

# OBERON COUNCIL

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**Committee Members Present:** Councillor Clive McCarthy (in the Chair); Acting Director of Development, Mr Mark Dicker; Cr Ian Doney; Susan Loudon; Peter Dove; Brenda Doney and Iain McPherson

**Observers:** Mr Ian Davis and Mr David McKibbin and Development Control Admin Officer, Janet Bailey

## Apologies:

Moved: Ian Doney  
Second: Iain McPherson

That the apologies be received from the Acting General Manager Mr Alan McCormack, Mr Christo Aitken, Mr Ewen Stewart and Director of Development, Mr Gary Wallace.

Carried

## Declarations Of Interest

Nil

## Agenda Items

### Letter of Resignation

Council has received a letter of resignation from Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway group delegate to the Heritage Committee, Mrs Margaret Connors.

Moved Ian Doney  
Second Iain McPherson

That the letter of resignation from Mrs Margaret Connors be accepted.

Carried.

Moved Ian Doney  
Second Clive McCarthy

That Mr Ian Davis be accepted as the new representative from the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway Group.

Carried.

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## Lindlegreen Update

A structural engineers report from Garth Dean of Calare Civil has been distributed to members of the committee providing a list of options and outcomes (including the engineers estimated costs for each option) for the preservation of the Cobb Barn on the property Lindlegreen, O'Connell.

The options provided by the Consultants report were discussed by the committee and resolved that:

Moved: Ian Doney  
Second: Iain McPherson

That the report from Garth Dean of Calare Civil Consulting Engineers on the preservation of the Cobb Barn at Lindlegreen O'Connell be accepted, with the following additional action.

Carried

Moved: Iain McPherson  
Second: Sue Loudon

As a result of the options tabled the Heritage Committee sought a resolution to ask Mr Christo Aitken in conjunction with the current owner Mrs Ashelford to prepare an application to have the Cobb Barn at Lindlegreen O'Connell listed as a State Heritage item.

Carried

Moved: Iain McPherson  
Second: Brenda Doney

The Director of Development Mr Gary Wallace in conjunction with Council's Heritage advisor Mr Christo Aitken will obtain costing's for some of the restoration work mentioned in the Calare civil report that may halt further deterioration of the Cobb Barn at O'Connell. The committee could provide assistance with volunteers.

Carried

## Heritage Signs

All construction work for establishing the three Heritage signs at O'Connell, Black Springs and Burruga have been completed.

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Brenda Doney had previously presented to the committee information on the history of O'Connell that may be included on the O'Connell sign.

As a consequence of additional information being sought Brenda is now going to have another look at all the information that she has been able to collate and indicated that she will present the final draft to the next committee meeting.

Brenda reminded the committee that it is important that all three signs have some sort of continuity. Currently there are no funds available for the sign writing and the committee may need to look at cheaper options to have the signs completed.

## **Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith Sign**

The Sign depicting the landing of Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith has been erected at the Oberon High School in conjunction with the schools principal Mr David Scott, however the date of the landing on the sign is incorrect. It is noted that the correct date is the 6 March 1921.

Ian Doney felt that it was important that the sign reflects the correct date of Sir Charles Kingsford Smith landing in Oberon and every effort should be made to have this rectified.

As a result it was considered that:

Moved Sue Loudon  
Second Brenda Doney

The Director of Development will investigate options to correct the date on the sign that depicts the landing of Sir Charles Kingsford Smith in Oberon.

Carried.

A report will be tabled at the next available Heritage Committee meeting.

## **Code of Conduct training for 355 Committee Members**

Acting Director of Development, Mr Mark Dicker advised that the Code of Conduct training will be undertaken at the next committee meeting. The training should only take around 15 minutes and is open to all committee members.

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## Business Arising

### Gingkin Papers

General discussion was held regarding the collation of these documents and the fact that Council had contributed funds to the recording and copying of these papers and there is still no copy available at the Library or Council office.

Moved           Iain Doney  
Second         Iain McPherson

The Director of Development will follow up with Phillipa Gemmell-Smith on the 'Gingkin Papers' to ensure a copy is made available at the Oberon Library.

Carried

## GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr Iain McPherson presented to the committee two brochures that he would like Council to print copies of the brochures and allow them to be made available for distribution at the Visitors Information Centre.

The first brochure gives a history of the Coxs Road through the Oberon Council Local Government area and the second depicts the history of the O'Connell Anzac Memorial Avenue of trees.

Moved           Iain McPherson  
Second         Brenda Doney

That the Heritage Committee recommends to Council that the brochure depicting the history of the Coxs road through the Oberon Council area be accepted and seeks promotion through the Visitors Information Centre with financial support from Council for the printing and distribution of the brochure.

Carried

Moved           Iain McPherson  
Second         Iain Doney

That the Heritage Committee recommends to Council that the brochure depicting the history of the O'Connell Anzac Memorial Avenue of trees be accepted and seeks promotion through the Visitors Information Centre with financial support from Council for the printing and distribution of the brochure.

Carried

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## Land Use Strategy

Mr Ewen Stewart had previously asked that some old buildings at Burruga be listed as possible locally identified Heritage items.

Mr Mark Dicker Acting Director of Development advised that The Land Use Strategy is on public exhibition and as of today's date he was not aware of any submissions submitted to Council regarding potential Burruga heritage items.

## St Aiden's Church

Mr Peter Dove has confirmed that the church at Black Springs will stay and that the Bishop plans to hold a service at least once a month. The Black Springs Progress Association is happy to assist with the church maintenance and repairs.

## Heritage Sign at O'Connell

Councillor Clive McCarthy expressed his appreciation on behalf of the Heritage Committee to Sue Loudon for the donation of the iron for the roof of the recently installed heritage sign at O'Connell.

## Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Heritage Committee will be held on Monday, 26 March 2012, commencing at 5.00pm at the Oberon Council Chambers

This concluded the business and the meeting rose at 6.05 pm.

After the meeting Councillor Ian Doney opened St Thomas Anglican Church and invited all members to inspect this historic building which allowed everyone to appreciate the wonderful workmanship behind its construction.

Confirmed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2012

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