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HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held on 2 December, 2021 at 5:00pm and conducted virtually via Microsoft Teams

Present: Cr Sophie Ramsey, Councillor
Cr Bob Turner, Councillor (left the meeting at 5:32pm)
Deb Slattery, Community Representative
Frank Sultana, Community Representative
Alan Perry, Community Representative
Carolyn MacGavin, Community Representative
Georgina Borg, Acting Coordinator City Strategy
Sera Jane Peters, Heritage Advisor

Chairperson: Georgina Borg

Minute Taker: Georgina Borg

1. Welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting and delivered an Acknowledgement of Country.

2. Apologies

Kelly Archibald, Coordinator City Strategy

3. Declaration of interests and/or conflict of interests

Nil.

4. Business Arising

The following matters are business arising from the previous meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee held on 30 September 2021:

Nil.

5. General Business

- **Round 11 Applications to the Heritage Assistance Fund 2021:**

Ms Peters informed the Committee that there was a great deal of interest in the Heritage Assistance Fund again this year with a number of enquiries from a range of applicants, including three places which are listed on the Victorian Heritage Register. Ms Peters explained that it was pleasing that two of the applicants were applying for funds for works which were continued from previous years and this showed a commitment to conservation of the places, and a sensible approach to funding works in a staged manner.

One of the applicants were undertaking works as a result of recommendations in a Conservation Management Plan which had been partially funded by the Heritage Assistance Fund in previous rounds. One application was for a place that had not applied to the fund before.

Three applications were received and were found to be eligible. One applicant withdrew their application and will reapply next year.



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The three applications were evaluated by a Panel of three Council Officers who assessed the applications against the fund guidelines. The total amount of funds requested was less than the fund pool and so each application will receive the total amount requested. The recommendations of the Panel were that each applicant receive the following amounts:

Application 202101 - \$14,465.00

Application 202103 - \$28,000.00

Application 202104 - \$24,687.50

The Committee discussed the Panel's recommendation per the **Assessment Matrix Addenda 1**. The Committee unanimously carried the Panel's recommendations which was moved by Cr. Ramsay and seconded by Mr Sultana.

- **Jimmy Melrose Memorial**

Ms Borg informed the Committee that the Jimmy Melrose Memorial plaque has been treated by a conservator and shared a photo of the treated plaque with the Committee.

- **Conservation Desirables Round 2**

Ms Peters provided an update to the Committee on this project and informed the Committee that the consultants are amending the draft assessment report to include an assessment of a heritage place that was overlooked. Council officers are in the process of contacting this landowner. Ms Peters informed the Committee that many of the sites already assessed did not meet the threshold to warrant heritage protection.

- **Council's 150th Anniversary**

Ms Borg provided an update to the Committee of the City of Melton's 150th anniversary online exhibition that is being prepared by Way Back When Consulting Historians. Ms Borg informed the committee that the project will consist of text and images based around a series of themes that tell stories about the City's be completed by the end of January 2022

- **Member Terms**

Ms Borg informed the Committee that we received good interest in the four community member Committee positions that were recently advertised. Ms Borg noted an assessment had been undertaken by the Panel and a Council Report is going up at the next Ordinary Meeting on 13 December 2021.

Ms Borg also reminded the Committee that two member terms conclude at the end of February 2022 and advertising for these positions will occur in late January/February 2022.

Cr Ramsay was concerned with the short time between the recently advertised positions and the upcoming positions to be advertised in January/February 2022. Ms Borg to consider this concern and report back to the Committee at the first meeting in 2022.



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- **Heritage Festival 2022**

Ms Peters informed the Committee that going forward the Heritage Festival will be undertaken jointly by the City Design and Strategy Team and the Libraries and Arts Team.

The Committee discussed ideas such as the Melton and District Historical Society showcasing memorabilia in other Council facilities whilst the Willows is undergoing maintenance in the first half of 2022. Other ideas focussed on the Rockbank Inn, Christ Church's 150th anniversary and a walking tour to celebrate the City of Melton's 150th anniversary.

Ms Peters informed the Committee that the National Trust Heritage Festival event information is going digital in 2022, and that we will need our program finalised by February 2022.

Ms Borg called for ideas for Heritage Festival 2022 and encouraged the Committee to contact her via email.

6. Other Business

- Ms Borg advised she will send via email proposed dates for the Committee to meet in 2022 for the Committee to consider.
- Mr Perry enquired about the heritage place on 54-56 Exford Road and Ms Peters informed him that a planning application had been approved for the site.

Action

- Ms Borg to consider Cr Ramsay's concern with the time between the two the recently advertised community representative Committee positions and the upcoming positions to be advertised in January/February 2022.
- Committee to provide ideas for Heritage Festival 2022 to Ms Borg via email.
- Ms Borg to provide Committee with proposed 2021 Committee meeting dates via email for the Committee's consideration.

Recommendation

That Council award the following applications to Round 11 of the Heritage Assistance Fund;

Application 202101 - \$14,465.00

Application 202103 - \$28,000.00

Application 202104 - \$24,687.50

being a total of \$67,152.50 (moved by Cr Ramsay/sec by Mr Sultana)

Next Meeting

TBA

Close of Business

The meeting closed at 6:03pm



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Community Representative Member Terms

Name	Deb	Frank	Alan	Carolyn	Vacant	Vacant
Term Ends	Dec 2021	Dec 2021	February 2022	February 2022		