

PRESENT

Members:

Camden Haven Historical Society
Douglas Vale Conservation Group – Brian Bucket
Friends of Port Macquarie Historic Courthouse – Veronica Heath
Kendall Heritage Society
Mid North Coast Maritime Museum – Jan Howison
National Parks and Wildlife Service (Roto House)
Port Macquarie & Districts Family History Society – Rex Twoomey
Port Macquarie Historical Society – Leonie Laws
St Thomas' Church
Wauchope District Historical Society- Jeanette Rainbow
Heritage Advisor - Stephen Booker

Other Attendees:

Lesley Atkinson
Liz Gillroy

The meeting opened at 2.30pm.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies received from Bob Bradley (Mid North Coast Maritime Museum), Norrie Doyle & Ian Cupit (Douglas Vale) & Debbie Sommers (Roto House) be accepted.

03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Heritage & Museums Sub-Committee Meeting held on 13 March 2012 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

06 Museums

Update of information on the inlaid plaques in the William St footpath – Port Macquarie Historical Society has personal contact with the developer. It was suggested that a letter be written to Council noting concern for the future of the brass inlays.

06 HERITAGE ADVISORS REPORT

CONSENSUS:

That the Heritage Advisor's report be noted including:

- Council representatives called the Heritage Advisor to notify him that convict bricks had been uncovered during road repairs (2m x 1.5m trench) in Munster St near New St, the site of the Female Factory and Gaol. Heritage Office was advised and recommended that the area be covered in geo fabric and recovered.
 - An educational tour with 6 planners - Visited St Agnes' Church additions to garage DA and the Munster St (brick uncovering) location.
 - The Heritage Advisor noted that he is happy to provide an educational session to any interested members or groups.
 - The Heritage Advisor requested the Sub-Committee to provide him with any information on Bellangry House at Morton's Creek – photos etc.
 - Local Heritage Assistance Fund acquittals are making good progress.
 - Informed that all signage near to historic sites should be referred to Council for approval/comment eg. St Thomas' & St Agnes'.
 - The Heritage Advisor reported that the 2nd Burying ground is undergoing some maintenance works – graffiti removal, grave remediation, stone repairs, family additions of plaques are being removed.
 - Heritage Office advised – Council works to the bank fronting Gordon St now requires a Heritage Impact Statement.
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07 REPORT ON HERITAGE WEEK

This matter has been covered in Item 8 below.

08 HERITAGE FESTIVAL FEEDBACK

Sub-Committee members were requested to table their reports on Heritage Festival and that they then evaluate the 2012 Heritage Festival.

It was agreed that the opening of the Heritage Festival at Douglas Vale was well attended by members of the Sub-Committee and the public which was estimated at 700 plus attendees. Congratulations were extended to the organising committee for a well run event, good parking and the great weather.

The question was raised about who will host next year's event. This will be considered by the Sub-Committee at a future meeting.

Feedback on the booklet for future events:

- That consideration be given to a higher presence of the particular organisation on each event page as the event organiser.
- That additional information be provided on the location of the sites, details of addresses etc
- The Wauchope District Historical Society expressed disappointment that the last meeting was not spent sharing information on upcoming Festival events. The Heritage Festival Bus Tour was all locals participants and made \$855 for the museum. It was also reported that 50 people attended the Timbertown camp out.

CONSENSUS:

That the Sub-Committee determine which organisation will host the 2013 Heritage Festival Opening event.

09 HERITAGE FESTIVAL

This matter has been covered in item 8 above.

10 MUSEUMS

For information.

The points below were raised by the Sub-Committee

- Shipwreck plaques in the footpath along the Breakwall Town beach area
 - 2021 Port Macquarie Bi-centenary planning
 - 2015 Wauchope Railway centenary celebration planning
 - 2013 Taree Railway celebration
 - Sub-Committee members were advised by the Heritage Advisor to look at the Merriwa Railway Station website as a good example.
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11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Sub-Committee members were advised of the upcoming Museums Australia National Conference and associated bursary information. Further information will be circulated by the Museum's Curator once available.

The meeting closed at 3.45pm.