

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 5 August 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

5/08/2019

Item No	4.1
Subject	Minutes of the Botany Historical Trust Meeting - 6 May 2019
Report by	Bobbi Mayne, Manager Customer Experience
File	SF19/206

Officer Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Botany Historical Trust meeting held on 6 May 2019 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

Present

President Anne Slattery
Vice President Christopher Hanna
Secretary Robert Hanna
Committee Member Clarence Jones
Committee Member Peter Orlovich

Also Present

Councillor Dorothy Rapisardi
Councillor Scott Morrissey
Bobbi Mayne, Manager Customer Experience
Jenny MacRitchie, Community History Librarian
Michael McCabe, Director City Futures
Michael Azzi, Manager Compliance

The Chairperson opened the meeting in the Mascot Library and George Hanna Memorial 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:

Treasurer Richard Smolenski

Senior Vice President Alice McCann

Committee Member Jacqueline Milledge

Committee Member Barbara Keeley

3 Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

4 Minutes of Previous Meetings

4.1 Minutes of the Botany Historical Trust Meeting - 4 February 2019

Trust Recommendation

Moved Christopher Hanna and seconded by Peter Orlovich:

That the Minutes of the Botany Historical Trust meeting held on 4 February 2019 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings, with the following addition:

Item 5.3 refers to Beckenham Park, which will be created on the corner of Wentworth Ave and Botany Rd.

5 Reports

The Chairperson brought forward item 5.4 and invited Michael McCabe and Michael Azzi to address the meeting.

5.4 Planning, Development and Compliance Matters

Director City Futures, Michael McCabe and Manager Compliance, Michael Azzi provided an update as to the current status of 1441 Botany Road (Former Police Station) and property at 1445-1447 Botany Road.

The BHT were advised that:

- the former police station is State-owned and Bayside Council has no control over it.
- The DA 2018/329 for 144-1447 Botany Road for demolition was withdrawn, however the DA 2018/1201 for mixed use development is still active and remains under assessment.

Michael McCabe and Michael Azzi left the meeting at 7:15pm.

Trust Recommendation

On the motion of Robert Hanna, seconded by Christopher Hanna:

- 1 That the Committee notes the information provided about the former Botany Police Station property, 1441 Botany Road and 1445-1447 Botany Road.
- 2 That the Committee requests Council officers to inform the BHT Committee of any further progress or developments once known that relate to these properties.
- 3 That the Committee endorses Mr Orlovich's suggestion that he prepare a document for the next meeting outlining possible sources of information about the history of the former Botany Police Station and the local police force.

5.1 Community History and Museum

The Community History Librarian gave an update on exhibitions and events. The talk on Saturday 4 May titled **The Wretched Flu** was attended by about 40 people and was held in conjunction with the National Trust's Heritage Festival.

Mr Christopher Hanna noted that the Mascot RSL Sub-Branch's centenary dinner had been a great occasion with a military band and speeches by both the Hon. Matt Thistlethwaite, Member for Kingsford Smith and the Hon. Ron Hoenig, Member for Heffron. He commended Pam Richardson OAM and Carolyn McMahon OAM for their work with the Sub-Branch.

Trust Recommendation

On the motion of Christopher Hanna, seconded by Peter Orlovich:

That the report is received and noted.

5.2 Arthur Park Memorial and Interpretative Sign

The Manager Customer Experience, Bobbi Mayne provided an update on the progress on the plaque and interpretative sign. She also presented draft designs of the proposed plaque and sign for the Committee's information.

These will be ordered very soon and will be installed in late July. A small ceremony will be held to unveil these in Arthur Park on the morning of 15 August 2019, Victory in the Pacific Day.

Trust Recommendation

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

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

5.3 2019 BHT Program

Committee Recommendation

On the motion of Peter Orlovich, seconded by Christopher Hanna:

- 1 That the Committee notes the status report on 2019 BHT program.
- 2 That the Committee confirms the program's activities for the next quarter which include includes a newsletter, the completion of the interpretive sign and memorial plaque for Arthur Park and the next Committee meeting to be held on 5 August 2019.

6 General Business

6.1 Leave of Absence

BHT President, Ms Slattery announced that she will be taking a leave of absence from the Committee until November 2019.

The Vice President or Senior Vice President will chair the next meeting to be held in August 2019.

All development matters of heritage interest will be sent directly to Committee members by email or post by the Council officers.

7 Next Meeting

That the next meeting be held in the Mascot Library and George Hanna Memorial Museum at 6:30 pm on Monday, 5 August 2019.

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 8:42pm.

Attachments

Nil

Botany Historical Trust

5/08/2019

Item No	5.1
Subject	Community History and Museum
Report by	Jenny MacRitchie, Heritage Librarian
File	F19/23

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, digital content and delivering a variety of community programs.

Enquiries

- Location of Correy's Tea Gardens.
- Coward Street, Mascot and first Mayor of North Botany, James Coward.
- Alderman John Blacker of North Botany.
- Location of an aboriginal burial ground near the Sir Joseph Banks Hotel.

Exhibitions

- **Visual Arts Prize and CamerART.**

These two exhibitions were on display in the George Hanna Memorial Museum during April and May and were very popular. These exhibitions of art and photography attract new audiences to the museum.

- **People & Planes: A Community View of Sydney Airport**

The new exhibition, celebrating 100 years since the founding of Mascot Aerodrome, opened on 8 July and will be on display until the end of January 2020. It has already attracted great interest and 35 children were given a tour on the second day of opening. The Children's and

Youth Librarian planned school holiday activities with an airport theme. Children have made airports, planes, space shuttles and parachutes.

Public Programs

- **The Wretched Flu**

Approximately 40 people attended a talk by the Community History Librarian on Saturday, 4 May at the Mascot Library and George Hanna Memorial Museum. The talk was held in conjunction with the National Trust's Australian Heritage Festival. This year's theme was **Connecting People, Places and the Past**. The Community History Librarian spoke about the effect of the Pneumonic Influenza (Spanish Flu) pandemic of 1919 on the communities of Botany and Mascot. Attendees were particularly interested in the handwritten lists of local residents who were inoculated at the Botany Town Hall depot during January and February 1919.

- **The Daredevil Dairyman**

To help promote the new exhibition, a talk will be given by the Community History Librarian about the remarkable life of Rockdale aviator, Reginald Annabel. During a few short years he flew around Australia in his gypsy moth plane, flew under the Sydney Harbour Bridge and built a number of planes on his Rockdale dairy farm. He was tragically killed looping the loop at Mascot in 1934. His scrapbook, photo album and trophy have been loaned to the Community History Team and are on display in the new exhibition.

- **Ron Rathbone Local History Prize**

The 2019 Ron Rathbone Local History Prize for original research closes on 26 July. There is a \$5000 prize for the winning entry and \$500 prizes for the best primary and high school entries. BHT President, Anne Slattery and committee member, Dr Peter Orlovich are both members of the judging panel. The award ceremony will be held at Rockdale Library on Saturday 7 September.

Social Media Promotion

Recent blog posts have included:

- The Wretched Flu, a summary of the Heritage Festival talk about the Pneumonic Influenza pandemic in Botany and Mascot.
- The Daredevil Dairyman, about aviator Reginald Annabel and our upcoming talk and promoting the new exhibition **People & Planes**.

Attachments

Nil

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5/08/2019

Item No	5.2
Subject	2019 BHT Program
Report by	Bobbi Mayne, Manager Customer Experience
File	F16/1038

Summary

An update on the 2019 Botany Historical Trust program will be provided to the Committee.

Officer Recommendation

That the Committee notes the update and provides feedback on the 2019 Botany Historical Trust program.

Background

At the BHT Executive Meeting held on 6 May 2019, the President submitted a draft program for excursions and events for 2019.

The Committee confirmed the excursion and events for the next quarter which were:

- a BHT Newsletter distributed - July 2019.
- b Unveiling of Arthur Park replacement memorial and new interpretative sign – 15 August 2019 at 10am.
- c The Kokoda Memorial Walkway Excursion – 5 September 2019.

An update of the program and other activities proposed is summarised in the attachment for review, input and discussion by the Committee at the meeting.

BHT AGM and Christmas Function

The BHT Christmas function will be held after the Annual General Meeting (AGM) at Mascot Library and George Hanna Memorial Museum scheduled for Monday 4 November 2019.

Canapés, finger food and refreshments will be provided for members and guests in a cocktail style reception.

Details will be discussed and confirmed with the BHT Committee at the meeting.

Attachments

BHT Program Activities 2019 -August Meeting Update [↓](#)

BOTANY HISTORICAL TRUST. PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2019						
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	Completed
	Monday, May 06, 2019	6:30pm	Meeting	BHT Committee Meeting	Mascot	Completed
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	Cancelled - May Meeting
JULY			Newsletter	BHT Newsletter	Various	Completed
		N/A	Installation	Arthur Park Plaque	Arthur Park	In progress

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	Cancelled - May Meeting
	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	In progress
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	Booked - EOI sent to members in July.
	Monday, September 30, 2019	N/A	Grant Acquittal	Armistice GRANT acquittal submission date	Dept. Veteran Affairs	On track
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	
	Monday, November 4 2019		Event	Christmas Function	Mascot	
	December		Newsletter	BHT Newsletter	Various	
DECEMBER	December					

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Item No	5.3
Subject	Arthur Park - Proposed Park Upgrade
Report by	Ted Pirola, Senior Project Landscape Architect Bobbi Mayne, Manager Customer Experience
File	18/28034

Summary

Improvements to Arthur Park are listed on Councils Capital Works Program to be delivered this financial year.

The proposed park improvements will continue to recognise and highlight the heritage significance of the park whilst creating better alignment of pathways and fostering more utilisation and enjoyment through play spaces, sensory gardens and seating.

A Concept Plan of the proposed improvements has been developed, and it is planned to undertake community consultation in the early part of the 2019/20 financial year, with construction to be carried out in the second half of 2019/20.

Officer Recommendation

That the BHT Committee

- 1 Provides feedback on the proposed design for the park improvements.
 - 2 Requests that Council notifies BHT members about the project as part of the community consultation process.
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Background

Improvements to Arthur Park are listed on Councils Capital Works Program to be delivered this financial year.

In late January 2019 Council engaged the services of a landscape architecture consultancy to undertake design improvements to the park. The design has been guided by a preliminary masterplan that was prepared by the former Botany Bay City Council in 2013.

A tree survey of the park was undertaken at the time of the 2013 preliminary masterplan, with a particular focus on the existing memorial avenue of poplar trees that, in association with a number of individual plaques on a plinth, acknowledges local service men and women who served their country in both World Wars. At that time a number of the poplar trees (*Populus deltoides*) - were removed as they were in poor condition and the remaining trees retained.

Six years later, in March 2019, an arborist assessment of all trees was undertaken and confirmed the remaining 9 poplars are in poor condition and should also be removed.

It is proposed to replace the poplar memorial trees with birch trees along a new memorial avenue through the park to continue to recognise the ex-service men and women.

In planning discussions with the Botany RSL sub-branch, it was agreed the number of trees in any new memorial avenue should be consistent with the number of people acknowledged in the plaque – this being 26.

During discussions, the Botany RSL sub-branch advised the existing memorial plaque was in the process of being researched and replaced in collaboration with the Botany Historical Trust. A new interpretative sign is also being produced to support the memorial. It was agreed that the memorial plinth, the replacement plaque and the interpretative sign were to remain and be included in the new design.

A concept design has been developed and will be presented at the meeting. Improvements proposed in the design include:

- a Retention of the two existing pergolas and creation of a small sensory garden close to the former health centre building with seating.
- b Removal of the remaining poplar trees and the installation of a new living memorial avenue of 26 birch trees realigning the existing pathway.
- c New improved path connections throughout the park.
- d Re-location of the existing memorial stone plinth with the memorial plaque and new interpretative sign to be placed in close proximity to the new pathway.
- e Inclusion of a small children's play space with seating.

Community consultation will commence in the early part of the 2019/20 financial year, with construction to be carried out in the second half of 2019/20.

Consultation will include:

- Information board placed in the park.
- Notification to neighbouring residents.
- Botany RSL Sub-Branch and BHT Members.
- "Have Your Say" on-line survey.
- Information on Council's website.

The community will be able to provide feedback about the proposed improvement through the 'Have Your Say' portal on Council's website <https://haveyoursay.bayside.nsw.gov.au/>.

Attachments

L-180902 Arthur Park community Consultation Board [↓](#)

ARTHUR PARK, BOTANY

PARK UPGRADE



What are we doing?

Council is planning to undertake improvements to Arthur Park.

The proposals include:

- A new avenue of beech trees (beech is a living memorial to warships).
- The location of the existing memorial stone (which acknowledges local sailors, men and women who served their country in both world wars) - in close proximity to a proposed new living memorial avenue of 26 beech trees.
- Provision of a new interpretive sign explaining the history of the park including memorial plaques.
- Inclusion of a small children's play area with seating.
- New improved path connections throughout the park.

When are we doing it?

Construction is proposed for 2020.

We Want Your Feedback!

Council is seeking feedback on the proposed upgrade. Please contact the Infrastructure Projects Unit by no later than 1000.

Phone: 1300 561 299
 Email: council@bayside.nsw.gov.au
 Web: www.bayside.nsw.gov.au
 In person: Bayside Council Customer Service Centre,
 Sandgarbene, 152 Burnmore Road, Sandgarbene,
 Rockdale 444-446 (Pensac Highway, Rockdale)

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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

That the Committee notes the information provided about heritage related planning, development and compliance matters.

Background

1441 Botany Road (Former Botany Police Station) and 1445-1447 Botany Road, Botany

At the May Botany Historical Trust meeting, an update was provided by the Director City Futures - Michael McCabe and the Manager Compliance - Michael Azzi as to the current status of 1441 Botany Road (former Botany Police Station) and the property at 1445-1447 Botany Road.

The Botany Historical Trust was advised that:

- the former police station is State-owned and Bayside Council has no control over it.
- the DA 2018/329 for 1441 - 1447 Botany Road, for demolition, was withdrawn however, the DA 2018/1201 for mixed-use development is still active and remains under assessment.

No further progress and/or notifications have been received by Council on these matters.

Development Applications

- a The Botany Historical Trust received notification of a DA lodged by Orica Limited to replace the roof of the East Wing of the Orica Administration Building at 16 - 20 Beauchamp Road, Banksmeadow. The notification period was from the 3 July to 17 July 2019.

Attachments

Nil