

MEETING NOTICE

A meeting of the
Lydham Hall Advisory Committee
will be held in the Pindari Meeting Room, Level 1 Administration Building
444 – 446 Princes Highway, Rockdale
on **Wednesday 30 April 2025 at 6:30 PM**

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Meredith Wallace
General Manager

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Bayside Council acknowledges the Bidjigal Clan, the traditional owners of the land on which we meet and work and acknowledges the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation. Bayside Council pays respects to Elders past and present.

2 APOLOGIES LEAVE OF ABSENCE & ATTENDANCE VIA AUDIO-VISUAL LINK

3 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Lydham Hall Advisory Committee

30/04/2025

Item No	4.1
Subject	Minutes of the Lydham Hall Advisory Committee Meeting - 16 July 2024
Report by	Richard Sheridan, Director City Performance
File	SF24/982

Officer Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Lydham Hall Advisory Committee meeting held on 16 July 2024 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

Present

Andrew Tsounis, Chairperson
Greta Werner, Councillor
Anne Field, Member
Wesley Fairhall, Member
Liz Barlow, Councillor
Ann Fardell, Councillor

Also present

Meredith Wallace, General Manager
Richard Sheridan, Director City Performance
Joanne Butler, Executive Assistant Director City Performance
Tina Workman, St George Historical Society

The Chairperson opened the meeting in the Pindari Meeting Room at 6.37 pm.

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

Apologies were received from Laurice Bondfield, St George Historical Society

3 Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

4 Minutes of Previous Meetings

4.1 Minutes of the Lydham Hall Advisory Committee Meeting - 14 May 2024

Committee Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Lydham Hall Advisory Committee meeting held on 14 May 2024 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

4.2 Business Arising

The committee noted that:

- 1 The Calendar of Events for Lydham Hall was received by Council and Council confirmed they will advertise the events via its Social Media channels.
- 2 Council is also considering moving the event for the Presentation of the Ron Rathbone Award to Lydham Hall.

Note: That Committee note that the Minutes of the Lydham Hall Advisory Committee of Tuesday 14 May 2024 were received and the recommendations therein be adopted by the Council at its meeting of Wednesday 22 May 2024.

5 Reports

5.1 Internal Council Consultation on Business Plan

Committee Recommendation

- 1 That the St George Heritage Society provide a reference guide for all the rooms in Lydham Hall for interpretation and compliance with CMP.
- 2 That the Committee notes the feedback provided on the Business Plan.

5.2 Issues Register Update

Committee Recommendation

- 1 The Lydham Hall Advisory Committee note the request and responses.
- 2 Noted that Council committed to review like for like replacement of fittings so bulbs can be changed and check the CMP for impact on approvals for changing the fittings if required - Issue 2.3 being Upgrade broken and brittle internal lighting fixtures in the Hallway, Bedroom and Orientation Room.
- 3 Requested that a copy of the Heritage advice regarding the proposed electrical works is to be circulated to the committee members.

5.3 End of Year Report

Committee Recommendation

- 1 That the Lydham Hall Advisory Committee receive and note the tabled report
- 2 The committee acknowledge the great result of 472 paid visitors to the museum over the 5 openings with a high proportion being local residents

Attachments

- 1 Lydham Hall 2024 End of Year Report

6 General Business

6.1 Capital Expenditure

Accessibility to the house was again discussed by the committee. There is concern that visitors in wheel chairs and sometimes on walkers cannot access the house, especially after bad weather. Council committed to reconsider the request for alterations to enable accessibility, maybe with temporary options rather than permanent alterations, so asked the St George Historical Society to submit a detailed request for evaluation.

6.2 Offer of Free Entry to Council Staff

The St George Historical Society proposed that they were considering offering free entry to Lydham Hall for Council staff.

The General Manager reminded the committee of Council's 'A Thank you is Enough' Policy and suggested that such an offer would not be appropriate.

6.3 Acknowledgement

The Committee acknowledged the contributions of all the Council representatives on the committee.

7 Next Meeting

That the next meeting be held after the Local Government Elections in September 2024 once Council has nominated and confirmed committees and representatives for the next Mayoral term.

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 7.33 pm.

Attachments

Nil

5 REPORTS

Lydham Hall Advisory Committee

30/04/2025

Item No	LHA25.001
Subject	Appointment of Chair
Report by	Richard Sheridan, Director City Performance
File	SF24/982

Summary

This report recommends that the Committee adopts a revised Terms of Reference for Lydham Hall Advisory Committee based on Council's generic Terms of Reference for Advisory Committees which can be found at [Council and Committee Meetings | Bayside Council | NSW](#)

Officer Recommendation

That Lydham Advisory Committee appoints (Elected Member) as the Chair until the next Mayoral election in September 2026.

Background

It is recommended that the Committee adopts a revised Terms of Reference for the Lydham Hall Advisory Committee based on Council's generic Terms of Reference for Advisory Committees. [Council and Committee Meetings | Bayside Council | NSW](#)

The committee will adopt a Chair and Deputy Chair from is one of the elected members (or their representative). In the absence of the nominated Chair at a particular meeting, the meeting elects a Chair of the meeting.

Terms of Office

Elected members (or their representative) of the Committee members are appointed for a period coinciding with a Mayoral term. A member continues as a member of the Committee until the next ordinary election of the Mayor, or the next general election of Council, or until the Committee is disbanded or completes its purpose in accordance with these Terms of Reference, if such event occurs before the next general local government election. Other members continue until the Committee is disbanded or completes its purpose in accordance with these Terms of Reference. St George Historical Society representative nominations and terms are managed internally by the St George Historical Society. Any casual vacancy in elected members is filled by Council appointment. Any other casual vacancy is filled by the General Manager.

Financial Implications

Not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Included in existing approved budget	<input type="checkbox"/>	<<Enter comment if required or delete>>
Additional funds required	<input type="checkbox"/>	<<Enter comment if required or delete>>

Community Strategic Plan

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Theme Three – In 2032 Bayside will be green, resilient and sustainable	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Risk Management – Risk Level Rating

No risk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Low risk	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Community Engagement

N/A

Attachments

Nil

Lydham Hall Advisory Committee

30/04/2025

Item No	LHA25.002
Subject	Confirmation of Members
Report by	Richard Sheridan, Director City Performance
File	SF24/982

Summary

On the 11 April 2023 the Committee recommended adoption of a revised Terms of Reference for Lydham Hall Advisory Committee based on Council's generic Terms of Reference for Advisory Committees are on council Website [Council and Committee Meetings | Bayside Council | NSW](#)

The Committee also notes the standard Code of Conduct, Code of Meeting Practice and Privacy Management Policy applies.

Officer Recommendation

That Lydham Hall Committee notes the Members as outlined in this report.

Background

The appointment of Elected Member and St George Historical Society Members are made updated following elections and AGM of the respective bodies. Apart from elected members the charter allows for other Councillors to attend

	Elected Members	StGeorge Historical Society
1	Cr Liz Barlow	Wesley Fairhall
2	Cr Janin Bredehoeft	Laurice Bondfield
3	Cr Peter Strong (nominated)	Tina Workman
4	Cr Cr Soraya Kassim (nominated)	Alternative: Anne Field

Notes for members

Quorum

The quorum for a meeting of the Committee is four (4) members of which two (2) need to be Elected Representatives of Council. If a quorum is not present within 30 minutes of the scheduled commencement time, the meeting lapses.

St George Historical Society representatives

The General Manager (or nominee) invites the St George Historical Society to nominate three (3) representatives plus one (1) alternate to be members of the Committee.

Financial Implications

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Community Engagement

N/A

Attachments

Nil

Lydham Hall Advisory Committee

30/04/2025

Item No	LHA25.003
Subject	Update on Action Register
Report by	Richard Sheridan, Director City Performance
File	SF24/982

Summary

The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to provide advice to Council on the conservation and management of Lydham Hall building and grounds in accordance with Council's Community Strategic Plan and Conservation Management Plan for the site as well as the terms and conditions of the Licence Agreement with St George Historical Society.

Officer Recommendation

The Lydham Hall Advisory Committee note the request and responses.

Background

Update on the issues/queries from the St George Historical Society.

Under the licence, the requirement for maintenance is described in section 68.1. The Licensee (SGHS) has all maintenance obligations except grounds and garden section 68.2. The maintenance routine that the Council provides has been previously agreed.

Licensee obligations are listed under s70.1 and Licensor obligations are under s70.2.

To track the actions and requests outside of the License agreement we have a tracking system as the requests have reached 48 and we do not want to miss anything.

Summary Actions

Active - Open and in progress	8	Hold	0	Closed	40	Noting	0
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Total requests are broken up into several tables.

- 1) Open items/Active will be reported to each meeting with a status update.
- 2) Closed Items will only be reported in detail to the next meeting and then will drop off.

Council will maintain the statics on request on a financial year basis.

Ref	Date	Request or	Issue	Comments	Update	Note
21	Oct-23	LHAC	Bank Account. The Lydham Hall Advisory Committee requested that Council consider allowing the St George Historical Society to quarantine 50% of its existing savings into a sinking fund for potential future maintenance needs	sufficient capital for emergency	Open	Need a Strategy on how the funds are to be invested to determine the min holdings.
31	Mar-24	SGHS	<u>Long Term Plan</u> The Society, supported by the Lydham Hall Advisory Committee requested that Council consider developing a long term strategy for maintaining and upgrading Lydham Hall. This will enable the tailoring of plans for other interim works to align with the long term plans and the St George Historical Society to consider this when making their plans for the hall.		Open	Internal review of CMP and next steps will be progressed in alignment with strategy to be presented.
41	Jun-24	SGHS	There are at least 2 keys remaining in the possession of parties no longer requiring independent access to the premises. It would be logical to return the keys		Open	Confirmation of the committee. Members have access to Keys.
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43	Aug-24	SGHS	Annual review of Subsidy issued to SGHS	Compliance with License	Open	To be resolved in April 25 meeting
44	Aug-24	SGHS	Classification of Electrical upgrades	Compliance with License	Open	City works investigating
45	Aug-24	SGHS	Annual Financial Review being sent to Council	Compliance with License	Open	To be resolved in April 25 meeting
46	Aug-24	SGHS	Tempe House Open Day - Request to market the activity on council socials		Open	

Closed Matters

Ref	Date	Request or	Issue	Comments	Update	Note
33	Mar-24	SGHS	New request - Booking / Use of the House- St George Historical Society requested that Council, when planning events, consider using Lydham Hall as a venue		Closed	Ongoing discussions to look at Council use of the building.
40	Jun-24	SGHS	New request – keys provided only access only facilitate access to the house museum and not the side gate.		Closed	Property Services completed
46	Aug-24	SGHS	Request to host Vintage Cars exhibition as per S70.1 b of the Business as Usual activities		Closed	
47	Mar-25	SGHS	Replacement of sign		Closed	
48	Feb-25	SGHS	Mothers Day event will come with option for Alcohol	A non-profit organisation can make an application to Liquor & Gaming NSW to conduct a maximum of 6 events per year. The maximum duration of any event is 4 hours	Closed	
49	Dec-24	SGHS	We were moving some items in Lydham Hall on Sunday and need to report some damage to the museum	Ticked raised and resolved by Maintenance	Closed	
50	Oct-24	LAHC	New Stove top installed	Following discussion last committee, it was agreed with GM to replace the stove	Closed	

Financial Implications

Not applicable ☐
 Included in existing approved budget ☐ <<Enter comment if required or delete>>
 Additional funds required ☐ <<Enter comment if required or delete>>

Community Strategic Plan

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Risk Management – Risk Level Rating

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Community Engagement

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Attachments

Nil

Lydham Hall Advisory Committee

30/04/2025

Item No	LHA25.004
Subject	Overdue Financial Reports
Report by	Richard Sheridan, Director City Performance
File	SF24/982

Summary

The annual license fee for Lydham Hall has been subsidised under the Council Rental Assistance program. As part of this assessment Council has built in safeguard clauses for the committee to be aware of the financial position of Lydham Hall as this was a contributing factor to its closure in the past.

The safeguard position was Clause 9 and includes

- 1) Annual license Fee is set
- 2) Application is required from licensee supported by audited financial statements
- 3) The audited statements must identify surplus funds available for payment of operational expenses, maintenance or upgrades.

The intention was for the value of \$4,500 to be re-invested into Lydham Hall Museum beyond the normal responsibility outlined in the license and Day to Day operations, which exclude the maintenance council has agreed to in CI 71 license agreement being structural maintenance, lawn and garden maintenance, insurance and building compliance as agreed on 31 October 2023.

Officer Recommendation

- That Lydham Hall Advisory Committee accepts the renewal of the annual license fee and the accompany financial report and annual report as sufficient support to comply with Clause 9.3 of the License Agreement.
- The next annual review of licence will occur before 30 September 2025.

Background

Bayside Council and St George Historical society entered the agreement based on CI 9.3c that the tenant will provide an annual application fee to support 100% discount with accompanying financial statements.

The first annual period has lapsed on 30 June 2024 and committee last met on 16 July 2024. The application for renewal has not yet been complied with.

The Council notes that there has been large turnover in committee members and Council election, so a regular meeting was not practical.

In preparation for this meeting St George Historical Society has presented the banking records of the bank account associated with Lydham Hall in lieu of financial statement.

We also note that annual report of activities was submitted in July 2024 for the information of the committee.

Council notes the practicality of audited financial statements is not possible as the St George Historical Society has other business and is not exclusive to Lydham Hall. It is proposed to accept the information and to accept the application for extension for a further 12 months.

The next review of this should occur prior to 30 September 2025.

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Community Engagement

N/A

Attachments

1 [📄](#) Lydham Hall 2024 End of Year Report

Lydham Hall Historic House and Museum - End of Year Report

A brief overview of activities undertaken at the museum from 1 October 2023 until 30 June 2024 by volunteers of the Ste George Historical Society.

Exterior

The volunteers have undertaken the following works:

- Painting to exterior was completed. This included: the front entrance pillars, garden edges, all gates, and chain link fences.
- After Council disconnected the problematic motor, the fountain was scraped back to remove decades of existing surface and has been painted. The base has been filled with soil and planted out with mondo grass and agapanthus.
- All outdoor furniture has been painted and new outdoor furniture purchased.
- The severe weed infestation in the south and southeast section of the garden has been removed and this area is now under control.
- The weeds and plants around the dedication plaque to Christina Stead on the north side of the garden have been cleared.
- The roses in the back garden have been trimmed and fertilized to revitalise them.

Interior

The volunteers have undertaken the following works:

- Each room has been thoroughly cleaned with debris, dust and insect infestations removed.
- Approximately 70% of objects have been removed from the attic space and incorporated into the room displays on the ground floor.
- Displays in each room have been set up to enhance the visitor experience with interpretive signage and labels printed.
- The Local History Room has been set up with an exhibition on local suburbs, display cases with objects pertinent to prominent local families and small changing exhibitions.
- A start has been made on clearing the Orientation Room in readiness for reopening in 6 months.

Visitors

- We've had 472 paid visitors to the museum over the 5 openings. Visitors are predominantly families.
- 60% of visitors are from the Bayside LGA with a roughly equal 11% coming from Georges River, 8% coming from the Inner West, and 6% from the Sutherland Shire LGA.
- 40% of visitors came because they saw the advertising on the strategically placed pole signs. About 25% from Facebook posts and 16% are return visitors.
- 92% of visitors also sit to eat at the museum café.

Café/Kitchen

- 47% of our income is derived from the café.
- In May and June, the takings from the café exceeded the admissions takings. It seems (on face value) that people are more likely coming for the double experience of a museum plus scones.
- In May and June, we added soup to the menu which was kindly donated by the Australian Culinary Federation.
- Across the 5 openings, 320 scones were consumed, and 220 cups of tea or coffee were poured.

Grants

- We were successful with one grant submission this year –Community Building Partnership Grant through the NSW Government. This grant covered the purchase of a new fridge, an additional point of sale terminal and a new laptop.
- We were unsuccessful with both Bayside Council grants for equipment and unsuccessful with a Georges River Council Grant for the upgrade of electrical works to the kitchen.
- We have one grant submission awaiting the transfer of funds (for new floor coverings in the Local History Room) and an outstanding grant submission for new exterior signage plus interpretive signage for the gardens which is currently awaiting review.

End of Year Finances

- As at the end of 2023/24 financial year, our income was \$5,524 and our operating expenses were \$10,092. The shortfall was made up from the money transferred from the defunct Lydham Hall Management Committee account.
- \$8,000 has been set aside for emergencies.
- Funds available to spend from 1st July 2024, are \$1904. Of this \$900 has already been spent (dehumidifiers) and another \$800 is earmarked for a new oven within the next 3 months.
- The bulk of the operating expenses (\$5,515) were for maintenance, cleaning and equipment.

Report prepared by T. Workman for the St George Historical Society LH Advisory Committee 16.07.2024

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

Lydham Hall Advisory Committee

30/04/2025

Item No	LHA25.005
Subject	Local Writer in Residence
Report by	Meredith Wallace, General Manager
File	SF24/982

Summary

Proposal for Christina Stead Writer in Residence Program

As the birthplace of Christina Stead, Lydham Hall is a site of outstanding historical and cultural significance.

A writer-in-residence program would be in keeping with the history and creative spirit of Lydham Hall, and would contribute to the cultural capital of the Bayside area.

The proposal is for a writer to have access to a work space (a room with electricity and a window). The writer would offer an agreed number of public events each year with the intention of promoting Lydham Hall, the SGHS and Bayside LGA. The writer would also promote its activities through interviews, social media and events.

A writer-in-residence program would connect Christina Stead and Lydham hall to the local community through workshops and/or public events.

The program will be managed by Bayside Council, with St George Historic Society being the host organisation as they hold the main lease.

Bayside Council are in discussion with local writer Kathryn Heyman to be the initial writer-in-residence. Heyman is a key literary figure in Bayside and has a keen interest in the work of Cristina Stead as well as the local history of Lydham Hall.

Once approved, it would be great to launch this program in unison with Cristina Stead's Birthday, 17 July 2025.

Officer Recommendation

That the Lydham Hall Committee support the establishment of The Cristina Stead Writer in Residence Program at Lydham Hall

- 1 That SGHS provide a dedicated room within Lydham Hall for a writer in residence to use across a defined residency period

- 2 That ample internet access is discussed and organised before the residency begins
 - 3 That Kathryn Heyman be the first Writer in Residence to begin this project
 - 4 That Bayside council and SGHS draft a plan of management for the writing residency
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Background

Proposal for Christina Stead Writer in Residence Program

As the birthplace of Christina Stead, Lydham Hall is a site of outstanding historical and cultural significance.

Christina Stead is a major figure in Australian literary history. In New South Wales, the fiction award for the NSW Premier's Literary Awards is named after her literary world, and her work is still held in high acclaim internationally. The novelist Jonathan Franzen declared "The Man Who Loved Children" to be a major masterpiece of the Twentieth Century; that same novel was listed as one of the 100 most significant novels of the preceding century by The Times in the UK.

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Other Sydney writer-in-residence programs

In North Sydney, the Don Bank museum hosts a writer-in-residence program and has done for many years. The Don Bank model offers a resident a two year residency. The writer receives a one hour consultation with a publisher from Penguin Random House, networking opportunities and dedicated space to write. The writer pays a bond of \$500 which is refundable at the end of the residency and does not receive a stipend. In addition, the writer offers two public events per year. Don Bank Writer in Residence is administered by the Don Bank Museum and North Sydney Council.

Georges River Council hosts the Carrs Park Artist-in-Residence program which offers living and working accommodation for three months in a one bedroom apartment by the water. Administered by Georges River Council, this is a full residency program offering living accommodation plus a studio.

Proposal

- Writer in residence initially for a one - two-year period, at no cost to SGHS. The writer should be a writer of fiction or screenplays, in keeping with Christina Stead's interests.

- The writer would be provided with a private room as a workspace within Lydham Hall.
- The writer would:
 - promote Lydham Hall, Cristina Stead and Bayside Council
 - Acknowledge LH and CS Residence in publications resulting from the residency
 - Offer an agreed number of public events or writings per year in discussion with the LH Committee. Examples might include
 - A writing workshop/s
 - Book launch
 - Public talk on Cristina Stead
 - 'Writing Consultation Open Day' where members of the community can book in for half hour consultations with the writer in residence to discuss their own writing
 - Writing media article about the hall and CS

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Once approved, it would be great to launch this program in unison with Cristina Steads Birthday which is 17 July 2025.

About Kathryn Heyman

Dr Kathryn Heyman is the author of seven books and several dramatic works for stage and for BBC radio. Her novels have won awards in Australia and the UK and been published in several languages. Her most recent work, the memoir *Fury*, was nominated for the International Folio Prize, shortlisted for the Adelaide Festival Awards for Literature and was a Guardian Book of the Year. Her eighth book, the novel *Circle of Wonders*, will be published next year by HarperCollins. She is currently working on several projects, including a new historical novel and a screen adaptation of "The Man Who Loved Children".

Kathryn has taught Creative Writing alongside her publishing career, including for the University of Oxford. She has led writing workshops all over the world, for festivals, writers organisations and community programs. Harpers Bazaar in the UK called Kathryn "one of the world's best writing teachers".

Kathryn was the Senior Judge of the NSW Premier's Literary Awards, and the Chair of the Christina Stead Prize for Fiction. She co-hosts a quarterly literary salon with the author Kate Forsyth, and has created many one-off literary events (including a significant weekend writers festival in Scotland, *Voices of Conscience*).

Financial Implications

Not applicable

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Included in existing approved budget

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Additional funds required

**Minimal - Costs for promoting and partnering with the writer to run a program or small event**

Community Strategic Plan

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Community Engagement

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Attachments

Nil

7 NEXT MEETING