

MINUTES OF HERITAGE REFERENCE COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 3 MAY 2018

Present: Councillor J Anderson (Chairperson) (Roseville Ward)
Councillor M Smith (Deputy Chairperson) (St Ives Ward)
Jennifer Harvey (Ku-ring-gai Historical Society)
Robert Moore (National Trust)

Staff Present: Antony Fabbro (Manager Urban and Heritage Planning)
Rathna Rana (Senior Urban Planner)

Others Present: N/A

Apologies: Hector Abrahams (Australian Institute of Architects)
Joanne Martens (Community member)
Andreana Kennedy (Heritage Specialist Planner)

The Meeting commenced at 6.00 pm.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmed the following:

- 5 April 2018 (File: CY00413/6 [2018/195244](#))

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File: CY00413/6

1. Review of preliminary heritage assessment for a potential interim heritage order (Confidential matter)

Handout information of Preliminary Heritage Assessment - 149 Livingstone Ave, Pymble was considered.

This preliminary assessment was prepared by Council's Heritage Officer with help of the Ku-ring-gai Historical Society and input from residents and was reviewed and discussed by the Heritage Reference Committee.

The HRC was advised that Council has delegation to move forward with an Interim Heritage Order and advised that last week a DA was lodged for demolition and senior's housing on 149, 151, 153 Livingstone Ave, Pymble. The development application places 149 Livingstone Ave, Pymble under threat of harm and demolition.

The significance of the Darling family in the early development of the area was discussed with the house as emblematic of that period when subdivision began and the family had significant land holdings in the area.

The heritage significance of other properties in the vicinity was discussed and in the case of 135 Livingstone Ave – could be part of the comparative analysis.

The survival of 149 Livingstone Ave, Pymble is important as a marker of that period and worthy of an IHO to investigate its significance. It is not a frivolous proposal. The architect is well documented and his daughter has documented the history of this house. This level of detail is unique and uncommon.

The modifications and additions to the original house were discussed including the upper storey with dormers and rear extension with gable, side carport as per McPhee drawings. The additions were not considered to compromise the building.

The origins of the name “Clooneen” was discussed it was suggested likely a name given to current house, used for real estate brochures. Will ask heritage officer to look into it.

The question was raised as to why building was not identified in the earlier study? It was noted 1988 study had limited resources; had a choice to identify as many homes or to only consider 200 homes in detail; chose to go with broader study and funding was very tight; had to consider about 35K houses; unfortunately some houses were missed due to the scale of the study (for example Arthur Baldwin House was missed and lost to dual occupancy). 149 Livingstone was most likely an oversight and not a purposeful omission.

The Heritage Reference Committee advised:

The building is not significantly altered, has a prominent position, is an early significant house with a significant family and architect, and is under threat. All in agreement to proceed with an Interim Heritage Order for 149 Livingstone Ave, Pymble.

The meeting closed at 6.45 pm.

The next meeting is 7 June 2018