

# **NOTES OF HERITAGE REFERENCE COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 3 JULY 2019**

Present: Councillor J Anderson (Chairperson) (Roseville Ward)  
Councillor M Smith (Deputy Chairperson) (St Ives Ward)  
Councillor J Pettett (Comenarra Ward)  
Melika Aljukic (Australian Institute of Architects)  
Joanne Martens (Community member)

Staff Present: Antony Fabbro (Manager Urban and Heritage Planning)  
Andreana Kennedy (Heritage Specialist Planner)  
Maxine Bayley (Strategic Planner Heritage)

Others Present: N/A

Apologies: Robert Moore (National Trust)  
Jennifer Harvey (Ku-ring-gai Historical Society)

*The Meeting commenced at 6.15 pm.*

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- Nil

## **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

- Nil

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Confirmed the following:

- 5 March 2019 (File: CY00413/6 [2019/070598](#))

## **MINUTES OF HERITAGE REFERENCE COMMITTEE**

File: CY00413/6

### **1. Welcome to Melika Aljukic**

The Committee welcome its new member, Melika Aljukic, who has replaced Hector Abrahams as the Australian Institute of Architects representative on Council's HRC. A summary of Melika's extensive architectural qualifications and experience, within Australia as well as internationally, was provided to the Committee by the Chairperson.

### **2. Thanks to Hector Abrahams**

The Committee expressed their gratitude to departing HRC member, Hector Abrahams, for his services to the HRC. A formal letter is to be provided from the HRC to thank Hector for the skills and expertise he was able to provide to the HRC during his time on the Committee.

### **3. Heritage Home Grants – Review of applications**

The HRC considered applications received in response to a recent call for

applications under Council's Heritage Home Grants program for the 2019/20 financial year. In total, 28 applications were received and 24 were considered by the Committee (2 were ineligible for funding and a further 2 were withdrawn by the applicants prior to consideration by the HRC).

The HRC reviewed all the eligible applications and recommended funding to 15 projects totalling \$34,815. The funding recommendations were based on the urgency of the works and the overall value to a property's heritage significance. In the case of one property, the HRC resolved to fund a structural engineering report for the property to determine a scope of works. Projects excluded from funding included those deemed routine maintenance; or those which provide minimal or no direct support to heritage conservation values. The HRC's recommendations for funding amounts and conditions for successful applications are to be reported to Council in August 2019.

The HRC discussed the need for Minor Works approval from Council for some of the projects recommended for funding as a result of their scope of works. To assist these applicants, the HRC recommended that Council consider waiving the application fee (between \$300 and \$500) for these projects.

The HRC noted the large number of applications received for funding and the issues associated with distributing a limited funding pool amongst the applications. It was noted that suitable projects are receiving less money than the maximum available in an attempt to fairly distribute the funds. To respond to the increased number of applications and the pressure this is placing on the Heritage Home Grants fund, the HRC recommended that Council consider increasing the available funding through Council's Heritage Home Grants program to \$50,000 per year.

#### **Other matters**

It was moved that the HRC write a letter of thanks and congratulations to Kathy Reith for her recently awarded Member of the Order of Australia for service to community history. The HRC acknowledged the extensive research work undertaken by Kathy (in conjunction with Council and the Ku-ring-gai Historical Society) to improve the understating and conservation of Ku-ring-gai's heritage, in particular the release of Ku-ring-gai Historical Society's commemorative World War I book series.

#### **Next meeting**

It was resolved to cancel the meeting scheduled for 7 August 2019. The next meeting will be held on 4 September 2019.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

The next meeting is 4 September 2019.

