

MEETING NOTICE

A meeting of the
Botany Historical Trust
will be held in the Mascot Library and George Hanna Memorial Museum
2 Hatfield Street, Mascot
on **Monday 6 May 2019 at 6:30 pm.**

AGENDA

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

Bayside Council respects the traditional custodians of the land, and elders past and present, on which this meeting takes place, and acknowledges the Gadigal and Bidjigal Clans of the Eora Nation.

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Meredith Wallace
General Manager

Botany Historical Trust

6/05/2019

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| Item No | 4.1 |
| Subject | Minutes of the Botany Historical Trust Meeting - 4 February 2019 |
| Report by | Bobbi Mayne, Manager Customer Experience |
| File | F16/1038 |

Officer Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Botany Historical Trust meeting held on 4 February 2019 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

Present

President Anne Slattery
Vice President Christopher Hanna
Senior Vice President Alice McCann
Secretary Robert Hanna
Committee Member Clarence Jones
Committee Member Jacqueline Milledge
Committee Member Peter Orlovich

Also Present

Meredith Wallace, General Manager
Bobbi Mayne, Manager Customer Experience
Jennifer MacRitchie, Community History Librarian

The Chairperson opened the meeting in the Mascot Library and George Hanna Museum at 6.35 pm.

1 Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

The Chairperson affirmed that Bayside Council respects the traditional custodians of the land, elders past and present and future leaders, on which this meeting takes place, and acknowledges the Gadigal and Bidjigal Clans of the Eora Nation.

2 Apologies

The following apologies were received:

Debra Dawson, Director City Life

3 Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

4 Minutes of Previous Meetings

4.1 Minutes of the Botany Historical Trust Meeting - 5 November 2018

Trust Recommendation

On the motion of Peter Orlovich, seconded by Jacqueline Milledge:

That the Minutes of the Botany Historical Trust meeting held on 5 November 2018 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

Notes: With reference to item 6.3, the leasing of Botany Town Hall, the President asked the General Manager about the status of Mascot's Coronation Hall. Ms Wallace explained that negotiations are underway to let the administration building on Coward Street and the offices on the ground floor of the Coronation Hall, although no leases have been signed as yet. Ms Slattery asked whether the Coronation Hall is available for short bookings. Ms Wallace will confirm.

Dr Orlovich asked about the old Botany Police Station and its future. Council officers will try to verify that it is owned by the State Government. The former Mascot Police Station in Miles Street is now a private dwelling.

A suspension of standing orders took place at 6.50 pm when the meeting was joined by Mr Les and Mrs Robyn Haggett, representatives from the Botany RSL Sub-Branch. Mr Barry McGrath, representing Cain Slater, also from the Sub-Branch, joined the meeting at 7.00 pm.

5 Reports

5.1 Arthur Park - Installation of a new Plaque

Trust Recommendation

On the motion of Clarence Jones, seconded by Christopher Hanna:

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That the design and wording of a new plaque commemorating the service of Botany's men and women during World War II be approved.
3. That the removal of the remaining plaques for mounting on an Honour Board, or within a frame, for display at the George Hanna Memorial Museum be approved.

Notes: Representatives from Botany RSL Sub-Branch were invited to discuss the BHT's recommendations for replacing the plaques honouring World War II

servicemen in Arthur Park, Botany. Consensus was reached for the re-dedication of the memorial listing the original names recorded. There will be no organisations included on the plaque. Ms Slattery suggested that 15 August 2019, Victory in the Pacific Day, would be a fitting date to unveil the new plaque. Military representatives will also be invited to take part. Ms Wallace suggested that an interpretative sign could also be installed to explain the significance and history of the memorial, plaques and trees in Arthur Park.

Mr and Mrs Haggett and Mr McGrath left the meeting at 7.15 pm.

5.2 Community History and Museum

Trust Recommendation

On the motion of Peter Orlovich, seconded by Jacqueline Milledge:

That the report be received and noted.

5.3 New Park Name Request - Mascot

Trust Recommendation

On the motion of Jacqueline Milledge, seconded by Alice McCann:

That the BHT Executive Committee supports the proposed name for the new park for endorsement by Council.

6 General Business

6.1 Development Applications

Ms Milledge asked about the status of the proposed development at 1447 Botany Road, Botany. Ms Wallace explained that there was currently a stop work order in place and that the current owners have stated that the vandalism to the property occurred before they purchased it. Investigation is continuing. In response to a question about the Marina Theatre, Ms Wallace stated that it has been sold but that there have been no further developments at this time

Trust Recommendation

That this discussion be noted.

6.2 Trams

Mr Robert Hanna showed the Executive a new book by the NSW Division of the Australian Railway Historical Society titled *Bondi to the Opera House: the trams that*

linked Sydney. The book features several photos of the Botany trams on Botany Road. He suggested that this may be a good topic for a future exhibition at the George Hanna Memorial Museum.

Trust Recommendation

That this discussion be noted.

6.3 Carolyn McMahon

Mr Christopher Hanna announced that Carolyn McMahon, Secretary of Mascot RSL Sub-Branch recently received an OAM for service to the community.

Trust Recommendation

That this discussion be noted.

6.4 Captain Cook's 250 Anniversary

Mr Robert Hanna asked whether Council plans to mark the 250th anniversary of Captain Cook's arrival in Botany Bay on 29 April 1770. Ms Wallace responded that there have been no plans made as yet but that Bayside Council will be involved in some way and that it is possible that there will be Government grants available to local communities.

Trust Recommendation

That this discussion be noted.

6.5 Botany RSL Sub-Branch archives

Dr Orlovich noted that the Botany RSL Sub-Branch archives are still in storage at AMAC House and that he had anticipated that they would have been relocated some time ago. His report outlining possible future storage options has not yet been implemented and a permanent home for them is yet to be found. Ms Wallace assured Dr Orlovich that there is no immediate time pressure for the archives to be moved and that future negotiation may be possible with the new board at Botany Golf Club. Dr Orlovich also commended the work of the three ladies who assisted him with reorganising and documenting the Botany RSL Sub-Branch archives.

Trust Recommendation

That this discussion be noted.

Mr Smolenski joined the meeting at 8:00pm

6.6 Sir Joseph Banks Park

Mr Robert Hanna asked the General Manager about signs he had seen warning about snakes in Sir Joseph Banks Park. Ms Wallace explained that there had been some bush regeneration work undertaken there by volunteers in recent months and that several snakes had been sighted there.

Trust Recommendation

That this discussion be noted.

6.7 Development Applications

Mr Smolenski expressed his concern about development applications being advertised for public submissions over the Christmas/New Year period when people are away from home or busy. Ms Wallace explained that Council cannot stop the clock on development applications because of Christmas and that all that Council can do is to extend the closing date for feedback to allow for the Christmas public holidays. This is what Bayside Council already does.

Trust Recommendation

That this discussion be noted.

6.8 BHT Program for 2019

The President submitted a draft program for excursions and events for 2019. These are still to be confirmed. Ms Slattery expressed a desire for two general weekday meetings where ordinary members could possibly share local memories etc. that might be recorded in some way. Ms Wallace noted that Council has staff that could help with filming.

Trust Recommendation

That this discussion be noted.

6.9 Extra Meetings

Ms Milledge asked about the possibility of holding extra Committee meetings if necessary in connection with building applications that require discussion. Ms Slattery advised that the constitution does allow for special meetings if necessary. The Executive expressed a desire to have a representative from Planning attend meetings to provide more information on certain developments when required. Ms Wallace assured the Executive that this can be arranged as necessary.

Trust Recommendation

That a representative from Planning will attend future Botany Historical Trust meetings

7 Next Meeting

That the next meeting be held in the Mascot Library and George Hanna Memorial Museum at 6.30 pm on Monday, 6 May 2019.

Mr Smolenski advised that he will be unable to attend this meeting as he will be overseas.

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 8:20 pm.

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| Item No | 5.1 |
| Subject | Community History and Museum |
| Report by | Jenny MacRitchie, Heritage Librarian |
| File | SF19/206 |

Summary

This report is provided to inform members of the current, ongoing and proposed work by the Community History Librarians and the Curator.

Officer Recommendation

That the report be received and noted.

Background

The Community History Team aims to increase awareness within Bayside by responding to enquiries, producing exhibitions and digital content and delivering a variety of community programs.

Enquiries

Recent community history enquiries have included:

- Botany's Voluntary Aid Detachment
- Mascot RSL Sub-Branch's centenary
- The Sounness family of Mascot
- Mascot World War I Honour Roll
- Formal picnics at the Sir Joseph Banks Pleasure Grounds
- Marina Theatre

Exhibitions

- **What's Your Story**

This exhibition finished at the end of March 2019.

- **Visual Arts Prize**

Bayside Council's Visual Arts Prize exhibition will be on display from 9 April until the end of April.

- **CamerART**

This exhibition of finalists of Council's photographic competition will be on display at the Mascot Library and George Hanna Memorial Museum from 1 to 26 May. CamerART aims to capture original and striking moments in the time about "Living Local" which celebrates life in the City of Bayside through the eyes of the community.

- **Anzac Day 2019**

Westfield Eastgardens is hosting an Anzac Day display from 20 to 26 April. This exhibition will feature the panels used for a similar display there in 2017, sharing some of the stories of local servicemen from *Postings From the Front: the City of Botany Bay and World War I*.

- **Mascot 100 : Centenary of Sydney Airport**

This exciting exhibition, marking 100 years since the beginning of Mascot Aerodrome, will open in late June or early July 2019 and run until the end of January 2020.

- **Australian Heritage Festival 18 April to 19 May**

A series of early subdivision plans were acquired and enlarged for display to celebrate the 2019 Australian Heritage Festival. These will be on display at Eastgardens and Rockdale Libraries.

Public Programs

- **Botany Wool**

Our first public talk for the year was Leonie Bell who spoke about the history of the Botany wool industry. About 70 people attended her talk on Saturday, 9 February at Mascot Library and George Hanna Memorial Museum. Leonie was the recipient of the 2018 Ron Rathbone Local History Prize.

- **Up! Down! Flying Around**

On 12 February the Community History Librarian spoke to Rockdale Rotary Club about the early years of Sydney Airport.

- **The Wretched Flu**

In conjunction with the National Trust's Australian Heritage Festival, Bayside Libraries and the Botany Historical Trust are hosting a talk about the pneumonic influenza pandemic of early 1919. Local archives and letters paint a picture of how the local community was affected by the pandemic 100 years ago, and how residents rallied to help one another as soldiers returned home from war. The talk will be given by the Community History Librarian on Saturday 4 May at 2.30pm in the Mascot Library and George Hanna Memorial Museum.

- **The Ron Rathbone Local History Prize**

The 2019 Ron Rathbone Local History Prize for original research is now open. All entries must be received by 26 July. There is a prize of \$5000 for the winning entry and a \$500 prize for the junior category.

Social Media Promotion

Recent blog posts have included:

- Promotion of the **What's Your Story** exhibition.
- Calling for community input for the **#Mascot100 Project** as we continue to research stories of interest and relevance for the centenary of Sydney Airport.

Attachments

Nil

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| Item No | 5.2 |
| Subject | Arthur Park Memorial and Interpretative Sign |
| Report by | Bobbi Mayne, Manager Customer Experience |
| File | F16/1038 |

Summary

This report provides an update on the Arthur Park Memorial and Interpretative Sign funded from the Armistice Centenary Grant received from Department of Veteran Affairs.

Officer Recommendation

That the Committee note the progress on the Arthur Park Memorial and Interpretative Sign project.

Background

The Botany Historical Trust with Bayside Council applied and received \$8,182 under the Armistice Centenary Grants Program (ACGP) to restore and refurbish the War Memorial at Arthur Plaque and install three new Armistice plaques at Botany, Mascot and Light Horse Beersheba Memorial (Eastlakes).

The new Armistice plaques have been installed. As agreed by the Executive Committee at its February meeting in consultation with Council, the Arthur Park War Memorial will be replicated and the remaining 7 original plaques will be preserved and placed on display at Mascot Library and George Hanna Memorial Museum. The new replica Memorial will include the official emblems approved by the Australian Army, Royal Australian Airforce and Royal Australian Army of the time period the memorial refers to. An interpretative sign will also be installed that provides the history of the park and the War Memorial.

The memorial and interpretative sign is in production and will installed by end of July 2019. It was agreed by the Executive at the last meeting that a small memorial will occur on 15 August which is the anniversary of *Victory in the Pacific Memorial Day*. Invitees will include Dorothy Arthur (George Arthur's wife), Councillors, BHT Members and key representatives of the Armed Forces.

The grant acquittal was due to the Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA) by 30 June 2019, however the DVA has approved an extension until 30 September 2019 to allow for the completion of the project.

Attachments

Nil

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| Item No | 5.3 |
| Subject | 2019 BHT Program |
| Report by | Bobbi Mayne, Manager Customer Experience |
| File | F16/1038 |

Summary

An update on the 2019 BHT program will be provided to the Committee.

Officer Recommendation

- 1 That the Committee note the status report on 2019 BHT program.
 - 2 That the Committee provide feedback on the 2019 BHT excursions, events and activities proposed.
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Background

At the BHT Executive Meeting held on 4 February 2019, the President submitted a draft program for excursions and events for 2019 which was noted by Committee.

The status on the program and other activities proposed is summarised in the attachment for review, input and discussion by the Committee at the meeting.

Attachments

BHT Program Activities 2019 -Status May 2019 [↓](#)

| BOTANY HISTORICAL TRUST. PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2019 | | | | | | |
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| MONTH | DATE | Time | ACTIVITY TYPE | DESCRIPTION | LOCATION | Outcome |
| MARCH | Friday, March 29, 2019 | 9:30am-4pm | Excursion | Government House The Sydney Police Museum and recently refurbished Hyde Park War Memorial (Plus Lunch) | Sydney | Cancelled |
| APRIL | Friday, April 12, 2019 | N/A | Installation | WWII Mascot Installation | Mascot | Completed |
| | Sunday, April 14, 2019 | 2pm | Event | ANZAC DAY - Mascot RSL March includes Wreath. | Mascot | Completed |
| | Tuesday, April 23, 2019 | N/A | Installation | INSTALLATION - WWII BOTANY Installation | Botany | Completed |
| | Thursday, April 25, 2019 | Dawn | Event | ANZAC DAY - BOTANY includes Wreath | Botany | Completed |
| MAY | Saturday, May 04, 2019 | 2:30pm | Author Talk | Influenza Epidemic | Mascot Library | |
| | Monday, May 06, 2019 | 6:30pm | Meeting | BHT Committee Meeting | Mascot | |
| JUNE | Wednesday, June 05, 2019 | 9:30am-4pm | Excursion | Port Hacking History Cruise on "Tom Thumb III". 3hr cruise with morning tea on board followed by lunch at Cronulla RSL. | External | |
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| JULY | | | Newsletter | BHT Newsletter | Various | |
| | | N/A | Installation | Arthur Park Plaque | Arthur Park | |

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| AUGUST | Monday, August 05, 2019 | 6:30pm | Meeting | BHT Committee Meeting | Mascot | |
| | Wednesday, August 07, 2019 | TBC | Meeting | General Meeting BHT - Theme "Who do you think you are?" Ancestry.com | TBC | |
| | Saturday, August 10, 2019 | 2:30pm | Author Talk | Jimmy Carlton - Olympian (TBC) | Mascot | |
| | Thursday, August 15, 2019 | TBC | Event | Arthur Park Memorial and Interpretative Sign Unveiling | Arthur Park | |
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| SEPTEMBER | Thursday, September 05, 2019 | 9:30am-4pm | Excursion | The Kokoda Memorial Walkway with Veteran, Reg Chard followed by lunch at Kokoda Café. If possible 1hr tour of parts of Rookwood Cemetery. | Rookwood Cemetery | |
| | Monday, September 30, 2019 | N/A | Grant Acquittal | Armistice GRANT acquittal submission date | Dept. Veteran Affairs | |
| OCTOBER | Wednesday, October 09, 2019 | | Meeting | General Meeting BHT - Theme Our Local Schools. | TBC | |
| | Saturday, October 19, 2019 | 2:30pm | Author Talk | TBA | Mascot | |
| NOVEMBER | Monday, November 4 2019 | 6:30pm | Meeting | AGM | Mascot | |
| | November | | Event | Christmas Function | TBC | |
| DECEMBER | December | | Newsletter | BHT Newsletter | Various | |
| | December | | | | | |

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| Item No | 5.4 |
| Subject | Planning, Development and Compliance Matters |
| Report by | Bobbi Mayne, Manager Customer Experience |
| File | F16/1038 |

Summary

This report provides information regarding planning, development and compliance matters relating to heritage properties.

Officer Recommendation

- 1 That the Committee note the information provided about the former Botany Police Station property, 1441 Botany Road.
 - 2 That the Committee note the information provided about the withdrawal of the DA for 1445-1447 Botany Road and compliance matters relating to the property.
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Background

1441 Botany Road – Former Botany Police Station

The site, known as 1441 Botany Rd, Botany (Lot 100 in DP 1052312) is owned by NSW Land & Housing Corporation.

The land is wholly zoned B2 – Local Centre.

The site is listed as a heritage item under Botany LEP 2013 – Item No. I24 – Police Station (circa 1871).

In November 2007, the former Botany Bay Council approved DA-2005/114 for Crown Development - demolition of demountables, conversion of part of existing heritage building into a 1-bedroom dwelling, and construction of a multi-unit SEPP (Seniors Living) 2004 development at the rear.

During assessment of the DA, the Council and the Dept negotiated for the heritage building to be conserved and the front portion of the building to be adaptively re-used for a community purpose that would be available for Council to lease and operate. They did submit a Conservation Works Schedule, however it appears that no significant works other than some occasional lawn mowing and weeding has being undertaken. Council fought to have security fencing installed and general maintenance of the building, however negotiations regarding handover of the community space and comprehensive conservation ended some time ago as they did not wish to complete the works and only sought to hand over to Council in its unrestored state, and Council would not agree to this.

1445-1447 Botany Road, BotanyCompliance Issue

At the last BHT Committee Meeting held February – an update on behalf of Council's Compliance Unit was provided as per minutes below;

Ms Milledge asked about the status of the proposed development at 1447 Botany Road, Botany. Ms Wallace explained that there was currently a stop work order in place and that the current owners have stated that the vandalism to the property occurred before they purchased it. Investigation is continuing. In response to a question about the Marina Theatre, Ms Wallace stated that it has been sold but that there have been no further developments at this time

Development Application

28 March 2019, the Co-ordinator Development and Assessment notified the BHT that *the applicant has decided not to proceed with the development and accordingly the application has now been withdrawn.*

Representatives from Council's Development Services and Compliance Units will be attendance at the meeting to provide the Committee with any further updates on these matters.

Attachments

Nil