

## MINUTES OF MEETING State Heritage Register Committee

Wednesday February 7th, 2007  
Commencing at 1.30 am

Heritage Office – Department of Planning  
Heritage Office Library  
3 Marist Place  
Parramatta



### 1. Attendance

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#### PRESENT

Sharon Sullivan  
Hewitt Whyman  
Jason Ardler  
Professor Ross Fitzgerald  
Rosemary Annable  
Tina Jackson  
Reece McDougall

#### APOLOGIES

John Robertson  
Michael Clarke

#### ALSO IN ATTENDANCE (NSW Heritage Office)

Cameron White  
Bruce Baskerville  
Anthony Mitchell  
Perpetual Fernandes  
Bill Nethery  
Bronwyn Hanna

#### Opening – Welcome

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The Chair opened the meeting at 1.30 p.m.

#### 2.0 Declarations of Interest

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Nil

#### 3.0 Confirmation of Minutes

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The minutes of the previous meeting held November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006 were noted and adopted by the Committee.

Moved            Jason Ardler  
Seconded      Ross Fitzgerald

#### **4.0 Action Report**

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Cameron White informed members of matters which had been resolved under delegated authority as the December meeting had not been held. He also advised members of items on the Action Report which were to be considered by this meeting and updated members on the listings on the State Heritage Register which had been made by the Minister.

#### **5.0 Minutes, reports and matters arising from HC Advisory Panels**

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nil

#### **6.0 Presentations**

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##### **6.1 Wentworth Memorial Church Vacluse**

A presentation was made by representatives of the Anglican Church. The party consisted of: Paul Davies, Heritage Architect for the Anglican Church and its representative on the Heritage Council's Religious Property Advisory Panel; Evelyn Beaver, Client Manager for the Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney; the Reverend Cliff Parish, Minister of the Parish of the Watsons Bay; and Mr Ian Loveridge, Church Warden.

Paul Davies explained in greater detail the significance of the church but also its current limited use and access and egress issues. Mr Davies explained that historically Church bodies had regarded listing as a threat without any real benefits. However, Mr Davies explained that the level of consultation associated with this nomination and the recognition of the Church's concerns in the report and its recommendations provides a template for future interactions with the Anglican Church. Mr Davies advised that the Church was very pleased that the recommendations recognised the potential future need to adaptively reuse the church and that the former Church Hall was excluded from the listing curtilage.

Evelyn Beaver reiterated Paul Davies' comments adding that the Church appreciated that the Office had recognised and addressed their concerns in terms of the Resolved curtilage and potential future adaptive reuse. Ms Beaver indicated that the Church, may sell the excluded former Church Hall site but that there was no such proposal in relation to the actual Church.

The members noted and thanked the Church representatives for their valuable input into the matter.

#### **7.0 State Heritage Register – Notice of Intention to List**

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##### **7.1 Hay Gaol Museum, 355 Church St Hay**

Bronwyn Hanna spoke to this matter. Hay Gaol is a complex of buildings dating from 1880 sited near the centre of the Hay township in the LGA of Hay Shire. It is currently used as a local history museum. It was nominated by Hay Shire Council, which is its owner, and which thus supports the nomination.

responded to the formal notice of intention to consider listing it is understood that it raises no objection to the listing.

**Resolved:**

**That the State Heritage Register Committee:**

1. in accordance with section 33 (1)(d) of the Heritage Act, 1977 advises the Minister that the item known as "Randwick Presbyterian Church" at 162 Alison Road, Randwick, is of State heritage significance, as shown in the plan at Annexure B;
2. recommends to the Minister, in accordance with sections 32(1) and (2) of the Heritage Act, that the Minister directs the listing of the item, "Randwick Presbyterian Church" at 162 Alison Road, Randwick, on the State Heritage Register if the Minister considers the item is of State heritage significance;
3. in accordance with sections 33 (1)(e) of the Heritage Act 1977, gives notice of its decision to persons notified under section 33(1)(a);
4. in accordance with section 57(2) of the Heritage Act note that the Heritage Council Standard Exemptions will apply;
5. directs the Heritage Office to further consult the Church and Coogee Boys Preparatory School on the need for site specific exemptions in relation to the operation of the school; and
6. notes that an inventory of movable heritage and associated management recommendations should be included in any future review of the Conservation Management Plan.

**Moved: Ross Fitzgerald**  
**Seconded: Jason Ardler**

#### **8.4 Wentworth Memorial Church**

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Members considered the presentation made by heritage consultant Paul Pavies and representatives of the church and the Heritage Office's report.

Dating from 1964, the church represents one of the finest examples of the non domestic work of the Sydney School style of architecture. The architect of the Wentworth Memorial Church Don Gazzard (b.1929) is recognised as an important Australian architect of the mid to late Twentieth Century.

The proposed item meets at least five of the seven Heritage Council criteria for listing on the State Heritage Register in terms of criteria a (historical values), b (associations with people or groups of people), c (aesthetic values), f, (rarity), g (representative values)

The indicative curtilage excludes the earlier c.1933 church hall which presents to Fitzwilliam Road. Whilst the former church hall is historically connected to the Wentworth Estate and represents a phase in the historical development of the estate, the RAIA's nomination is limited to the Wentworth Memorial Church.

The Anglican Church is generally supportive of the State listing, but is concerned that a prospective listing recognises the existing site constraints and the likely adaptive

reuse of the church for some other purpose at a later stage.

**Resolved:**

**That the State Heritage Register Committee:**

1. notes that due to its physical location the Wentworth Memorial Church has access and egress issues;
2. notes that the Wentworth Memorial Church is irregularly used by the Parish of Watsons Bay for religious services;
3. notes that the short to long term viability of the Wentworth Memorial Church for liturgical worship and other associated ministry uses by the Anglican Diocese of Sydney is uncertain,
4. notes that in the event that the church becomes redundant for the purposes of religious worship or instruction, its adaptive reuse for some other purpose sympathetic to the significance of the building could be considered;
5. notes that the permanent retention, presentation and management of movable heritage on site may be incompatible with the adaptive reuse of the church for non religious purposes, and relocating the collection could be considered;
6. in accordance with section 33 (1)(d) of the Heritage Act, 1977 advises the Minister that the item known as "Wentworth Memorial Church and its movable heritage" at 32 Fitzwilliam Road, Vaucluse, is of State heritage significance, as shown in the plan at Annexure B;
7. recommends to the Minister, in accordance with sections 32(1) and (2) of the Heritage Act, that the Minister directs the listing of the item, "Wentworth Memorial Church and its movable heritage at 32 Fitzwilliam Road, Vaucluse, on the State Heritage Register if the Minister considers the item is of State heritage significance;
8. in accordance with sections 33 (1)(e) of the Heritage Act 1977, gives notice of its decision to persons notified under section 33(1)(a);
9. in accordance with section 57(2) of the Heritage Act, notes that the Heritage Council Standard Exemptions will apply;
10. advises the Anglican Church Property Trust to consider preparing a strategy for the conservation and management of the movable heritage of the Wentworth Memorial Church which addresses the potential future adaptive reuse of the church and/or a Conservation Management Plan; and
11. advises the Anglican Church Property Trust to consult the designer of the church, Don Gazzard, on any future proposals to adaptively reuse the church.

**Moved: Ross Fitzgerald**

**Seconded: Hewitt Whyman**

## **9.0 State Government Heritage (Section 170 Registers/HAMS)**

NIL