



## HERITAGE COUNCIL OF NSW

### MEETING MINUTES – Approvals Committee

Tuesday, 4 July 2023 | 10:30 - 11:45 AM

*Conference Room 14, Heritage NSW, Level 11, 4PSQ, Parramatta & via teleconference*

#### ATTENDANCE

##### Members

Mr Ian Clarke	Chair
Dr Nicholas Brunton	Deputy Chair
Mr David Burdon	Member
Ms Vanessa Holtham	Member
Dr Danièle Hromek	Member
Ms Julie Marler	Member
Mr David McNamara	Member
Mr Bruce Pettman	Member

##### Apologies

Dr Caitlin Allen	Member
Mr Frank Howarth AM PSM	Heritage Council Chair / Alternate Member

##### External Presenters

Mr Steven Barry	Heritage Specialist, Transport for NSW (item 2.1)
Mr Peter Tonkin	Heritage Architect, TZG Architects (item 2.1)
Ms Joyce Lim	Project Architect, DesignInc (item 2.1)
Mr Radivoie Miletich	Senior Project Manager, Transport for NSW (item 2.1)

##### Heritage NSW

Mr Sam Kidman	Executive Director
Mr Tim Smith	Director Heritage Assessments
Ms Elizabeth Thomas	Senior Secretariat Officer
Ms Rochelle Johnston	Senior Manager Major Projects (item 2.1)
Ms Ruth Berendt	Senior Assessments Officer, Heritage Assessments (item 2.1)
Mr Michael Ellis	Manager Assessments, Heritage Assessments North (item 3.1)

## 1. Welcome and formalities

The Chair, Ian Clarke, opened the meeting at 10:30 AM.

- The Chair delivered an Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed attendees.
- There were no apologies.
- It was confirmed that quorum had been met.

### 1.1 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared for this meeting.

### 1.2 Out of Session Decisions

There were no out of session decisions made since the previous ordinary meeting.

### 1.3 Minutes from Previous Meeting – 6 June 2023

Resolution 2023-26
The Heritage Council Approvals Committee: 1. <b>Confirms</b> the minutes of the previous ordinary meeting (Tuesday, 6 June 2023), as a complete and accurate record of that meeting.
Moved by Nicholas Brunton and seconded by Bruce Pettman

### 1.4 Action Report

The Committee noted the action report. The register was updated to reflect further actions required.

## 2. External Presentations

### 2.1 Medlow Bath Railway Station Group (SHR1190) – footbridge preferred design option – pre-lodgement section 60

The Committee received a report from Heritage NSW and a presentation from Transport for NSW (TfNSW) on the preferred design option for the Medlow Bath Railway Station Footbridge which is being delivered as part of the Great Western Highway Upgrade Project (GWHUP).

Key features of the presentation and report included:

- the project aims to replace the existing rail level crossing and southern at-grade crossing of the Great Western Highway with a footbridge and station lift
- design options were considered by the AC in February, May and July 2022 and in response to the previous feedback received, a context-specific design has been developed to reflect the heritage values of the precinct and the wider Blue Mountains setting
- TfNSW has applied a multi-criteria assessment of the three design options being considered with station entries including a stairwell and accessible lift for the footbridge and a second accessible lift to the platform, way finding, landscaping and plantings
- TfNSW has carried out a program of stakeholder engagement throughout the project, including ongoing consultation with the local community and Blue Mountains City Council (BMCC)
- some initial consultation has occurred with local elders regarding the incorporation of *Connecting with Country* principles into the design, however further detailed consultation with the indigenous community will be undertaken, and
- heritage interpretation has been identified through the framework strategy and a Statement of Heritage Impact is being prepared to fully consider the heritage impacts of the proposal.

The Committee thanked TfNSW for the presentation and acknowledged their significant commitment to achieving positive heritage outcomes.

Following the presentation, the Committee discussed the proposed new bridge in detail and noted that it was a major improvement compared to the reference design. The high quality of the architecture was noted as was materiality of the ramp and footbridge and the connections at road level, as well as lighting and proposed landscaping.

Members also noted the advice from TfNSW that the proposed design was likely to cost broadly the same as the original reference design.

Given the time constraints on the project and approval process, it was agreed that determination of the section 60 application could be delegated to Heritage NSW.

<b>Resolution 2023-27</b>
<p>The Heritage Council Approvals Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Thanks</b> the Transport for NSW team for their presentation and continuing consultation with the Approvals Committee and subcommittee.</li><li>2. <b>Thanks</b> Transport for NSW for a comprehensive engagement process which has resulted in a far superior heritage outcome.</li><li>3. <b>Provides in principle support</b> for Option 3 as the preferred design option for the proposed Medlow Bath Railway Station group footbridge, subject to;<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) the final articulation of the ramp and its relationship with the safety barriers, and</li><li>b) appropriate landscaping.</li></ol></li><li>4. <b>Agrees</b> that Heritage NSW considers further approvals under delegation, in line with the Approvals Committee's support for the preferred design.</li></ol>
Moved by Nicholas Brunton and seconded by Julie Marler

### 3. Heritage NSW presentations

#### 3.1 Maitland Correctional Centre (SHR 01296) Redevelopment – pre-lodgement

The Committee received an update from Heritage NSW on the revised design for the Maitland Gaol activation project.

Members noted that the plans have been amended following a design workshop held with the AC subcommittee, Heritage NSW and Maitland Regional Council in May 2023.

The Committee felt that the theatre and commercial kitchen spaces would benefit from further design input, but were generally pleased with the design amendments and that the collaborative process had resulted in improved heritage outcomes, a better entry experience, improved accessibility and a more sympathetic response to the historic setting of the Gaol.

<b>Resolution 2023-28</b>
<p>The Heritage Council Approvals Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Notes</b> the information provided in the report from Heritage NSW and the design advice provided by the Approvals subcommittee.</li><li>2. <b>Agrees</b> that Heritage NSW considers further approvals under delegation, in line with the Approvals Committee's support for the design.</li></ol>
Moved by David McNamara and seconded by Vanessa Holtham

## 4.0 General Business

### 4.1 Forward agenda

The Committee noted the forward agenda.

## 5.0 Meeting Close

There being no further items of business, Ian Clarke, Chair, declared the Approvals Committee meeting closed at 11:45 AM



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Mr Ian Clarke  
Chair, Heritage Council Approvals Committee  
Date: 1 August 2023