussing the options for potential tram stop upgrades near Gas Works site and Route 86. RS will be providing advice on the heritage aspects. • Linear Park Masterplan Plan: RS informed that the masterplan for Linear Park is currently under preparation. A CMP was prepared last year. JF and Terry Nott (a previous HAC member) have had discussions with the consultant and have provided their feedback. • Yarra’s participation in Australian Heritage Festival: RS informed that Yarra’ Heritage Walk page that includes 11 heritage walks is being promoted as a part of this programme. 	
<p>5. <u>Heritage Strategy and Budget</u></p> <p>HAC reminded that they have discussed the priority projects in the previous two meetings and as discussed under item 2 above they would like that a Delegates report advising Council about HAC’s priorities for the budget considerations for year 2023-24 needs to be submitted urgently.</p> <p>BoB informed that Council’s draft budget has been advertised and there is an opportunity for the community to make individual submissions.</p> <p>RS informed that she is planning to prepare a Council report in July/ August to update the Council on the implementation of Yarra’s Heritage Strategy.</p>	<p><u>Action</u></p> <p><i>That Delegates’ reports are submitted so that Council is aware of the HAC’s priority for projects for the next year.</i></p>
<p>6. <u>Other Matters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GB informed that the condition of the Royal Exhibition Building (REB) interior is deteriorating and enquired if Yarra as a member of the Steering Committee can pursue the matter for its restoration. • RS confirmed that she is representing City of Yarra on the Steering Committee for the management of REB and CG world heritage site, and she will raise the matter in the next Steering Committee meeting. • GB also informed the committee that he has provided his feedback on Brunswick Street Heritage Walk to Louise Elliot. 	<p><u>Action</u></p> <p><i>That RS notes to pursue the matter regarding REB with the Steering Committee.</i></p>

7. Future meeting days, mode and agenda items

RS informed that a tentative schedule of future meeting dates has been provided to the members of the HAC. There was a discussion on whether the meeting could take place on Monday as Wednesday was not suitable to some members. RS Also suggested that if on Wednesday the meeting can start at 6:30 if that suits members better. No particular issues were raised about having meetings on Monday or starting it slightly late on Wednesday.

BoB suggested that in the case of in person meetings, some of the meetings could also be organised at Collingwood or Fitzroy.

RS requested that members inform their unavailability during specific periods. She further requested that members email her any items for the next HAC meeting.

LS informed that he is collecting photos and may make a presentation on good and bad examples in the next meeting.

Actions

That

- *RS emails the next meeting date to the members.*
- *HAC members inform RS about their unavailability during specific periods.*
- *HAC members send agenda items for the next meeting to RS.*