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HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held on 4 February, 2021 at 5:00pm and conducted virtually via Microsoft Teams

Present: Cr Sophie Ramsey, Councillor
Cr Bob Turner, Councillor
Deb Slattery, Community Representative
Frank Sultana, Community Representative
Alan Perry, Community Representative
Carolyn MacGavin, Community Representative
Georgina Borg, Senior Strategic Planner
Sera Jane Peters, Heritage Advisor

Chairperson: Georgina Borg

Minute Taker: Georgina Borg

1. Welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting and delivered a Welcome to 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 9 December 2020:

- Ms Slattery raised the Jimmy Melrose memorial and it was advised by Ms Peters that the structure of the memorial is sound but the plaque is old and needs to be replaced. The Committee was informed by Ms Peters that the vegetation at the creek and subsequently the memorial has been maintained by Council staff prior to 27 February 2020. Ms Peters was to contact the Scouts who arranged the original memorial, as they may like to lead the process for a new plaque. Ms Peters will endeavor to contact the Scouts now that COVID-19 restrictions have eased.

Action

Ms Peters to contact the Scouts regarding leading the process of a new plaque.



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5. General Business

- **Heritage Festival 2021:**

Ms Peters is working with the library on a program of COVID - safe events for Heritage Festival 2021. Some of the events from last year's cancelled festival will be re-programmed. The draft program includes:

- **An unfortunate life and death: Ellen Batman and her sisters at Toolern Vale.**
Online pre-recorded talk by University of Tasmania historian Michelle Berry which was held last year, will be repeated.
- **The tale of Captain Moonlite, bushranger and gentleman.** – pre-recorded with a facilitator. The recent interest in this bushranger revolves not around his daring feats of thieving or the dashing figure he cut among bushrangers, but the story of his passionate love for another male gang member, that illuminates C19th ideas about love, sexuality and colonial masculinity.
- **Guided Tour of 'Melbourne's most joyful set of postmodern structures' - former Mowbray College.** This tour will be strictly controlled by the school and held at a time when the students aren't present.
- **Researching Aboriginal Family History** – Online workshop date has been booked for 9:30am, Monday 17 May. This is a joint workshop to be held with Yarra, Goldfields, Wyndham and Melton libraries.
- **Digging up the past at Rockbank Inn** – Event is yet to be planned but we have agreement from the developer and archaeologist that some form of public day will be held at the site so people can see the excavations.
- **Dry Stone Wall Workshop** - This will not be for the public this year, this will be held for professionals who have to design, plan and build dry stone walls.
- **Open day at Willows**- Open usual times and days plus one extra Saturday, possibly the first weekend.

Ms Slattery noted that The Willows has a COVID-safe plan and could have an open day during the festival.

Ms Borg noted the Committee would be informed when the program has been confirmed by Council officers.

- **Amendment C198: Conservation Desirables Round 1:**

Ms Borg updated the Committee on Amendment C198 that is proposing to protect 9 conservation desirable properties under the Heritage Overlay. Ms Borg advised the Committee that the Panel Report for Amendment C198 to the *Melton Planning Scheme* was received. The Panel Report and was supportive of the amendment and complementary to Council regarding the extensive consultation undertaken with landowners and submitters. A report will be considered by Council at its Meeting on 8 February 2021 that recommends that Council adopt all of the Panel's recommendations outlined in the report. Ms Borg will advise the Committee of this outcome via email in due course.



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Action

- Ms Borg to advise the Committee of the outcome of Amendment C198 via email in due course.
- Ms Slattery to provide SJP with information regarding a potential The Willows open day during the Heritage Festival.
- Ms Borg to notify the Committee of the Heritage Festival 2021 program when it is confirmed by Council officers.

Other Business

- Ms MacGavin informed the Committee that community member Rae Hurley recently passed away.
- It was discussed that the Committee vacancies would be advertised during the Heritage Festival period via the newspaper and social media and at Heritage Festival events.
- It was discussed that the successful applicants of Round 10 of the Heritage Assistance Fund Grant had signed their agreements with works starting quickly.

Next Meeting

5:00pm, Thursday 8 April, 2021 (virtually).

Close of Business

The meeting closed at 5:38pm

Community Representative Member Terms

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