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## HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held on 8 April, 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  
Daisy Ager, Acting Coordinator City Strategy  
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 4 February 2021:

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 Borg to follow up with Mrs Archibald to investigate further.

#### Action

Ms Borg to follow up with Mrs Archibald in regards to investigating the memorial condition.

### 5. General Business

- **Rockbank Inn Archaeological Dig:**

An archaeological dig has commenced this month on the heritage listed Rockbank Inn. The works are being overseen by Heritage Victoria, in conjunction with the developer Woodlea. The excavation will determine the extent of the Inn's gold rush history. The artefacts will be showcased in a pop up museum for two weeks during the Heritage Festival 2021.



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Councillor Ramsay commended Ms Peters and associated staff for their involvement in this project.

- **Heritage Festival 2021 Program:**

- **An unfortunate life and death: Ellen Batman and her sisters at Toolern Vale.** Online pre-recorded 2020 talk by University of Tasmania historian Michelle Berry about Ellen Batman and her sisters, including their association with Toolern Vale.
- **Guided Tour of 'Melbourne's most joyful set of postmodern structures' - former Mowbray College.** Tour of the former Mowbray College led by architectural historian and Mowbray Alumni, Guy Murphy.
- **Researching Aboriginal Family History** – Online workshop by Jenny Bates from the Koori Heritage Trust. This is a joint workshop to be held with Yarra, Goldfields, Wyndham and Melton libraries.
- **Discover the Ruins of the Historical Rockbank Inn** – Guided tours of the archaeological site of the Rockbank Inn and a pop up museum showcasing the artefacts.
- **Open day at Willows-** The Melton and District Historical Society will open their collections and the Willows Homestead.
- **Tour of Melton Cemetery** – Online pre-recorded tour of the Melton Cemetery by the Melton Family History Group.
- **Heartbreak at Rockbank Sheep Station** – Online pre-recorded Family History Month talk by author Janeen O'Connell regarding James McAra Mitchel.

- **Committee Vacancies**

Ms Borg informed the Committee that the two vacant positions for the Committee would be advertised in the local papers and on our website as of Tuesday 20 April, during the Heritage Festival 2021. Ms Borg will send a copy of the advertisement to the Committee to pass onto their networks.

Members of the Committee suggested we also advertise on Council's social media channels and explore alternative ways to advertise. Ms Borg to follow up on additional advertisement.

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

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 Amendment was submitted to the Department Environment, Land, Water and Planning and we are awaiting a response.

- **Conservation Desirables Round 2:**

Ms Peters updated the Committee on the Conservation Desirables Round 2 project and explained that Council officers are working with heritage consultant Lovell Chen to



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assess a further 16 Conservation Desirable sites to determine if they should be protected by a Heritage Overlay. Currently Council officers are considering the Citations from Lovell Chen.

- **Heritage Assistance Fund Update:**

Ms Peters informed the Committee that nearly all of the most recent recipients have had delayed works, likely due to COVID-19 and the backlog of work of their respective tradespeople. Ms Peters advised that the funds for these recipients will be rolled over into next financial years budget.

**Action**

- Ms Borg to send Committee copy of the advertisement to distribute to their networks.
- Ms Borg to consider social media and other advertising methods for the two Committee vacancies.

**Other Business**

- Ms MacGavin advised the Committee that the Staughton original stained glass windows inside the Anglican Church have been restored and that it is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church this year.
- Councillor Ramsay noted that it is the City of Melton's 150th anniversary this year and that a celebration should be considered. Ms Borg will pass this onto the Executive Team.

**ACTION**

- Ms Borg to follow up with the Executive Team regarding the City of Melton's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Next Meeting**

5:30pm, Thursday 3 June, 2021 (location to be advised).

**Close of Business**

The meeting closed at 5:55pm

**Community Representative Member Terms**

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