



# Minutes

## Heritage Advisory Committee

Date: Monday, 17.07.2023

Venue/Mode: Hybrid meeting (RTH Room1 and MS Teams)

Councillors: - Cr Michael Glynatsis (MG)- Chair, Cr Edward Crossland (EC) and Cr Bridgid O'Brien (BOB)

Attendance: Eleni Courvisanos (ECo), Greg Chenhall (GC), Ian Wight (IW), Jeffrey Atkinson (JA), Kristianna Scheffel (KS), Kirsteen Thomson (KT), Leo John Showell (LS), Malcolm MacDonald (MM)

Council Officers: Kate Yuncken (KY)-Manager City Strategy, Danielle Connell (DC)- Manager Statutory Planning, Richa Swarup (RS) - Principal Advisor City Heritage.

Apologies: Alexis Arrowsmith (AAr), Graeme Butler (GB), Robert Crawford (RC), Ursula Chandler (UC)

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<p>1. <u>Acknowledgement, Welcome and Apologies</u></p> <p>MG started the meeting with the <i>Acknowledgement and Statement of Recognition of Wurundjeri Land</i>.</p> <p>HAC noted apologies (as stated above).</p> <p>RS informed the Committee about the resignation by Robert Crawford. She informed that she is contacting him to see what can work for him and if he will still want to pursue his resignation, she will send an email thanking him on behalf of the HAC.</p>	<p><b><u>Action</u></b></p> <p><i>That RS contacts Robert Crawford and if he does not wish to continue as a member of the HAC, RS send an email thanking him for his participation in HAC in the past one year.</i></p>
<p>2. <u>Minutes of the previous HAC meeting 26.04.2023 and actions arising</u></p> <p>HAC unanimously adopted the minutes of the previous HAC meeting of <u>26.04.2023</u>.</p> <p>KT requested that she would like to follow-up with RS on the Heritage Strategy implementation plan priority actions.</p> <p>KT also noted that the revised World Heritage Management Plan's (WHMP) governance model is reliant on the management of the World Heritage Site by a committee which in her view and experience is not a good governance model. RS explained the revised WHMP under consideration includes that there may be opportunities for future governance reforms and recommends that a broader review of the governance framework should be undertaken.</p>	<p><b><u>Action</u></b></p> <p><i>No action required.</i></p>

<p><b>3. <u>Introduction by Manager City Strategy</u></b></p> <p>KY introduced herself. She provided an update on the progress of various Planning Scheme Amendments and their status with respect to the approval process.</p> <p>HAC welcomed KY and raised a few queries about the reasons of delays in the approval of some of the amendments.</p> <p>GC indicated FRAs support to Council’s work and that FRA intends to write to the Minister for an early resolution of amendment that have been submitted by the Council.</p>	<p><b><u>Action</u></b></p> <p>No further action required.</p>
<p><b>4. <u>General Planning Matters: Questions and Clarifications</u></b></p> <p>DC made a presentation on the planning permit process. She presented a chart on various stages in processing of a planning application and explained how heritage matters are considered at various stages. The discussion focused on issues raised by the HAC members particularly in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Process of assessment for a redevelopment application on a property within a heritage overlay</li> <li>• Process of assessing heritage and engaging a heritage advisor</li> <li>• Community consultation and advice to the community</li> <li>• Paint controls on heritage places</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Action</u></b></p> <p>No further action required.</p>
<p><b>5. <u>Presentation by Leo John Showell on heritage buildings examples</u></b></p> <p>LS presented a few examples of redevelopments of heritage places that have had some positive outcomes. He emphasised that good and bad examples can be subjective and there can be different opinions about it. He therefore suggested that it would be good to collect examples that relate to Yarra’s heritage policy.</p> <p>HAC appreciated his presentation and agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leo can further expand on this work.</li> <li>• HAC members provide addresses of examples of good developments to Leo. HAC can subsequently have a workshop to discuss and articulate which components or quality of the developments is consistent with which aspect of the Council’s heritage policy so that an appropriate explanation can be included.</li> <li>• RS should explore possibility of a workshop or a presentation with Council’s building projects and the statutory planning teams.</li> <li>• Instead of do’s and don’t as discussed in an earlier meeting a document illustrating how to achieve the policy objective could be prepared.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Action</u></b></p> <p><i>That</i></p> <p><i>HAC members provide examples of the buildings and aspects they have liked to LS or RS.</i></p> <p><i>Upon compilation of a good number of examples RS organise a meeting with Councils’ Building Projects and/or Statutory Planning teams.</i></p>

<p>6. <u>General Updates</u></p> <p>RS provided updates on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Linear Park Master Plan: Council is currently preparing a draft for consultation which will be presented to HAC later in the year during its consultation process.</li> <li>• World Heritage Environs Area Strategy Plan: It is our understanding that the Heritage Council Panel has submitted their recommendations to the Minister. HAC will be informed once its approval by the minister has been conveyed.</li> <li>• Slade Knitwear Sign: The Slade Knitwear Sign has been removed under an emergency order.</li> <li>• FTH Ceiling Restoration: Yarra's appointed project architect, Conservation Studio Australia, were awarded the "Heritage Architecture Award – Conservation" for their ceiling conservation works at Fitzroy Town Hall.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Action</u></b></p> <p>No further action required.</p>
<p>7. <u>Any Other Matter</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BoB noted that funding for a heritage officer was not approved in this year's budget. She also noted that this can be looked at during the mid-year budget review. Otherwise, a new bid can be submitted for next year's budget consideration.</li> <li>• MG queried about the process for consideration of solar panels in heritage areas. RS informed that couple of years ago City Heritage along with the Sustainability &amp; Environment and Statutory Planning units had prepared guidelines for the placement of Solar Panels on heritage buildings, which are available on the council website.</li> <li>• RS sought feedback from the HAC members on hybrid mode of this meeting as this was the first hybrid meeting.</li> </ul> <p>Following was the feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Individual members who were attending online felt that there was a lot of echo and it was difficult to understand the full discussion.</li> <li>- Some of the members including BoB had difficulty in connecting to the meeting.</li> </ul> <p>RS mentioned that she will discuss the matter with the Councillors' Support Unit, IT and Venues teams.</p>	<p><b><u>Action</u></b></p> <p>That RS discusses the issues of the hybrid meeting with Councillors' Support Unit, IT and Venues teams.</p>
<p>8. <u>Meeting dates and agenda item</u></p> <p>11/18 September (Monday) instead of 13 September and 20 November (Monday) instead of 22 November were presented as alternative dates.</p> <p>Members' preference for a meeting on 11 September and 20 November was noted.</p>	<p><b><u>Action</u></b></p> <p><i>That</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>RS emails the next meeting date to the members.</i></li> </ul>