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HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held on 3 June, 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
Kelly Archibald, 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 Councillor Turner delivered a Welcome to Country.

2. Apologies

Nil.

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 8 April 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.

Mrs Archibald informed the Committee that work is taking place to appoint a Conservator to remediate the plaque and will provide an update to the Committee at our next meeting.

5. General Business

• Heritage Festival De-brief

Ms Peters discussed the recent success of the City of Melton Heritage Festival and noted that:

- The Researching Aboriginal Family History online workshop was well attended, attracting over 350 people.



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- The Dry Stone Wall Workshop was a success as it provided understanding of the municipality's walls and practical skills to targeted professionals working within the City of Melton.
- The guided tour of Mowbray College was booked out with many visitors past staff and students. There is scope here for further tours in future Heritage Festival.

Ms Borg commented on the success of the Historical Rockbank Inn Ruins tour organised by Woodlea and undertaken by archaeologists as well run and informative and the pop-up museum being popular with the locals and visitors.

Ms Slattery noted that there was not enough access to water for visitors on the tour.

Ms Slattery noted that the Melton and District Historical Society had approximately 20 visitors to the Willows as part of the Heritage Festival and noted that the Heritage Festival was not advertised enough.

Councillor Ramsay suggested that a database is set up that we can send out a yearly email of upcoming City of Melton Heritage Festival events. It was agreed by the Committee that we would need permission to obtain email contacts and that we can facilitate this through the booking system for next year's festival.

Ms Borg noted she will contact the Libraries team to obtain attendance information for the library run pre recorded Heritage Festival events.

Action

- Ms Borg to discuss setting up of a database for upcoming Heritage Festival events with internal staff.
- Ms Borg to contact Libraries team to obtain attendance information for the library run Heritage Festival events and report to the Committee via email.

- **Committee Vacancies**

Ms Borg informed the Committee that the two vacant positions for the Committee advertised in the local papers, social media and on our website during the Heritage Festival 2021 did not attract any applications.

It was discussed by Committee members that community groups should be targeted. Ms Borg noted that she had asked the Committee to forward the email with the application link to their networks and that Council relies on the Committee for this purpose.

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

Ms Borg advised the Committee that Amendment C198 was approved and Gazetted in in the Victorian Government Gazette on 28 May 2021 and as such a Heritage Overlay was applied to 9 properties.

- **Conservation Desirables Round 2:**

Ms Peters explained that Council officers are working with heritage consultant Lovell Chen to assess a further 16 Conservation Desirable sites to determine if they should be protected by a Heritage Overlay. Council officers are considering the draft Citations from Lovell Chen.



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Mrs Archibald noted similar to Amendment C198 an amendment process will be required for Round 2 of the Conservation Desirables in due course

It was discussed that the origin of the Conservation Desirables are from the 2007 Shire of Melton Heritage Study and Ms Peters noted that the remaining conservation desirables will need to be considered in the present day context. Ms Peters also discussed to need to consider the post war and Satellite Cities period in future heritage studies.

Ms Slattery noted she has a contact at Melbourne University in regards to Melton's Satellite City.

- **Heritage Assistance Fund Update:**

Ms Peters informed the Committee that works on two of the four applications have been completed. The remaining two applications are currently unable to obtain tradespeople, therefore the funds for these recipients will be rolled over into next financial year's budget.

Ms Peters noted that once Council's budget is ratified, preparation will begin on informing relevant landowners in regard to this year's Heritage Assistance Fund application process.

Other Business

- Mr Sultana queried previous discussions about Council's 150th anniversary. It was discussed by the Committee that a celebration could coincide with another event such as Djerriwarrah Festival or next year's Heritage Festival.

Ms MacGavin suggested incorporating the celebration with other 150th anniversary celebrations in the nearby Uniting and Anglican Churches and Melton Primary School.

Ms Borg to follow up with the Executive Team regarding a potential celebration for the City of Melton's 150th anniversary.

ACTION

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

Next Meeting

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

Close of Business

The meeting closed at 5:50pm

Community Representative Member Terms

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