

MINUTES

of the **Botany Historical Trust**
held in the Mascot Library and George Hanna Memorial Museum
2 Hatfield Street, Mascot
on **Monday 5 February 2024** at **6:30 PM**

Present

Christopher Hanna, Senior Vice President / Chairperson
Jacqueline Milledge, Vice President
Richard Smolenski, Treasurer
Warren Hensley, Secretary
Carole Nestor, Committee Member
Cr Jennifer Muscat, Committee Member

Also present

Bobbi Mayne, Manager Libraries and Lifestyle
Natalie Funston – Senior Specialist Librarian

The Chairperson opened the meeting in the Mascot Library and George Hanna Memorial Museum at 6:31pm.

1 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chairperson affirmed that Bayside Council acknowledges the traditional custodians: the Gadigal and Bidjigal people of the Eora nation, and pays respects to Elders past, present and emerging. The people of the Eora nation, their spirits and ancestors will always remain with our waterways and the land, our Mother Earth.

2 Apologies and Attendance via Audio Visual link

Apologies

The following apologies were received:
Robert Hanna, President
Cr Jo Jansyn, Committee Member
Dr Peter Orlovich, Committee Member
Alison Wishart, Local History Librarian
Christopher Mackey, Coordinator Development Assessment

Attendance Via Audio Visual Link

There were no Committee members in attendance via audio-visual link.

Bobbi Mayne introduced Natalie Funston as Programs and Projects Librarian who will be attending the meetings instead of Alison for 2024. Natalie is the Senior Specialist Librarian and Local History sits within her portfolio.

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 November 2023

Committee Resolution

That the Minutes of the Botany Historical Trust meeting held on 6 November 2023 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

Moved by Warren Hensley
Seconded by Richard Smolenski

4.2 Business Arising

Note: That Committee note that the Minutes of the Botany Historical Trust of Monday 6 November 2023 were received, and the recommendations therein be adopted by the Council at its meeting of 28 February 2024.

5 Reports

5.1 Planning, Development & Compliance Matters

Planning, Development and Compliance matters were tabled for discussion with the BHT Executive.

1. DA-2023/363 – 1393 Botany Road, Botany:
 - Proposed alternations and additions to an existing building including change of use to commercial premises and two story dwelling above carparking at rear.
 - Note there is no proposal to change the façade.
 - No issues raised by BHT

2. DA-2024/9 - 31 Colonel Braund Crescent, DACEYVILLE NSW 2032:
 - Alterations and first floor addition to an existing semi-detached dwelling
 - Submissions need to be in by 8 February.
 - Concerns around the colour scheme, that it be in keeping with heritage
 - Keeping to the integrity of the heritage building
 - No issues raised by BHT

3. DA- 2024/17 – 160 King Street, MASCOT
 - Demolition of existing rear structures, alterations and additions to existing heritage listed dwelling, and construction of a rear garage with first floor studio.
 - No issues raised by BHT.

4. 776, 792-794 Botany Road & 33-37 Henry Kendall Crescent, Mascot –
 - Alison Wishart was asked to share a submission by Elizabeth Roth with the BHT executive.
 - Councillor Muscat said this proposal went to Council and they deferred it but the State Government want to proceed with the assessment.
 - The development is on Crown Land, with no heritage listing.
 - The scale of the development is of concern and the height increase.
 - There was also concern about the future of the historic Ambulance Station in current operation.
 - Carole Nestor suggested to read the information in the submission and for the BHT to consider their own submission.

5. Marina Theatre–
Manager Libraries and Lifestyle, Bobbi Mayne advised that the development consent expires on 13 December 2025.

Committee Recommendation

1. That Council provide an update on the status of the proposal for 776, 792-794 Botany Road & 33-37 Henry Kendall Crescent, Mascot and if the BHT can has time to provide a formal submission.

2. That Council investigate the age of Mascot Ambulance station and whether there are heritage controls or considerations for the station.

Committee Resolution

That the Executive decide whether to make a submission.

Moved by Richard Smolenski
Seconded by Christopher Hanna

5.2 President's Report - Robert Hanna

The President Rob Hanna was an apology to the meeting. Vice President, Chris Hanna presented the President's report on his behalf. The key points were:

- Rob's apology for being absent due to health issues.
- An update on Rob's work to update the Botany War Memorial. Currently he is working with Council to apply for a grant from the NSW Office of Veterans Affairs (OVA) for funds to implement the proposed changes.
- Scheduling BHT member excursions to the State Parliament House and other places of historical interest in and around Macquarie Street, including the War Memorial in Hyde Park.

Committee Resolution

1. That the President's Report be noted.
2. That application for a Grant for the Botany War Memorial will be added to the agenda for next meeting.
3. The Executive commend Rob Hanna for preparing the President's Report despite being ill.

Moved by Jacqueline Milledge
Seconded by Richard Smolenski

5.3 Local History Update

Manager Libraries and Lifestyle, Bobbi Mayne provided information about Bayside's Inaugural Historical Markers program that will be open for nominations from the community during February 2024, with up to 5 selected. Announcement of the successful nominations will occur in May. Bobbi will distribute more information about the program to BHT members.

Warren asked for an update on the digitisation of the oral history recordings. Natalie Funston advised a number of options and technology is currently being assessed to determine the most efficient method.

Committee Resolution

That the BHT Executive note the report.

5.4 Program and Activities for 2024

Richard Smolenski suggested reinstating the regular talks at Mascot Library on Saturday mornings now that the library is open on Saturdays again. Manager Libraries and Lifestyle agreed to investigate opportunities for Local History talks on Saturdays in future and report back to the BHT.

BHT Executive members provided feedback on the Christmas Function held on November 2023. The food and service was disappointing. Portions were small, some food cold and no information on the food items. BHT suggested Council consider more substantial and simplified platters e.g. sandwiches, pies/sausage roles, cheese platters. The BHT also suggested to have round tables to enable BHT members to engage with each other better and allow more circulation around the tables particularly for less mobile members.

Committee Resolution

That the BHT Executive note the report.

That Council review the catering in consultation with the BHT Executive for 2024.

Moved by Richard Smolenski
Seconded by Jacqueline Milledge

5.5 General Business

Committee Resolution

- 1 That the BHT accept the nomination from Amanda Wilson as general (non-Executive) member.
- 2 That the BHT Executive note the general items discussed.

Moved by Christopher Hanna
Seconded by Warren Hensley

6 General Business

6.1 Membership

- The BHT reviewed and discussed the BHT Constitution and BHT Membership form.
- It was agreed that membership form be amended as it is not a mandatory requirement in the constitution the applicants to seek referees from current BHT member referees to submit their application.
- Applicants can complete the nomination form without referees which is

- tabled for endorsement at the BHT Executive Meeting.
- Applications will need to meet the terms of the constitution which includes being of good character, have an interest in Local History and have a relationship with the Botany Area.

Committee Recommendation

That Council updates the Botany Historical Trust membership form and removes the need for BHT referees.

Moved by Jacqueline Milledge
Seconded by Richard Smolenski

6.2 Botany Golf Club

BHT Vice President, Chris Hanna enquired about the status of the former Botany Golf Club.

Bobbi Mayne advised that Council has resolved to grant 5 year (plus 2 x 5yr options) lease Three Olives following a formal EOI process. The lease is currently being finalised.

Committee Resolution

Noted

6.3 Passing of a BHT General Member

Chris Hanna advised that BHT General Member Gerard King passed away. Chris attend the funeral.

Committee Resolution

Noted

6.6 Botany Historical Trust AGM

The date of the AGM for November is wrong. The correct date is Monday 4 November.

Committee Resolution

That the date is changed to Monday 4 November.

7 Next Meeting

That the next meeting be held in the Mascot Library and George Hanna Memorial Museum at 6:30pm on Monday, 6 May 2024. The Chairperson closed the meeting at 8:25pm.