

**MINUTES OF HERITAGE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
31 OCTOBER 2011**

Committee Members Present: Councillor Clive McCarthy (in the Chair); Director of Development, Mr Gary Wallace; Council's Heritage Advisor Mr Christo Aitken; Susan Loudon; Peter Dove; Ewen Stewart; Margaret Connors; Barbara Doney and Phillipa Gemmell-Smith.

APOLOGIES

Moved: Peter Dove
Second: Philippa Gemmell-Smith

That the apologies be received for non-attendance of the General Manager Leanne Mash, Laurie McMahon, Councillor Ian Doney and Ian McPherson

Carried

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

AGENDA ITEMS

Lindlegreen Update

Gary Wallace, Christo Aitken and Structural Engineering Consultant Garth Dean, visited the property known as Lindlegreen on 10 October 2011. Council had previously allocated \$1,000 towards a report from a consultant however the report will actually cost \$1,430.00. The report will give the Heritage Committee options available to halt the deterioration of the building. Mr Christo Aitken also spoke on the buildings history referring to the findings of Mr Miles Lewis who is an Architectural Historian and professor in the faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning at the university of Melbourne who took photos of the building in 1983, showing the deterioration. Mr Lewis advised that Lindlegreen is a "Cob" barn, as it is made with more straw than mud. Christo also advised that it could be considered as a State Heritage building.

Moved Ewen Stewart
Second Brenda Doney

The Heritage Committee seeks Council approval to accept the quote of \$1,430 from Garth Dean of Calare Civil to complete a report on the stabilization of Lindlegreen "Cob" barns at O'Connell.

Carried

Heritage Signs

Gary Wallace advised the Committee that the Heritage signs at Burruga, Black Springs and O'Connell should commence this week by builder Doug Booth. The positioning of the signs

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has been confirmed with Doug. Sue Loudon confirmed that she has the iron for the roof for the sign at O'Connell and Sue and Brenda Doney will also look for 3 metre of ridge capping and barge and advise if they have any.

Brenda has also presented to the committee information of the history of O'Connell that may be included on the O'Connell sign. Peter Dove advised that currently the Black Springs map to go on the sign is held by Council at the works depot.

Brenda would also like to enlist the assistance of the children from O'Connell School. They may run a competition in the school for the best etching of the buildings in O'Connell. The best etching could be included in the final sign design.

All committee members are asked to read Brenda's information sheets and bring any changes back to the next meeting.

Brenda also raised the issue of the importance of the Indigenous Community to the history of O'Connell and it was the unanimous decision of the Committee that the history, though be at times a violent one, needs to be told.

Premier's History Awards.

Information received and noted.

Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith Sign

Gary Wallace presented to the Committee the sign that has now been completed and ready for erection at the Oberon High School. Unfortunately some Committee Members have advised that the original date of the landing supplied through the Thematic History of Oberon was incorrect. The correct date is the 6 March 1921. Gary advised that the wording was undertaken in accordance with the Committee's resolution in the July meeting.

The committee has asked Gary Wallace to contact the designers and ask if it can be changed and what it will cost.

Gary also advised the Committee that the High School Principal, Mr David Scott was keen to involve the students when the sign is unveiled.

Thematic History of Oberon

Philippa Gemmell-Smith advised that she has applied for a Scholarship to complete a PHD on the Cultural History of Oberon to 1969 as a full time student.

The committee congratulated Philippa on her decision to do this.

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Gingkin Papers

Gary Wallace advised that it is difficult to use a land use document such as the new LEP to protect the historical significance of the "Gingkin Papers". Originally the Heritage Office gave a grant which in turn was matched by Council to put the 15 bags of old documents on the history of the Hughes family in Oberon into order. Many of the items are personal letters. The work was completed by Philippa-Gemmell-Smith, however it appears that we do not have a copy. Christo Aitken said that they may be listed on the State listing, under movable Heritage.

The committee has requested Gary Wallace to investigate how to list these papers and report back to the next meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Sue Loudon has requested that when the wordings on all the Heritage signs are uniform throughout and that they use Australian spelling.

Brenda Doney raised the issue of the Evans Crown directional sign having the Wiradjuri name. This is something Brenda will take up with Lithgow Council and National Parks as Evans Crown is in their Local Government area.

Ewen Stewart asked that Council include the historical buildings in the Burruga area when completing their new LEP.

Margaret Conners spoke about the success of the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway group Open Day held on Sunday 30 October 2011. Margaret said that there was some fantastic heritage in the Oberon area and there should be more signs depicting Oberon's history.

Mr Peter Dove advised the committee that St Aiden's Church is staying at Black Springs and that a service will be held at least monthly.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Heritage Committee will be held on Monday, 30 January 2012, commencing at 5.00pm at the St Thomas Church O'Connell.

This concluded the business and the meeting rose at 6.40 pm.

Confirmed this _____ day of _____ 2011

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