

ATTACHMENT 1

Minutes of the Heritage Protection Sub Committee

Held Thursday 20 February 2014 in Committee Room 3

Meeting Commenced: 6:07pm

1. Acknowledgement of Land

An Acknowledgement of Land was presented by the Chairperson, Councillor Rowell.

2. Attendance and Apologies:

Councillor Ted Rowell (Chairperson) - Campbelltown City Council
James Gardner - Qualified Person
Kay Hayes - Campbelltown Airs Historical Society
Robert Wheeler - National Parks Association
Learna Coupe - Campbelltown Airs Historical Society
Sue Kijurina - Campbelltown Airs Historical Society

Also in Attendance: Mrs Gerri Nicholas – Historian
Clarice Stretch - Campbelltown Airs Historical Society
Jim Baldwin - Acting Director Planning and Environment
Michael Dagastino - Manager Cultural Services
Jeff Burton - Strategic Planner
Jane Worden - Executive Support

Apologies: Councillor Bob Thompson - Deputy Chair
Mario Majorich - National Parks Association Alternate Delegate

Sub Committee's Recommendation: (Hayes/Rowell)

That the above apologies be accepted.

CARRIED

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest made at this meeting.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Reporting Officer

Manager Sustainable City and Environment

Report

The Minutes of the Heritage Protection Sub Committee Meeting held on 17 October 2013, copies of which were circulated to each Sub Committee Member, were presented to Council for adoption at its meeting held on 10 December 2013.

Council resolved as follows:

1. That the minutes be noted.
2. That in regard to item 8.1 - Local Heritage Fund Application:
 - a) Restoration of Baptismal Font, St Peter's Anglican Church, Cordeaux Street Campbelltown, Council not support the Local Heritage Fund (2013-2014) application for \$1356.85.
 - b) That the applicant be advised in writing of Council's decision with respect to this matter, including an explanation of the applications inconsistencies with Council's Local Heritage Fund Guidelines.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Sub Committee's Recommendation: (Coupe/Hayes)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Reporting Officer

Manager Sustainable City and Environment

Purpose

To report on business arising from the Minutes of the Heritage Protection Sub Committee Meeting held on 17 October 2013.

Report

The Minutes of the Heritage Protection Sub Committee meeting (held on 17 October 2013) were considered and endorsed by Council on 10 December 2013.

The matters of business arising from the previous Minutes relate to the following relevant items as detailed below:

Item 8.1 - Local Heritage Fund Application

- a) Restoration of Baptismal Font, St Peter's Anglican Church, Cordeaux Street Campbelltown, Council not support the Local Heritage Fund (2013-2014) application for \$1356.85.
- b) That the applicant be advised in writing of Council's decision with respect to this matter, including an explanation of the applications inconsistencies with Council's Local Heritage Fund Guidelines.

On 18 December 2013, Council forwarded written advice to St Peter's Anglican Church in accordance with the above resolution.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Sub Committee's Recommendation: (Rowell/Hayes)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

6. Correspondence

Reporting Officer

Manager Sustainable City and Environment

Report

Correspondence both incoming and outgoing will be tabled at the meeting.

Correspondence In:

Letter from Government Property NSW regarding "Raith House"

Correspondence Out:

Nil

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Sub Committee's Recommendation: (Wheeler/Hayes)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

7. Reports

7.1 Heritage Listed Glenalvon House – Oral Presentation by Mrs Gerri Nicholas

Reporting Officer

Manager Sustainable City and Environment

Purpose

To facilitate an oral presentation to the Heritage Protection Sub Committee from a direct descendant of the Keighran family, who owned the heritage listed Glenalvon property in the 1840s and 1850s.

Report

Glenalvon is an iconic building within the City of Campbelltown and has important historical connections with the early civic life of the Campbelltown community. The building is listed as an item of State heritage significance, being one of the best surviving examples of a two storey sandstone colonial house in New South Wales.

Glenalvon dates from c.1840 and was built by Michael Byrne, a prominent publican and land owner in the Campbelltown district during the colonial era. The property was used continuously as an elite residence for 170 years, associated with the town's most prominent businessmen including John Keighran, Edwin Fieldhouse, Samuel Bursill, and Dr William Mawson who ran Milby Hospital for many years.

In recent years, the property has come under the care and ownership of Campbelltown City Council, and is currently tenanted by the Campbelltown and Airds Historical Society.

In late 2013 Gerri Nicholas approached Council with background information on Glenalvon, following her review of Council's draft heritage inventory sheet relating to the historic property. In this respect, Gerri advised of her direct ancestral links to the site, being the great-great-granddaughter of John & Catherine Keighran who owned Glenalvon in the 1840s and 1850s.

Gerri has also noted her strong general interest in Australian History, with separate Degrees from the University of New England and Macquarie University, and author of three books. Accordingly, Gerri is considered to be well placed to provide a unique account of the era of the Keighrans at Glenalvon and their role in the development of Campbelltown.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That the Heritage Protection Sub Committee note the information and oral presentation presented by Mrs Gerri Nicholas.
2. That Council provides a written letter of appreciation to Mrs Gerri Nicholas for her efforts in preparing and making the oral presentation to the Heritage Protection Sub Committee.

Sub Committee's Recommendation: (Wheeler/Hayes)

1. That the Heritage Protection Sub Committee note the information and oral presentation presented by Mrs Gerri Nicholas.
2. That Council be requested to write a letter of appreciation to Mrs Gerri Nicholas for her efforts in preparing and making the oral presentation to the Heritage Protection Sub Committee.

CARRIED

7.2 2014 Heritage Medallion Nominations

Reporting Officer

Manager Cultural Services

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the Heritage Protection Sub Committee with an update on the nominations received for the 2014 Campbelltown Heritage Medallion.

Background

The Campbelltown Heritage Medallion is awarded biennially to an outstanding person, organisation or group within the Campbelltown Local Government Area. The award recognises an individual or organisation's efforts in preserving or promoting Campbelltown's heritage, in the area/s of:

- the preservation and promotion of natural and/or built heritage
- cultural and religious traditions
- cultural functions, festivals and crafts
- urban planning and development patterns
- innovative product development over time
- intellectual and scientific work undertaken within Campbelltown (for example, in the fields of agriculture, industry, science and technology).

The awarding of the Medallion is undertaken as part of Council's participation in the 2014 National Trust Heritage Festival in April and May. The nationwide theme for this year's Heritage Festival is 'Journeys' - a celebration that will include stories of migration, walkabout, exploration and culture that enriches our communities.

Council has embraced the National Trust's broad concept of 'heritage' for the purposes of the awarding the Heritage Medallion, which is very broad in nature and covers all that we, as a society, value today and wish to pass on to future generations. This includes intangible as well as tangible heritage - language and customs, as well as places and moveable collections.

Report

Nominations for Campbelltown's Heritage Medallion were opened to the public on 13 December 2013 and closed Friday 7 February 2014. A media release was issued on Friday 10 January 2014 to publicise the Heritage Medallion and request members of the public to submit nominations.

Nomination forms were distributed to the public which contained information about the Festival, the Medallion nomination process, and a simplified version of the National Trust's definition of heritage (and appropriate examples) to assist people in understanding the scope of heritage. The distribution reached local primary and secondary schools, past nominators of The Campbelltown City Australia Day Awards, local environmental organisations, museums and heritage organisations, and local Indigenous people and organisations.

Those submitting nominations for the 2014 Heritage Medallion were asked to address the following selection criteria in their nominations:

- that the activity undertaken makes a substantial contribution to preserving or promoting Campbelltown's heritage
- that the achievement has a significant and enduring impact on the community
- that the achievement is of exceptional relevance to Campbelltown's heritage
- that the achievement gives a positive impression of Campbelltown's image and profile
- how the activity made a substantial contribution to Campbelltown's Heritage while relating to the theme Journeys.

Five nominations were received for the 2014 Heritage Medallion and are included as an attachment to this report.

1. St Gregory's College Campbelltown (nominated by Mrs Kay Canham)
2. Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living (nominated by Ms Helen Byfield-Fleming)
3. Campbelltown UnitingCare (nominated by Mr John Russell)
4. Mr Roderick Allen (nominated by Mrs Annette Allen)
5. Mr Ivan Wellington (nominated by Mr Norm Newlin)

The Heritage Medallion Advisory Panel, consisting of the Chairperson and a member of the Heritage Protection Sub Committee, Council's Acting Director Planning and Environment, and Council's Manager Cultural Services, met after the closing of nominations (Friday 7 February 2014), to make recommendation on the preferred finalist to the Heritage Protection Sub Committee.

Given the narrow timing between the close of nominations and the February meeting of the Heritage Protection Sub Committee, a verbal update on the nominations, selection process and recommendation of the Heritage Medallion Advisory Panel will be given to the Sub Committee. Following discussion, the Heritage Protection Sub Committee is requested to provide a recommendation to Council regarding the 2014 Heritage Medallion.

On 11 March 2014 a report will be presented to Council seeking endorsement of the Sub Committee's recommendation. The Medallion would be awarded at the 2014 Heritage Forum, to be held on Thursday 17 April 2014 at the Campbelltown Arts Centre. All nominees will be invited to attend.

A summary of the information presented in the five nominations received in 2014 is provided below:

Note: They are in no particular order.

Nominee: St Gregory's College Campbelltown

Nominator: Mrs Kay Canham

Mrs Canham's nomination of St Gregory's College Campbelltown outlines the school's relevance to Campbelltown's heritage and contribution to the profile of Campbelltown.

This Catholic day and boarding school for boys in years 7 – 12 was established in 1926 by the Marist Brothers and has grown to support and provide opportunities for over 1000 boys in attendance from Macarthur, Liverpool, Illawarra and rural NSW areas. The school is known for its heritage buildings, promotion of agriculture, as well as offering exceptional opportunities to Indigenous and non-Indigenous boys in terms of academic excellence, high achievement in sporting competitions and diverse extra-curricular activities.

Originally established to help boys learn farming skills to enable careers on the land, the school has continued this focus on agricultural education and has contributed to the promotion and valued role of agriculture in our society.

The school is also well known in the rugby league and rugby union fields, and for enabling young men to go on to professional sporting careers. Students and former students have represented Campbelltown as well as Australian teams.

Nominee: Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living

Nominator: Ms Helen Byfield-Fleming

The Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living is a non-profit community-focused organisation. The Centre was nominated by Ms Helen Byfield-Fleming for its significant achievement in growing Campbelltown's profile in the region and far afield, providing exceptional educational facilities, promotion of sustainable technology and innovative models for practicing sustainable living.

The Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living was established in 2004 as a collaboration between the Royal Botanic Gardens & Domain Trust (the Trust) and CERES Macarthur, an environmentally committed group of Macarthur residents. The initiation of the Centre was supported by the Macarthur Regional Organisation of Councils (MACROC) with continuity secured by Campbelltown City Council in setting up a three council group to partner with the Trust (Campbelltown City, Camden and Wollondilly Councils).

Funded by Australian Government's Sustainable Regions Program and officially opened on 20 February 2007, the building of the Centre demonstrates the best in environmental design and construction. The Centre has created a place of heritage for the Campbelltown region with educational facilities occupying an old dairy farm, repurposed into a modern sustainable living centre. The Centre has also refurbished the old cottage site and using recycled products.

The Centre continues to practice and share 1900's gardening and farming methods, while being a leader in the region in terms of innovative techniques and products for sustainable living. The Centre is supported by 35 volunteers including TAFE and school students. An average of 900 people per month visit the Centre for community workshops, specialist advice, school visits, Rotary Men's Shed, access to community garden or sustainable farm and use of Centre's facilities by community and business groups.

Nominee: Campbelltown UnitingCare
Nominator: Mr John Russell

Campbelltown UnitingCare has been nominated for its significant impact and contribution to the Campbelltown community since 1981.

The organisation has continued to provide services in response to community needs with the aim of making Campbelltown a better place. Campbelltown UnitingCare uses a grass roots approach to support and enable people who experience poverty, distress, homelessness, abuse and people who have a disability.

Significant achievements and successful programs include:

- the Cottage centre providing preschool for abused children. The Centre was established in 1981 to address the high incidence of child abuse in the region, with the aim to break cycles of abuse. The Centre provided child care for 72 abused children each week for 29 years, and now works with families to reduce risk of child abuse or neglect.
- Stepping Stone Community for homeless boys in Campbelltown. The Stepping Stone Community was established in 1981 to help boys ages 14 – 18 find a home until they can get their lives in order.
- Literacy Centre providing private coaching to improve children's literacy. The Centre was established in 1992 with the aid of volunteer teachers to offer coaching at an affordable price for families.
- Focus on Families, a program to link a volunteer with first time mothers with the aim to prevent child abuse. The program began in 1994 and now has 70 volunteers to support some of the 4000 births in Campbelltown.
- Hurley House built in 1994, providing accommodation for people with a moderate-severe intellectual disability.

Nominee: Mr Roderick Allen
Nominator: Mrs Annette Allen

Born on 22 March 1924, Mr Roderick Allen ("Rod") was nominated for the 2014 Heritage Medallion for his fitting connection to this year's theme of Journey's, something Roderick and his late wife Kathleen's life have been all about. Mrs Annette Allen describes Rod as an outstanding citizen, a hard working family man devoted to his family, friends, work and community in Campbelltown. Having lived much of his married life in Campbelltown, Rod has travelled near and far but always come home to Bradbury.

Rod married the love of his life Kathleen Marie on 4 May 1946, and they went on to raise seven children together. Rod and his wife Kathleen purchased their home in Lawn Avenue Bradbury in the early 1970s. Soon after moving to Campbelltown, Rod became an avid church goer at St John's Catholic Church; he has continued to volunteer to help the church and complete community service for 44 years up until this day.

Joining the Air Force on 10 June 1942, Rod served in New Guinea and far North Australia as a medic, being present during the Japanese invasion of both areas. He saved many lives during this time. Recently whilst attending a speech by Sir Peter Cosgrove, Rod heard the story of how Peter's uncle was saved by a man and his team after injury occurred at the end of a runway. Rod spoke to Peter after the speech to tell him he was that man; this was an astounding journey for the two men's paths to cross.

Rod placed a significant role in the Snowy Mountains Scheme as a personnel manager, being responsible for much of the integration of men who arrived at the camps. Rod's work also took him to mining in Nhulunbuy, Gove NT in the field of bauxite and his last working journey was to Port Hedland and in a remote area of Australia called Shay Gap, as an Industrial Officer for the mining of iron ore. Rod returned to Bradbury to retire with his wife after a wonderful and amazing life's work.

As a retired soldier from World War II, in 2013 Rod was honoured to be invited to take the salute for the ANZAC Day parade in Campbelltown at Mawson Park. Six of Rod's seven children came home to witness this event, a proud day for many to see Rod's ongoing service to his country and community duly recognised.

Nominee: Mr Ivan Wellington
Nominator: Mr Norm Newlin

Mr Norm Newlin (Uncle Norm Newlin, local Aboriginal Elder and Worimi man) has nominated Ivan Wellington (Uncle Ivan Wellington) for his significant and enduring impact on preserving and promoting Campbelltown's Heritage.

Uncle Ivan Wellington is described as a man who breaks down barriers between all cultures and Aboriginal people; a strong advocate for reconciliation; a man who educates others and exemplifies the area's Aboriginal heritage. Uncle Norm Newlin explains that Campbelltown respects the Aboriginal heritage of the area through the work of Uncle Ivan.

Uncle Ivan Wellington's people come from the Shoalhaven and Crookhaven rivers. He lives on Dharawal land in Rosemeadow and has done so for many years with his family.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That the information be noted.
2. That the Heritage Protection Sub Committee makes a recommendation for the 2014 Heritage Medallion

Sub Committee Note:

The Heritage Protection Sub Committee also considered a sixth nomination for Mr Mark Peters for the Heritage Medallion 2014 which was received by Council on the 7 February 2014 and therefore eligible for consideration for the Campbelltown Heritage Medallion.

Sub Committee's Recommendation: (Rowell/Gardner)

1. That the information be noted.
2. That the Director Planning & Environment present a separate confidential report to Council seeking endorsement of the Heritage Protection Sub Committee's recommended recipient of the 2014 Heritage Medallion.

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8. General Business

8.1 2014 Heritage Protection Sub Committee Meeting dates

Council's Strategic Planner advised the Heritage Protection Sub Committee members of the following Heritage Protection Sub Committee meetings scheduled for the remainder of 2014.

- Thursday 22 May 14
- Thursday 21 August 14
- Thursday 20 November 14

It was noted that all Heritage Protection Sub Committee meetings will be held in Committee Room 3 and commence at 6.00pm.

Sub Committee's Recommendation: (Hayes/Gardner)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED