

NOTES OF HERITAGE REFERENCE COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 7 JULY 2020 AT 12.00PM

ONLINE MEETING

- Present: Councillor J Anderson (Chairperson) (Roseville Ward)
Melika Aljukic (Australian Institute of Architects)
Joanne Martens (Community member)
- Staff Present: Antony Fabbro (Manager Urban and Heritage Planning)
Vanessa Holtham (Heritage Specialist Planner)
Olivia Turner (Student Heritage Planner)
- Others Present: N/A
- Apologies: Councillor M Smith (Deputy Chairperson) (St Ives Ward)
Robert Moore (National Trust)
- Robert Moore indicated his absence in advance and provided notes on the same presentation provided to the Committee. He provided 3 main recommendations:
 - o a general recommendation that we ensure appropriately experienced tradespeople carry out the large volume of roofing work
 - o a recommendation that 1 Boomerang St, Turramurra not pressure clean stonework (rectified for final presentation – error transferred from application)
 - o a recommendation that 33 Marian St, Killara, receive funding.

The Meeting commenced at 1.00 pm.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Nil – committee members received a list of Heritage Home Grants Applications and addresses prior to meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmed the following:

- 21 May 2020 (File: CY00413/7 [2020/164176](#))

MINUTES OF HERITAGE REFERENCE COMMITTEE

File: CY00413/8

1. Review of Heritage Home Grants for Financial Year 2020/21

The HRC considered applications received in response to a recent call for applications under Council's Heritage Home Grants program for the 2020/21 financial year. In total, 45 applications were received and 43 were considered by the Committee (2 were ineligible). It was noted that many of the high-priority applications received this year related to roof repairs, associated with recent storms and the broken drought.

The HRC reviewed all the eligible applications and recommended funding to 32 projects totaling \$50,269.50. The funding recommendations were based on the urgency of the works and the overall value to a property's heritage significance. 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 28 July 2020.

The committee raised the need to formalize the process of Heritage Home Grants with approvals in light of projects like 19 Avon Road, Pymble, involving external painting to a colour scheme not previously sighted by Council. The possibility of Council producing approved Heritage Colour palettes was raised. There was, however, an acknowledgement that preferred colours change over time and that it is important to keep the external cladding of similar weatherboard cottages painted and protected to ensure their longevity.

They Committee also noted the need for Council staff to take a cautious approach in regards to applications which were supported on principle but had not supplied detailed samples or sketches. The need for conditions which encourage appropriate treatment of fabric and experienced tradespeople was also noted, and has already been incorporated into the conditions which will accompany the funding letters.

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.

It was also noted that should the \$11,100 in declined and forfeited funds from the 2019/2020 Financial Year Funding round become available, that the

committee's preference would be to partially fund high-priority projects to a greater extent, rather than spread the funds over medium and high priority projects.

2. General Business

An update on the proposed heritage listing of 6 Springdale Road, Killara was provided to the committee.

The two openings in the committee membership were also noted. Acknowledgement was made of the resignation of Jennifer Harvey from the Ku-ring-gai Historical Society, who had been a member of the committee for over 17 years and substantially contributed to research and education surrounding Ku-ring-gai's heritage.

The meeting closed at 1.30 pm.

The next meeting is TBC.