



STATE HERITAGE REGISTER COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

4 June 2024 | 9:00 AM – 11:20 AM

Meeting held via Teams videoconference.

ATTENDANCE

State Heritage Register Committee

Ms Colleen Morris	Acting Chair
Dr Stephen Gapps	Member
Dr Brian Lindsay	Member
Ms Lisa Trueman	Member
Ms Natalie Vinton	Member

Apologies

The Hon. Robyn Parker	Chair
Dr Wayne Johnson	Member
Mr Frank Howarth AM PSM	Alternate Member

Heritage NSW

Mr Sam Kidman	Executive Director
Ms Anna London	A/Director Heritage Programs
Dr Damian Tybussek	Senior Heritage Officer (<i>items 2.1, 4.1</i>)
Ms Lauren Thomson	Senior Heritage Officer (<i>item 3.1</i>)
Ms Margot Stuart	A/Team Leader Heritage Programs (<i>item 3.2</i>)
Ms Meggan Walker	Senior Heritage Officer (<i>item 4.2</i>)
Ms Judith Coombes	Senior Heritage Officer (<i>item 4.3</i>)
Nicholas Heinonen	Primary Graduate – Observer
Pha-Hai Nguyen	Graduate – Observer

Secretariat

Ms Olgica Lenger	Manager Secretariat
Miss Linda Bugarin	Secretariat Officer

IN-CAMERA SESSION

This item was not minuted.

Item 1. Welcome and Formalities

Acting Chair Colleen Morris opened the meeting at 9:00 AM and delivered an Acknowledgment of Country.

The Committee noted that Robyn Parker and Wayne Johnson were apologies and a quorum had been met.

Item 1.1 Conflict of Interest Declarations

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the following standing declarations:

- Robyn Parker: 2011-2015 Decisions
- Colleen Morris: National Trust of Australia
- Dr Wayne Johnson: Place Management NSW
- Natalie Vinton: Powerhouse Museum, Ultimo and MLC Building, North Sydney

Item 1.2 Out of Session Decisions

Nil reported.

Item 1.3 Minutes from the Previous Meeting – 7 May 2024

Resolution 2024-32
The State Heritage Register Committee: 1. Confirmed the minutes of the previous ordinary meeting (7 May 2024) as a complete and accurate record of that meeting.
Moved by Brian Lindsay and seconded by Natalie Vinton

Item 1.4 Matters Arising

NIL.

Item 1.5 Action Report

NIL.

Item 2 SHR Nominations – Notice of Intention

Item 2.1 Nissen Hut, Belmont North – NOI

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report on Nissen Hut, Belmont North – NOI by Damian Tybussek.

Key points noted:

- The Nissen Hut at 4 Somerset Street, Belmont North, is considered a representative example of the Belmont North Nissen Hut Precinct, which was originally identified for State Heritage Register (SHR) listing as part of the migrant thematic listing program in 2018.
- Nissen Huts were used as accommodation for migrants in the post WWII period. Presently there are very few Nissen Huts in the original location associated with migrant hostels or migrant camps.

- Following the sale of the item in 2022, Heritage NSW (HNSW) has attempted to contact the new owner without success. HNSW is proposing an extended notice period of 60 days to accommodate consultation with stakeholders and the owner.
- The Committee noted the evolution of the use of the Nissen Hut, which was modernised through the Endangered Houses Fund conservation program. Most of the original fabric has been replaced, yet the hut retains its principal form and aesthetic qualities.
- The recommended curtilage encompasses the same lot that was created at the time of the subdivision for the migrant camp.
- The Committee welcomed the new approach to include a *Statement of Country* within listings.

The A/Chair thanked Damian Tybussek for his presentation.

Resolution 2024-33

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. **Considers** the item known as the Nissen Hut at 4 Somerset Street, Belmont North, defined in accordance with the curtilage shown at Tab 2.1C of the report, is likely to be of State heritage significance.
2. In accordance with section 33(1)(a) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, will **give** each person that it considers to be an affected owner or occupier written **notice** that it is going to consider whether or not to recommend the listing of the item concerned (a *notice of intention to consider listing*).
3. In accordance with section 33(1)(b) and section 33(1)(c) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, within 14 days after notice of intention to consider listing is given, will cause a **notice** of intention to consider listing to be **published** in a newspaper circulating in the area in which the item is situated, inviting submissions on the listing, specifying a date as the closing date for the receipt of submissions of 60 days after the publication of the newspaper notice and the manner in which submissions may be made.

Moved by Brian Lindsay and seconded by Lisa Trueman

Item 3. SHR Nominations – Recommendation to List

Item 3.1 Warringah Civic Centre Precinct – RTL

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report on Warringah Civic Centre Precinct – RTL by Lauren Thomson.

Key points noted:

- HNSW has engaged with Northern Beaches Council over a long period, yet the Council's position regarding the listing remains unclear.
- Ten submissions were received during the Notice of Intention period, in support of the listing or no objection.
- The Committee discussed the importance of this item in terms of both modern movement architecture and landscape architecture.

The A/Chair thanked Lauren Thomson for her update.

Resolution 2024-34

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. In accordance with section 33(1)(d) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, has **considered** the submissions received in response to its notice of intention to consider listing and considers the item known as Warringah Civic Centre Precinct at 725 Pittwater Road, Dee Why, satisfies more than one of the approved criteria for determining whether an item is of State heritage significance, being criteria (a), (b), (c), (e), (g), as detailed in the report at Tab 3.1A.
2. **Recommends** to the Minister, in accordance with sections 32(1) and (2) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, that the Minister **direct** the listing of the item, Warringah Civic Centre at 725 Pittwater Road, Dee Why, on the State Heritage Register, as shown in the plan at Tab 3.1C.
3. In accordance with section 33(1)(e) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, **give notice** of its decision to persons notified under section 33(1)(a).
4. In accordance with section 57(2) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, **recommends** that the Minister **grant** the site specific exemptions at Tab 3.2D of the report from section 57(1) of the Act in addition to the Heritage Council Standard Exemptions.

Moved by Stephen Gapps and seconded by Natalie Vinton

Item 3.2 Elsie Refuge (former) – RTL

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report on Elsie Refuge (former) – RTL by Margot Stuart.

Key points noted:

- The item is the original site of the Elsie Refuge between 1974 and 1975 and was nominated under the LGBTIQ+ priority theme.
- Seven submissions were received during the Notice of Intention period. Six submissions supported the listing, and one submission queried if another hostel from 1919-1921 would be better considered as the first women's refuge in Australia. However, upon investigation, HNSW determined this was not the case.
- Site specific exemptions (SSEs) have been developed in close consultation with the Land and Housing Corporation.
- HNSW has assessed the item meets the threshold for State significance for three of the approved criteria.
- Events have been held to mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Elsie Refuge.

The A/Chair thanked Margot Stuart for her presentation.

Resolution 2024-35

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. In accordance with section 33(1)(d) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, has **considered** the submissions received in response to its notice of intention to consider listing and considers the item known as Elsie Refuge (former) at 73-75 Westmoreland Street, Glebe, satisfies more than one of the approved criteria for determining whether an item is of State heritage significance, being criteria (a, b, and d), as detailed in the report at Tab 3.2A.

2. **Recommends** to the Minister, in accordance with sections 32(1) and (2) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, that the Minister **direct** the listing of the item, Elsie Refuge (former) at 73-75 Westmoreland Street, Glebe, on the State Heritage Register, as shown in the plan at Tab 3.2C of the report.
3. In accordance with section 33(1)(e) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, **give notice** of its decision to persons notified under section 33(1)(a).
4. In accordance with section 57(2) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, **recommends** that the Minister **grant** the site specific exemptions at Tab 3.2D of the report from section 57(1) of the Act in addition to the Heritage Council Standard Exemptions.

Moved by Lisa Trueman and seconded by Natalie Vinton

Item 4. Matters for Consideration

Item 4.1 Nan Tien Temple, Wollongong – Amended Site Specific Exemptions

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report on Nan Tien Temple, Wollongong – Amended Site Specific Exemptions by Damian Tybussek.

Key points noted:

- Nan Tien Temple was listed on the SHR with site specific exemptions on 28 March 2024.
- Following late enquiries from its global headquarters, the owners requested time to review the SSEs.
- HNSW worked closely with Nan Tien Temple to amend and streamline the SSEs to better suit the Temple's needs while also respecting the heritage significance of the place.
- Nan Tien Temple supports the proposed amendments.

The A/Chair thanked Damian Tybussek for his presentation.

Resolution 2024-36

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. In accordance with section 57(2) of the *Heritage Act 1977* (the Act), **recommends** that the Minister **grant** the amended site specific exemptions for the item known as Nan Tien Temple (SHR 02083) as specified at Tab 4.1A of the report from section 57(1) of the Act in addition to the Heritage Council Standard Exemptions.

Moved by Natalie Vinton and seconded by Brian Lindsay

Item 4.2 Cooma Gaol – Site Specific Exemptions

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report on Cooma Gaol – Site Specific Exemptions by Meggan Walker.

Following the Committee's recommendation to list Cooma Gaol on the SHR in May 2024, SSEs have been developed in close consultation with the Department of Communities and Justice and Crown Lands.

The proposed SSEs support the ongoing operation of the gaol including the undertaking of maintenance and security infrastructure.

The A/Chair thanked Meggan Walker for her update on the item.

Resolution 2024-37

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. In accordance with section 57(2) of the *Heritage Act 1977*, **recommends** that the Minister **grant** the site specific exemptions at Tab 4.2A from section 57(1) of the *Heritage Act 1977* in addition to the Heritage Council Standard Exemptions.

Moved by Brian Lindsay and seconded by Lisa Trueman

Item 4.3 2024-2025 SHR Workplan Media Approach

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report on 2024-2025 SHR Workplan Media Approach by Judith Coombes.

Key points noted:

- Project plans are being developed for each SHR nomination on the 2024-2025 workplan to include media opportunities and engagement with key stakeholders.
- HNSW emphasised the importance of collaboration across agencies to increase media exposure for new listings, including maximising social media usage, media training and building relationships.
- Promotion of listings encourages public discourse about heritage.

The A/Chair thanked Judith Coombes for her presentation.

Resolution 2024-38

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. **Notes** and **supports** the ongoing efforts of Heritage NSW to identify and maximise opportunities to promote State Heritage Register listings.

Moved by Brian Lindsay and seconded by Natalie Vinton

Item 5. Preliminary Assessment of New SHR Nominations**Item 5.1 SHR Nomination – Fagan Park, Galston**

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report on Fagan Park, Galston by Lauren Thomson.

It was noted that the item is locally listed and not in danger of being destroyed. Also, it may be of State heritage significance, but it is not a current priority area for listing.

Resolution 2024-39

The State Heritage Register Committee:

1. **Considers** that Fagan Park, Galston, may be of State heritage significance, but the nomination is not a current priority to progress for listing on the State Heritage Register (Tab 5B of the report).

Moved by Lisa Trueman and seconded by Brian Lindsay

Item 5.2 SHR Nomination – Glebe Island and the Glebe Island Silos

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report on Glebe Island and the Glebe Island Silos by Lauren Thomson.

Key points noted:

- Owner/nominator Port Authority of NSW supports the listing.
- The item is located within the Bays West Precinct, which is at the Stage 1 Rezoning Proposal phase.
- A heritage assessment prepared by GML Heritage found the site likely to meet the threshold for State listing.

The A/Chair thanked Lauren Thomson for her report.

Resolution 2024-40
The State Heritage Register Committee: 1. Considers that Glebe Island and the Glebe Island Silos may be of State heritage significance and prioritises the nomination for progression to a full assessment (Tab 5C of the report).
Moved by Stephen Gapps and seconded by Natalie Vinton

Item 6. SHR Listings Monthly Report

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the Listings Monthly Report by Anna London.

The Committee thanked Anna London for her update and acknowledged the speed and efficiency with which the listings were progressing.

Item 7. Forward Agenda

The State Heritage Register Committee noted the report.

Item 8. General Matters

Nil.

Meeting Close

There being no further items of business, the Acting Chair, Colleen Morris, closed the meeting at 11:20 AM.



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Colleen Morris
Acting Chair, State Heritage Register Committee
Date: 2 July 2024