

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 4 November 2019** at **6:30 pm**.

AGENDA

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Bayside Council respects the traditional custodians of the land, elders past, present and emerging, 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

4/11/2019

Item No	4.1
Subject	Minutes of the Botany Historical Trust Meeting - 5 August 2019
Report by	Debra Dawson, Director City Life
File	SF19/204

Officer Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Botany Historical Trust meeting held on 5 August 2019 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

Present

Vice President Christopher Hanna (Chair)
Secretary Robert Hanna
Treasurer Richard Smolenski
Committee Member Clarence Jones
Committee Member Jacqueline Milledge
Committee Member Peter Orlovich

Also Present

Bobbi Mayne, Manager Customer Experience
Jenny MacRitchie, Community History Librarian
Councillor Scott Morrissey

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:

President Anne Slattery
Senior Vice President Alice McCann
Committee Member Barbara Keeley
Councillor Dorothy Rapisardi
Director City Life, Debra Dawson

3 Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

4 Minutes of Previous Meetings

4.1 Minutes of the Botany Historical Trust Meeting - 6 May 2019

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Peter Orlovich, seconded by Robert Hanna:

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

5 Reports

5.1 Community History and Museum

The Community History Librarian spoke briefly about recent events and activities, including the new exhibition about Sydney Airport and the Daredevil Dairyman talk about pilot Reg Annabel that was held on Saturday 27 July 2019. Mr Christopher Hanna, as Chair, thanked the Community History Librarian for her talk. The next talk will be held on Saturday 7 September for History Week, when the Curator will speak about *Sydney Airport: Memories from the Fringe*.

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Robert Hanna, seconded by Richard Smolenski:

That the report be received and noted.

5.2 2019 BHT Program

The Manager Customer Experience provided an update on the BHT program for the remainder of 2019. There are still vacancies for the Kokoda Track excursion to be held on Thursday 5 September. The general meetings formerly proposed for 7 August and 9 October will not be held as the President is still on leave. The author talk proposed for 19 October will also not be held.

There was some discussion about the next Committee meeting on 4 November and Council's proposal that the AGM and Christmas celebration be held immediately afterwards in the Mascot Library and George Hanna Memorial Museum. The committee was of the opinion that it was much too early for a Christmas celebration and that the Christmas event should be held on a Thursday evening later in November as in the past.

The BHT Executive Committee provided positive feedback on the BHT Newsletter.

Committee Recommendation

On the motion of Jacqueline Milledge, seconded by Richard Smolenski:

- 1 That the Committee notes the update and provides feedback on the 2019 Botany Historical Trust program.
- 2 That the Executive meeting be held as usual on Monday 4 November and that the AGM and Christmas celebration be held on Thursday 21 November or Thursday 28 November 2019.

5.3 Arthur Park – Proposed Park Upgrade

Memorial Unveiling

The Manager Customer Experience spoke about the upcoming ceremony to rededicate the Arthur Park War Memorial on Thursday 15 August. .

Councillor Morrissey suggested the school captains from Botany, Banksmeadow and St Bernard's schools be invited to attend the unveiling ceremony on 15 August. Manager Customer Experience will contact the schools.

Proposed Park Upgrade

Manager Customer Experience spoke to the report and concept plan tabled regarding the proposed upgrade of Arthur Park. The concept plan includes removal of the remaining popular trees, pathway re-alignment and planting of 26 birch trees along the pathway, relocation of the war memorial and interpretative sign, sensory garden and new playground.

Community feedback is invited via Council's Have Your Say website until 19 August 2019. The works are expected to be carried out towards the latter part of the 2019/20 financial year.

The BHT Executive was pleased with the proposed design and suggested that local schools and the community are included in the planting of the 26 new trees which coincides with the historical significance of the park and war memorial.

Committee Recommendation

On the motion of Richard Smolenski, seconded by Peter Orlovich:

That the Trust:

- 1 requests that Council invite the school captains of Botany, Banksmeadow and St Bernard's schools to the unveiling of the refurbished war memorial on 15 August 2019.

- 2 requests that Council notifies the Australian War Memorial about the refurbishment of the park and the new plaque for the Arthur Park War Memorial.
- 3 Supports the proposed concept design for Arthur Park improvements and recommends that the local schools and community participate in the planting of the 26 trees to learn about the historical significance of the park and the war memorial.
- 2 Requests that Council continues to be engage with BHT Executive about the project as part of the community consultation process.

5.4 Planning, Development and Compliance Matters

Mr Smolenski asked what measures have been taken by Bayside Council to hold the owners of 1445 - 1447 Botany Road, Botany accountable for the removal of heritage features and any associated costs relating to the order issued. The Manager Customer Experience took this request on notice and will follow up with relevant Council staff members to respond.

The Manager Customer Experience will also follow up with relevant Council staff to inspect the property to ensure it remains secure and has not been occupied by squatters.

Mr Smolenski also asked what Council can do about the future of the old Botany Police Station at 1441 Botany Road, Botany. The BHT Executive had some discussion about the future use of the site with suggestions including restoring the property as an example of an old police station and/or using the restored property as community facility.

Two development applications noted:

1. The BHT Executive were notified prior to the meeting 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 3 July to 17 July.
2. A Development Application was tabled at the meeting for the inaugural Bayside Food and Wine Festival to be held in Mascot Memorial Park on Saturday 19th October 2019. The BHT Executive hoped that that the event was a success for the community.

Committee Recommendation

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

- 1 That the Committee notes the information provided about heritage related planning, development and compliance matters.
- 2 That Council Officers provide feedback to the BHT Executive if the owners of 1445-1447 Botany Road, Botany has been made accountable for the removal of heritage features of the site and any associated costs relating to the order issued.

- 3 That Council officers inspect the above site to ensure it is secure and does not have illegal squatters living there.
- 4 That the BHT write to Mr Michael Daley, Member for Maroubra asking for his support in pursuing the restoration for community use of the old Botany Police Station and that copies be sent to Mr Ron Hoenig, Member for Heffron and the Hon. Matt Thistlethwaite, Member for Kingsford Smith.
- 5 That Ms Milledge contact the Police and Justice Museum to ascertain information about the oldest police stations in NSW.
- 6 That the BHT notes Bayside Council's DA regarding the use of Mascot Memorial Park for the Mascot Food and Wine Festival on 19 October 2019.

6 General Business

6.1 Dacey Gardens

Ms Milledge expressed her concern and disappointment that the BHT Executive was not consulted about the recent Council works in Dacey Gardens when trees were removed and new signs were installed. She felt that any alterations should reflect the history and significance of the site. The Committee expressed consensus.

6.2 Volunteers' Evening

Mr Christopher Hanna exhibited a wooden, decorative gift from Barbara Keeley to the BHT, which was made in Nowra.

6.2 Mascot RSL Sub-Branch Centenary

Ms Milledge asked about this event in late April and asked whether anyone from the BHT Executive Committee had been invited. Mr Orlovich responded he had attended as the President's representative. He noted that the Member for Heffron had given an excellent speech and thought it was a pity that it had not been recorded in some way.

6.4 Coogee/Randwick RSL Sub-Branch

Mr Orlovich noted he had met a representative from the Coogee/Randwick RSL Sub-Branch who had told him all the minutes from that organisation had been destroyed which was a great pity.

6.5 Villers-Bretonneux

Mr Smolenski has recently returned from a trip to Europe and passed around an excellent guidebook titled *Australian Remembrance Trail along the Western Front: a traveller's guide* which he highly recommended.

6.6 Snowy Hydro Scheme

Mr Smolenski also noted that in October it will be the 70th anniversary of the beginning of the Snowy Hydroelectric Scheme and that he will be attending an event to mark the occasion. He also noted his father was the fourth person to be killed during the Scheme's construction and that he is buried in Cooma cemetery.

6.7 250th Anniversary of Captain Cook's Arrival

Mr Robert Hanna asked what plans Bayside Council has for marking the 250th anniversary of the arrival of Captain Cook into Botany Bay in April 2020?

Councillor Morrissey suggested it might be a good idea for Bayside Council to approach Randwick Council and explore the possibility of partnering on initiatives to support the anniversary around Botany Bay. The Manager Customer Experience agreed to follow up with Bayside Council staff if anything is planned and to contact Randwick Council to discuss this matter.

The committee discussed the issue.

Committee Recommendation

On the motion of Clarence Jones, seconded by Richard Smolenski:

That Bayside Council provide the BHT Executive with its plans to commemorate 250 years since the landing of Captain Cook in Botany Bay on 29 April 1770, possibly in conjunction with Randwick Council.

7 Next Meeting

That the next meeting be held in the Mascot Library and George Hanna Memorial Museum at 6.30 pm on Monday, 4 November 2019.

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Attachments

Nil

Botany Historical Trust

4/11/2019

Item No	5.1
Subject	Arthur Park - Memorial Unveiling Ceremony
Report by	Bobbi Mayne, Manager Customer Experience
File	F18/1140

Summary

The unveiling ceremony of the replacement war memorial plaque and new interpretative sign occurred on 15 August with the Mayor, Councillors, Local Members, General Manager, Directors, Military Representatives, Botany Historical Trust Members and Dorothy Arthur in attendance.

Officer Recommendation

That the BHT Committee note the report.

Background

Following the installation of a new memorial plaque and interpretative sign the unveiling ceremony was completed on 15 August 2019. The ceremony was well attended.

Councillor Dorothy Rapisardi acted as MC for the occasion and also conducted the Welcome to Country acknowledgement.

Speeches were presented by the then Mayor, Bill Saravinovski, Ron Hoenig Member for Heffron, Hon Matt Thistlethwaite Member for Kingsford Smith and Botany Historical Trust President, Anne Slattery.

Compliments were passed on the presentation of the park on the day and the Committee acknowledges the work completed by Council's City Presentation Team in preparation for the ceremony.

The small plaques which were removed from the old memorial plinth will now be remounted in a suitable format and displayed in the George Hanna Memorial Museum at Mascot Library.

The project was funded by a grant from Department of Veteran Affairs and Bayside Council. The grant has now been acquitted.

The upgrade of Arthur Park will commence in 2020. The memorial and interpretative sign will be relocated to align with the new design.

Attachments

Arthur Park Memorial Unveiling Ceremony Photographs [↓](#)







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4/11/2019

Item No	5.2
Subject	Community History and Museum
Report by	Bobbi Mayne, Manager Customer Experience Leonie Maher, Administrative Officer - Libraries and Customer Experience
File	F18/1140

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.

Exhibitions

People and Planes Project

The exhibition continues to be extremely well received by the public. Many visitors have provided wonderful feedback in person or through writing.

- “Absolutely outstanding...it’s brought back so many memories” wrote one former resident who lived in Eastlakes when the Queen rode past in 1954.
- “I love this exhibition! It is full of fun facts I didn’t know” commented a school child.

On Saturday 7th September, Council’s Curator, Ms Samantha Sinnayah presented Memories from the Fringe, a talk that explored the changes that have occurred since 1945 when the airport tripled in size. Two power point displays were used simultaneously to allow listeners to zoom in and out of the local landscape. A lively discussion followed at the end of the talk as locals shared their memories.

Social Media has also been used promote the exhibition and its stories. These posts are some of the top performers on the Bayside Library Facebook page.

Photographs of the exhibition are attached.

Memories from the Fringe

Moving forward in November, the Memories from the Fringe Talk will be presented again at Rockdale Library. A Community Memory Drive is been developed.

Events

Ron Rathbone Local History Prize

The Ron Rathbone Local History Prize has been running since 2006. The aim of the award is to encourage people to write local history and for these histories to be shared with the community. This year the prize has resulted in a range of entries that all offer new information and insights into Bayside Council's history, heritage and people.

A prize of \$5,000 is awarded annually to the author of the best piece of original research on any aspect of the history of the Bayside Council Area. A prize of \$500 is awarded annually to the winning high school student and the winning primary school student for the best piece of original research on the history of the Bayside area council.

Council would like to thank and congratulate all entrants in the 2019 Ron Rathbone Local History Prizes. Council would also like to thank Dr Peter Orlovich and Anne Slattery who were the judges for the competition and did a tremendous job reading and assessing the entries.

The following are the 2019 winners and some photograph of the awards ceremony are attached.

Joint Winners

Dr Garry Darby
Glen Humphries

Some Aboriginal People of the Botany Bay Area 1830-1930
Night Terrors: The true Story of the Kingsgrove Slasher

Highly Commended Award

Leonie Bell

The Grand Parade Brighton: Real Estate & Recreation

Primary School Category

Joint Winners

Dana Khalil
Mishel Tareen
John Vimal

The History of Bexley
Bexley Pool
History of Bexley

High School Category

Cindy Purvis

The History of Tempe House

Special Award Outstanding Contribution to Junior Local History Prize

Ada Kwok

Deep History of Botany

Staffing

The part-time Community History Librarian, Jenny MacRitchie recently resigned from Bayside Council after several years in the role. Jenny has been a highly valued employee at former Botany Council and Bayside and she provided tremendous support to the BHT. We wish her all the best in her new role.

The full time Community History Librarian, Kirsten Broderick will continue to manage enquiries and initiatives for all of Bayside.

Community History Preservation and Digitisation

A key project for 2019/20 is to review and develop a preservation and digitisation strategy, guideline and plan. This includes current and future storage needs. Bayside has secured \$10,000 grant funding via the State Library NSW Local Priority Grant toward funding a storage solution for digitisation.

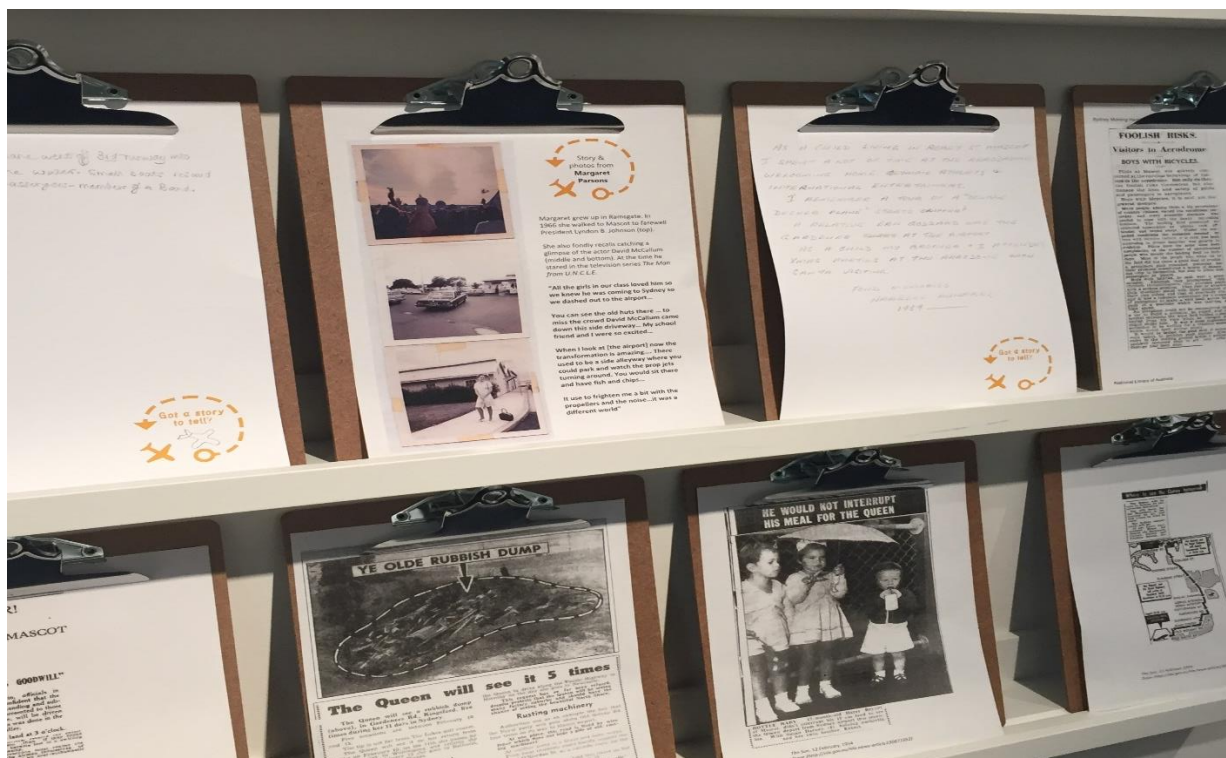
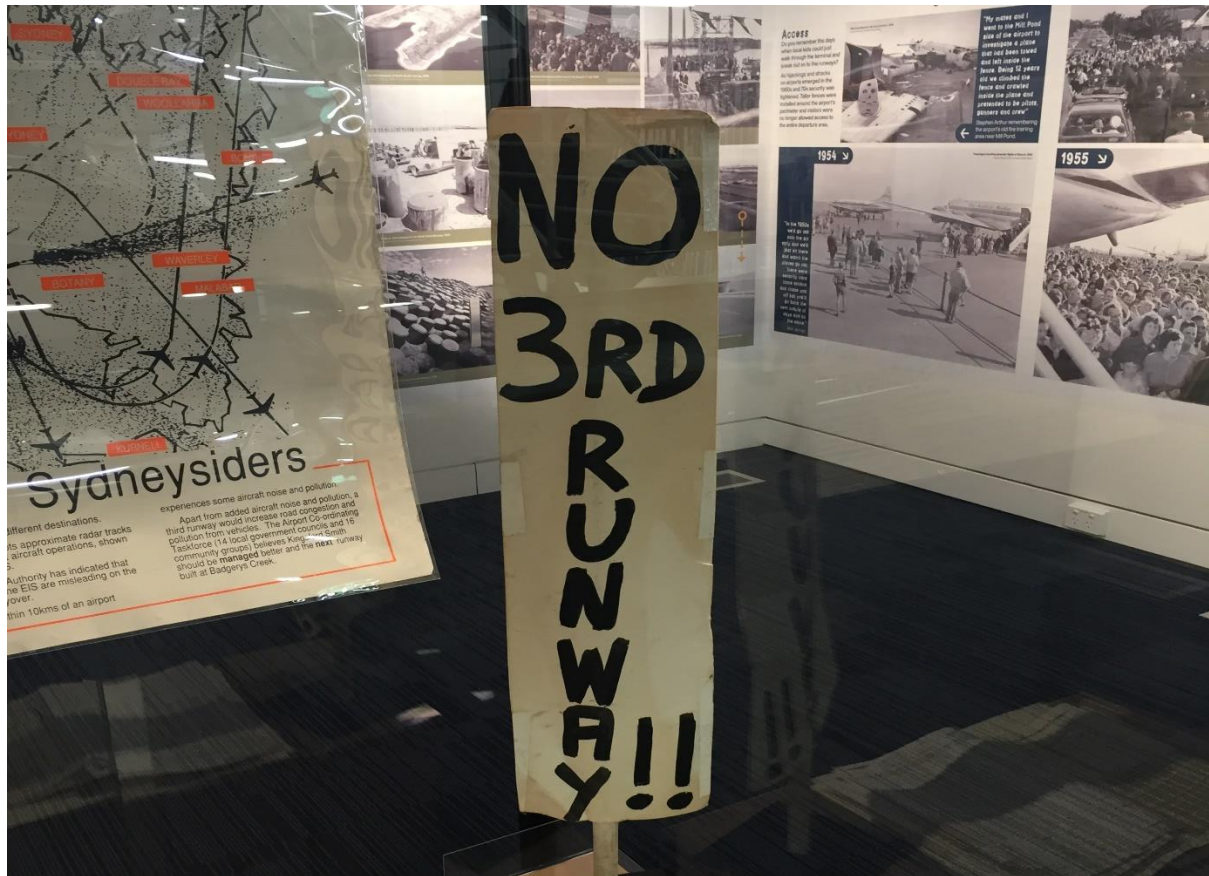
Attachments

- 1 Ron Rathbone Awards Photographs [↓](#)
- 2 People & Planes Exhibition Photograph [↓](#)











Botany Historical Trust

4/11/2019

Item No	5.3
Subject	Planning, Development and Compliance Matters
Report by	Bobbi Mayne, Manager Customer Experience
File	SF19/204

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

DA-2018/329 - 1445-1447 Botany Road, Botany Application for Demolition of a heritage item at 1447 Botany Road and construction of a five (5) storey mixed use development

The Botany Historical Trust Committee Members were provided with information regarding the above as it includes the demolition of a listed heritage item. The members were invited to address the Bayside Local Planning Panel on the proposal.

This matter was deferred at the Bayside Local Planning Panel meeting of 24 September 2019. The following is an excerpt from the minutes regarding the property.

6.1 DA-2018/329 - 1445-1447 Botany Road, Botany - Development Application

An on-site inspection took place at the property earlier in the day.

The following people spoke:

- *Troy Nicholson, affected neighbour, spoke for the officer's recommendation and*
- *responded to the Panel's questions.*
- *Richard Smolenski from the Botany Historical Trust spoke for the officer's*
- *recommendation and responded to the Panel's questions.*
- *Albert Becerra, architect from Architects Becerra, spoke against the officer's*

- *recommendation and responded to the Panel's questions.*
- *Stephen Kerr, town planning consultant from City Plan, spoke against the*
- *officer's recommendation and responded to the Panel's questions.*
- *Scott Murray, architect from Tropman & Tropman Architects, spoke against the*
- *officer's recommendation and responded to the Panel's questions.*

Determination

1. *That this application be deferred to allow the applicant to provide additional information, including amended plans, within a period of approximately one month from today. The assessment report is to consider all of the relevant information required to allow the Panel to determine the application and whether demolition of the heritage item is or is not appropriate.*

The Council officers are to prepare an addendum to the report that addresses the additional information submitted by the applicant and those matters outstanding in the current assessment report. This should be done in a timely manner for the matter to be determined by the Panel.

By way of comment, the Panel urges the applicant to reconsider, with amended plans, the juxtaposition of the development with the heritage item to the north.

2. *That the submitters be notified of the Bayside Local Planning Panel's decision.*

Name	For	Against
Jan Murrell	X	
Robert Montgomery	X	
Robert Furolo	X	
Thomass Wong	X	

Reason for the Panel's Deferral

The Panel should have all relevant information prior to a determination of this matter and at the same time the applicant has the opportunity to address the northern boundary presentation to the heritage item.

Part 2: Notification to BHT Group - Alterations & Additions to the general learning area at St. Therese Catholic Primary School

The Botany Historical Trust Committee Members were provided with information regarding the above which includes Alterations and additions to the general learning area (GLA) Building at St Therese Catholic Primary School comprised of internal and external works including enclosing existing balconies changes to windows and doors and addition of fixed louvres

DA Proposal - Food & Wine Festival at Mascot Memorial Park.

The Botany Historical Trust Committee Members were provided with information regarding the above which involves the temporary use of Mascot Memorial Park for food & wine festival for 3 days during October 2019, and installation of associated temporary structures.

Modification Application for Marina Theatre - 405-409 Gardeners Road, Rosebery

The Botany Historical Trust Committee Members were provided with information regarding the above which involves the modification to Integrated Development DA 2016/41 for the removal of one basement level, façade alterations and internal changes resulting in modifications to unit mix and increase in floor space.

Attachments

Nil

Botany Historical Trust

4/11/2019

Item No	5.4
Subject	2019 and 2020 BHT Program
Report by	Bobbi Mayne, Manager Customer Experience
File	SF19/204

Summary

The report and supporting attachments provide an update on the 2019 Botany Historical Trust Program and seeks suggestions and input from the Committee on the draft 2020 program.

Officer Recommendation

1. That the Commit notes the update and provides feedback on the 2019 BHT program.
 2. That the Committee provides input and suggestions for the 2020 BHT Program
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Background

Below are some highlights of the events and activities undertaken during the last quarter. The full 2019 program and its status is attached for the Committee's reference.

Highlights From The Last Quarter

- Arthur Park Memorial and Interpretative Sign Unveiling occurred on 15 August 2019 and was well attended. Refer to the separate report about this event.
- The Kokoda Memorial Walkway tour occurred on 5 September 2019. The tour was attended by 12 members. Chris Hanna attended and will provide a short update to the BHT meeting.

Botany Historical Trust AGM & Christmas Function

The AGM will be held on Monday 2 December, 2019 at Mascot Library & George Hannah Memorial Museum. The Christmas Function will follow after the AGM.

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

2020 Program

The draft BHT Program for 2020 is attached for the Committee's review and input.

Attachments

- 1 2019 BHT Program - November Status [↓](#)
- 2 2020 BHT Program - Draft [↓](#)

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	Completed
	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	Did not progress
	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	Completed
	Monday, September 30, 2019	N/A	Grant Acquittal	Armistice GRANT acquittal submission date	Dept. Veteran Affairs	Completed
OCTOBER	Wednesday, October 09, 2019		Meeting	General Meeting BHT - Theme Our Local Schools.	TBC	Did not progress
	Saturday, October 19, 2019	2:30pm	Author Talk	TBA	Mascot	TBC
NOVEMBER						
DECEMBER	Monday, December 2, 2019	6:30pm	Meeting	AGM	Mascot	
	Monday, December 2, 2019	following the AGM	Function	Annual Christmas Function	Mascot	
	December	N/A	Newsletter	BHT Newsletter	Various	

BOTANY HISTORICAL TRUST. PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2020						
MONTH	DATE	Time	ACTIVITY TYPE	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	Outcome
FEBRUARY	Monday, February 03, 2020	6:30pm	Meeting	BHT Committee Meeting	Mascot	
MARCH						
	Friday, April 10, 2020	Easter	Good Friday	Easter	N/A	
APRIL	Sunday, April 19 2020	2pm	Event	ANZAC DAY - Mascot RSL March includes Wreath.	Mascot	
	Saturday, April 25, 2020	Dawn	Event	ANZAC DAY - BOTANY includes Wreath	Botany	
MAY	Monday, May 04, 2020	6:30pm	Meeting	BHT Committee Meeting	Mascot	
JUNE						
JULY	July	N/A	Newsletter	BHT Newsletter	Various	
AUGUST	Monday, August 03, 2020	6:30pm	Meeting	BHT Committee Meeting	Mascot	
SEPTEMBER						
OCTOBER						
NOVEMBER	MONDAY, November 02, 2020	6:30pm	Meeting	BHT Committee Meeting	Mascot	
DECEMBER	Monday, December 7, 2020	6:30pm	Meeting	AGM	Mascot	TBC
	Monday, December 7, 2020	following the AGM	Function	Christmas Function	Mascot	TBC
	December	N/A	Newsletter	BHT Newsletter	Various	

Botany Historical Trust

4/11/2019

Item No	5.5
Subject	Botany Golf Club
Report by	Bobbi Mayne, Manager Customer Experience
File	F18/1140

Summary

This report provides information to the BHT about the closure of Botany Golf Club and associated memorabilia.

Officer Recommendation

- 1 That the Botany Historical Trust notes the report.
 - 2 That the Botany Historical Trust supports the proposal to photograph and digitise the Golf Club's plaques and associated memorabilia to add to Bayside Library Service's community history collection.
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Background

On 27 August 2019, the Botany Golf Club closed its doors and was put into voluntary administration. The closure of the golf club does not impact on the operation of the golf course which remains open for public use.

An inspection of the Golf Club and its memorabilia was conducted by members of the Property, Customer Experience and Library staff.

The majority of the memorabilia within the club are wall plaques for various competitions and boards and committees. There were also two framed pennants.

In accordance with Council's Disposal Policy, these items are to be offered back to the owners. If this is not possible or feasible, Council can undertake an expression of interest for community members to take them.

Council does not have adequate storage for the memorabilia. However, it is proposed that Council take photographs of all items, digitise them and add them to the community history collection that is accessible to be viewed by the public.

Attachments

Nil

Botany Historical Trust

4/11/2019

Item No	5.6
Subject	Renaming of Hillier Park
Report by	Bobbi Mayne, Manager Customer Experience
File	F18/1140

Summary

This report provides an opportunity for the Committee to review a request seeking to change the name of Hillier Park.

Officer Recommendation

That the Committee:

- 1 Receive and note the report
 - 2 Provide feedback on the request for the proposed name change request for Hillier Park in accordance with the Geographical Names Board guidelines and protocol
 - 3 Support the installation of additional signage to define the park from all entry points
 - 4 Support a small official opening of the park once the name change request has been determined by Council and the Geographical Names Board.
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Background

Councillor Dorothy Rapisardi recently raised a number of matters regarding Hillier Park on behalf of Tim Clifford and Clive Hillier. The matters are outlined and discussed below.

Request for Name Change

Mr Clive Hillier, son of the late Nancy Hillier, has requested that Council consider that the park named after his late Mother, be changed from *Hillier Park* to *Nancy Hillier Memorial Park*. Councillor Rapisardi raised this request with the General Manager who agreed that the request should be pursued and in the first instance referred for consideration to the Botany Historical Trust.



By way of background, Hillier Park was gazetted by the Geographical Names board on 18 November 2016. To facilitate the request for a name change, Council officers contacted the Geographical Names Board (GNB) to seek advice on the process, protocol and feasibility of changing the name. The GNB advised that Council can submit an application to the GNB to change the name at no cost. Attached is a copy of the GNB's Guidelines for the determination of Place Names.

If supported by the Committee, Council would submit an application to the GNB requesting the name change for the park to Nancy Hillier Memorial Park. This title comprises 24 characters which falls within the guidelines to preferably not exceed 25 characters. However, the GNB has indicated its preference for shorter names.

It is noted that given the timeframes for Council and GNB meetings, the completed application could be considered by the GNB in February 2020.

Should the name change be approved, all the current signage would be replaced subject to available funding.

Improved Signage to Identify Hillier Park and Boundaries

Another matter raised is the signage at the park between the boundaries of Hillier Park and Taylors Walk (the adjacent development). Currently, no signage is in place at the entrance to Hillier Park from Pemberton Street.



This report seeks support for the installation of additional signage at the Pemberton Road entry point, including signage similar to way-finding signs to accurately identify the park boundaries. The timing of the additional signage will depend on the outcome of the name change request.

Park Opening

Over time, there has been requests by the Committee, members of Nancy Hillier's family and the general public to have an official opening at the park.

An official opening will be organised by Council staff with the timing to coincide with the outcome of the name change request.

Attachments

Geographical Names Board Guidelines [↓](#)



The following principles shall apply for all new geographical names in New South Wales

Language

1. Geographical names shall be written in standard Australian English or a recognised format of an Australian Aboriginal language local to the area of the geographical name.
2. Diacritical marks (symbols such as ' in é, , in ç or : in ö) are not used in Australian English names, and shall be omitted from names drawn from languages that use such marks.
3. Geographical names shall be easy to pronounce, spell and write, and preferably not exceed three words (including any designated term) or 25 characters. An exception to this is in the use of Aboriginal names when it is accepted that a traditional name may at first appear to be complex but will, over time, become more familiar and accepted by the community.
4. The following types of punctuation as used in Australian English shall not be included as part of a geographical name: period (.), comma (,), colon (:), semi-colon (;), quotation marks (""), exclamation mark (!), question mark (?), ellipsis (...), hyphen (-), dash (/) and parenthesis (). For surnames or other names that include a hyphen, the hyphen shall be omitted when used for a geographical name.
- 5. An apostrophe mark shall not be included in geographical names written with a final 's', and the possessive 's shall not be included e.g. Georges River not George's River. Apostrophes forming part of an eponymous name shall be included (e.g. O'Connell Plains).
6. A geographical name shall not include a preposition e.g. Avenue of the Allies.
7. Geographical names shall not include the definite article (the) as the sole name element of a place name e.g. The Reserve is not acceptable.

8. A geographical name shall not be abbreviated or contain an abbreviation, initial or acronym e.g. Point, not Pt except that St shall be used for Saint. An exception may be where an abbreviation may have become widely accepted by the community. Eg CWA for Country Women's Association.
9. For the purposes of consistency, names starting with Mc or Mac shall not have a space included between the Mc or Mac and the rest of the name.
10. A geographical name shall not include Arabic numerals e.g. 3 or 4th or Roman numerals e.g. IV or X. Where numbers are included in a geographical name they shall be written in full e.g. Fourth Top Ridge, Eleven Mile Creek.
11. A geographical name shall not include initials e.g. A F Wyatt Reserve.
12. The spelling of geographical names derived from the same source shall be uniform in spelling. e.g. Mount Kosciuszko is now spelt with z to be consistent with original spelling.
13. Postnominals and titles shall not be included in geographical names eg John Smith not John Smith AO. An exception is the use of 'VC'.

Form and Character of Names

14. Place names shall be recognisable words or acceptable combinations of words and shall be appropriate to community sensitivities. Discriminatory or derogatory names are not acceptable.
15. Commercial and business names shall not be used for geographical names, particularly where the name can be construed to promoting a business. However, business names no longer in use which promote the heritage of an area are acceptable.
16. Use of club, society, association or special interest group names is discouraged. Such association may change their focus or for some reason lose community support. Community based associations, particularly those philanthropic associations, may be acceptable (eg Rotary, Lions, Apex).

Duplication of names

17. New place names may be duplicated, provided there is no duplication of the name within the local government area or adjoining local government areas. However, duplication should be avoided wherever possible.

Commemorative names

18. Commemorative names are those that commemorate a person, event or place. Acts of bravery, community service and exceptional accomplishments are typical grounds for this recognition. The name of persons who gave their lives in service for their country are often used as commemorative names.
19. The person commemorated should have contributed significantly to the area around the geographic feature or locality. When such a name is applied, it shall be given posthumously, at least one year after the decease of the person.
20. Commemorative names shall not be used to commemorate victims of, or mark the location of, accidents or tragedies. Ownership of land is not in itself grounds for the application of an owner's name. Names of persons holding public office shall not be used.

Selection of names

21. Aboriginal names are encouraged as the name to be used for any feature that currently does not have a name recognised by the Board.
22. Names acknowledging the multicultural nature of our society, and gender diversity in names, are encouraged
23. Names associated with the heritage of an area are encouraged, especially the names of early explorers, settlers, naturalists, events.
24. A name suggested for any place that owes its origin to the peculiarity of the topographic feature designated such as shape, vegetation, animal life etc. may be accepted.

25. The multiplication of names for different parts of the same topographical feature such as a stream or mountain range shall be avoided, and the one name applied to a stream or mountain range throughout its entire length. However, an Aboriginal name may apply to a limited section of a feature.
26. The naming of forks, arms and branches of a river as North Branch and South Branch is not supported. Unique names shall be assigned to river branches.
27. When a choice is offered between two or more names for the same place, locality or feature, all supported by local usage, the Board may adopt one of such names as is considered appropriate in accordance with its principles and policies.
28. The use of cardinal points of the compass as a prefix or suffix to an existing name shall not be used.
29. The changing of long established place names is to be avoided except where necessary to avoid ambiguity or duplication.
30. The Board may approve a first or given name as part of a geographical name only where it is necessary to appropriately honour the person referred to or where it is necessary to avoid ambiguity. Use of first or given names is not to be used as part of a road name.