



Botany Historical Trust

6:30 pm
Monday 18 August 2025

Venue:
Mascot Library and George Hanna Memorial Museum
2 Hatfield Street, Mascot

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Membership & Role

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The Botany Historical Trust (BHT) was established in 1994.

The Advisory Committee was established to assist the Trustee in carry out the purposes of the Trust specifically to:

- Establish a public museum to permanently display historical artefacts and records representing the cultural heritage of the Area;
- Encourage and ensure the preservation of the history and heritage of the Area;
- Acquire, preserve and display historic artefacts and records from its geographic region;
- Encourage individuals, organisations and commercial enterprises to donate;
- significant and valuable historical artefacts and records relating to the region;
- Preserve and to hold any historic artefacts and records received in perpetuity;
- Act as a public fund to which gifts of money or property for extending the collection of the museum may be made;
- Raise funds for supporting the museum; and
- Cooperate with other groups or institutions having similar objectives.

The Executive shall consist of the following Office Bearers:

- a President, a Senior Vice-President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and up to two (2) general members, all of whom are elected in accordance with this Constitution, together with:
- up to two (2) Councillors, representing the Area, or if no Councillor is appointed the General Manager or nominee.
- up to three (3) community representatives and/or independent experts appointed by the General Manager on the recommendation of the Executive.

The members are:

Robert Hanna (President), Jacqueline Milledge (Senior Vice President), Christopher Hanna (Vice President), Warren Hensley (Secretary), Richard Smolenski (Treasurer), Lenore Daley (General Member), Amanda Wilson (General Member), Nathan Brown (Community Representative), Jo Jansyn (Community Representative) and Jenny Muscat (Community Representative).

Councillor Curry and Councillor Morrissey are the Councillors appointed.

Responsibilities – Code of Conduct

The Botany Historical Trust (BHT) is bound by the Bayside Council Code of Conduct for Committee Members, Delegates of Council and Council Advisors. This code of conduct applies to council committee members and delegates of council who are not councillors or staff of the council. It also applies to advisers of council for the purposes of clause 4.12.

It is based on the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in NSW ('the Model Code of Conduct') made under section 440 of the Local Government Act 1993 ('LGA') and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 ('the Regulation').

The Model Code of Conduct sets the minimum standards of conduct for council officials. It is prescribed by regulation to assist council officials to:

- understand and comply with the standards of conduct that are expected of them
- enable them to fulfil their statutory duty to act honestly and exercise a reasonable degree of care and diligence (section 439)
- act in a way that enhances public confidence in local government. Section 440 of the LGA requires every council (including county councils) and joint organisations to adopt a code of conduct that incorporates the provisions of the Model Code of Conduct.

A copy of the Bayside Council Code of Conduct for Committee Members, Delegates of Council and Council Advisors is available on [Council's website](#).

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 18 August 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

Botany Historical Trust

18/08/2025

Item No	4.1
Subject	Minutes of the Botany Historical Trust Meeting - 5 May 2025
Report by	Debra Dawson, Director City Life
File	SF24/8022

Officer Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Botany Historical Trust meeting held on 5 May 2025 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

Present

Robert Hanna, President
Jacqueline Milledge, Senior Vice President
Christopher Hanna, Vice President
Richard Smolenski, Treasurer
Warren Hensley, Secretary
Amanda Wilson, Member
Lenore Daley, Member
Jo Jansyn, Community Representative
Jenny Muscat, Community Representative
Nathan Brown, Community Representative
Christina Curry, Councillor

Also present

Bobbi Mayne, Manager Libraries and Lifestyle
Pascal Van de Walle, Coordinator Development Assessment
Cate Kloos, Administration Officer Libraries and Lifestyle

The Chairperson opened the meeting in the Mascot Library and George Hanna Memorial Museum at 6:30pm.

1 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chairperson affirmed that 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

Apologies

The following apologies were received:

Scott Morrissey, Councillor

Leave of Absence

There were no applications for Leave of Absence received.

Attendance Via Audio-Visual Link

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

3 Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

4 Minutes of Previous Meetings

4.1 Minutes of the Botany Historical Trust Meeting - 3 February 2025

Committee Resolution

Moved by Richard Smolenski and Warren Hensley

That the Minutes of the Botany Historical Trust meeting held on 3 February 2025 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

4.2 Business Arising

The BHT Committee notes that the Minutes of the Botany Historical Trust of Monday 3 February 2025 were received and the recommendations therein were adopted by the Council at its meeting of 26 March 2025.

5 Reports

BHT25.009 Planning, Development & Compliance Matters

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

Council Resolutions and Notice of Motions

1. Post Exhibition Report - Draft Mutch Park Masterplan
2. Draft Astrolabe Park Masterplan

3. Notice of Motion – ICI Management of Legacy Contamination
4. Notice of Motion – Scoping/Feasibility Report on Heritage Review and Local Character Assessment

Development Applications

5. DA-2025/69 55 - Gardeners Road Daceyville
 - 5 submissions including one from the BHT Committee opposing the proposal were received
 - The DA application is currently being assessed by Council Officers
 - Updates on the status of the assessment will be provided to the BHT Committee once available

Other items tabled

6. AMAC House
 - Councillor Curry provided information on a Notice of Motion she presented at the April Council meeting to ensure the Local History items in AMAC House Botany are treated, preserved and relocate items prior to the building's demolition.
 - Manager Libraries and Lifestyle, Bobbi Mayne advised that work is underway with a status report going back to Council shortly.
7. Botany Police Station
 - The BHT Executive Committee remain very concerned about the deteriorated state of the heritage listed Botany Police Station owned by Housing NSW.
 - Members suggested the Police Station should be restored and used as a local history museum.

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Jo Jansyn and Jenny Muscat

That Council provides the Botany Historical Trust Committee more information and status updated about plans ICI - Orica site.

Committee Resolution

Moved by Jo Jansyn and Jenny Muscat

1. That the BHT President, Rob Hanna write to Housing NSW on BHT Executive's behalf advocating for the Police Station to be restored and used as a Local History Museum.
2. The BHT Executive Member, Nathan Brown propose a streamlined process that enables the BHT Committee to receive, review and provide feedback on Development Applications that are of Heritage / Historical significance within the notification time frame.

BHT25.010 President's Report - Robert Hanna

The key points of the President's report were:

- Welcoming the new Community Representatives Jenny Muscat, Jo Jansyn and Nathan Brown.
- The BHT Executive may like to review the BHT Constitution in the future to enable an archivist to be included as a Committee Member.
- The President has received an offer from BHT member Nerina Skrabut for a possible performance by the Lakes Singers. Jacqueline Milledge suggested that the performance could be included in the BHT Christmas Function.

Rob Hanna advised that he laid wreaths on behalf of the BHT at the ANZAC Day commemorations in Botany and Mascot.

Committee Resolution

That the BHT Committee notes the President's Report.

BHT25.011 Local History Update

Bobbi Mayne provided additional updates on Local History projects:

- Council is calling for information and stories from the community about women from the Bayside area who served during WWI or WWII. As responses have been limited so far, the BHT is encouraged to continue to reach out through their networks to help promote this initiative:
www.bayside.nsw.gov.au/form/women-in-war-efforts
- Local History Librarian Kirsten Broderick has been assigned to work with the BHT President and other key stakeholders to update the names on Botany War Memorial. Information from the President as well as additional research by Kirsten has been collated. A detailed project plan is being prepared and will be shared with the President and BHT Committee once finalised.

Committee Resolution

That the BHT Committee notes the Local History Report and updates that were discussed at the meeting.

BHT25.012 Program and Activities for 2025

The Committee discussed the program and activities program for 2025:

- Richard Smolenski suggested organising an excursion to the Prince Henry Hospital Nursing and Medical Museum in Little Bay. The Committee proposed doing this as part of the Local History Week in September 2025.
- Amanda Wilson AM advised that David Burdon, The National Trust NSW Director of Conservation, has offered to give a talk to BHT members, either at the NT's headquarters at Observatory Hill or at one of Bayside's venues.
- Jo Jansyn suggested, to include local history talks in future exhibitions and invite schools to attend the exhibitions as an excursion with BHT Members volunteering to talk to the schools.
- Jacqueline Milledge will follow up with the Hon. Ron Hoenig to organise a tour of Parliament House for BHT Members.

Committee Resolution

Moved by Jenny Muscat and Richard Smolenski

1. That the BHT Committee notes the Program and Activities for 2025 report.
2. That the BHT Committee supports the recommendation to include local history talks as part of future exhibitions at the Mascot Library and George Hanna Museum.
3. The BHT Committee supports the invitation of schools to undertake an excursion to visit future exhibitions.
4. That Executive Member, Richard Smolenski investigate undertaking an excursion to Prince Henry Nursing and Medical Museum in September 2025 and report back to the Committee.
5. Executive Member, Amanda Wilson AM to coordinate with the Local History Librarians to invite David Burdon, The National Trust NSW Director of Conservation to give a talk to BHT Members.
6. Executive Member, Jacqueline Milledge to follow up with Hon. Ron Hoenig to organise a tour of Parliament House for BHT Members.

BHT25.013 Other Business

1a Non-Executive memberships

A number of applications for non-executive memberships were received.

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Richard Smolenski and Lenore Daley

That Council approves the non-Executive memberships as mentioned in the confidential attachment to the minutes.

1b Expired non-Executive memberships

The Manager Libraries and Lifestyle provided information on expired non-executive memberships.

BHT general memberships expire after 5 years in accordance with the BHT Constitution. Numerous attempts were made to notify and invite members to renew their membership including handing out renewal forms at the annual Christmas function, sending them a letter, information in the BHT Newsletter and phoning them (where applicable).

The members who have not renewed their membership will remain on the membership list as inactive members.

Attachments

- 1 Non-Executive membership details(confidential)

6 General Business

BHT25.014 General Business - Collaboration with the St George Historical Society

Warren Hensley advised that the St George Historical Society host network meetings with other Trusts / Societies at Lydham Hall. The purpose of the meetings is to exchange information, discuss areas of common interest and explore collaborative opportunities.

Committee Resolution

Moved by Jacqueline Milledge and Christopher Hanna

That the BHT approve Warren Hensley to represent the BHT at the network meeting and report back to the Committee.

BHT25.015 General Business - Engagement Strategy

Amanda Wilson AM has developed an engagement strategy for the BHT Executive's consideration. The objectives include growing membership numbers and improving member experience and engagement.

Committee Resolution

Moved by Jacqueline Milledge and Jo Jansyn

That the BHT Committee meet on 19 June 2025 in Eastgardens Library to discuss and provide input and feedback on the engagement strategy as well as agree on and prioritise recommended actions.

7 Next Meeting

That the next BHT Executive meeting be held in the George Hanna Memorial Museum at Mascot Library at 6:30pm on Monday, 4 August 2025.

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 8:45pm.

Attachments

Nil

5 REPORTS

Botany Historical Trust

18/08/2025

Item No	BHT25.016
Subject	President's Report - Robert Hanna
Report by	Debra Dawson, Director City Life
File	SF24/8022

Summary

The Botany Historical Trust (BHT) President, Robert Hanna, provides an update to the Botany Historical Trust Executive Committee.

Officer Recommendation

That the President's Report be noted.

Background

Welcome to our August meeting.

We had a very productive and well attended Special Executive Meeting on 19 June 2025. A number of agenda items for this meeting have been added as a consequence of our discussions.

A sin of omission on my part. I have yet to write to Housing NSW concerning the use of the former Botany Police Station for BHT purposes. I have considered that it might be more appropriate for an approach at a Ministerial level from our local Ministerial MPs to the NSW Minister for Housing. In which case, I should write to both Ron Hoenig and Michael Daley. We can discuss at tonight's meeting.

We overlooked at our May meeting as to how we should honour and preserve Peter Orlovich's memory and contribution to the Botany Historical Trust. I'd like us to finalise this tonight if possible.

On 21 June 2025 I attended the opening of the A-Z exhibition at the Mascot Museum, and gave a brief address from my own recollections of local history. Chris, Warren and Jo also were there from the Executive. Unfortunately, there was not a great attendance from our General Membership. In my address I thanked the Council Staff for their work in preparing the display.

One of the few members in attendance was Nerina Skrabut, a regular attendee at BHT events. She mentioned again a possible BHT event, namely a performance by the Lakes Singers. In addition to our decision for them to perform at this year's Christmas function.

Nerina is hoping that we might have a Saturday afternoon event before the Christmas one, and advised me that the Lakes Singers would need a month's notice of a possible date to plan for their performance.

We did discuss previously that we should encourage our members to be more actively engaged with Trust activities, and I support Nerina's suggestion for an additional BHT sponsored event sometime this year.

Financial Implications

Not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Included in existing approved budget	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional funds required	<input type="checkbox"/>

Community Strategic Plan

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Theme Four – In 2035 Bayside will be financially sustainable and support a dynamic local economy	<input type="checkbox"/>

Risk Management – Risk Level Rating

No risk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Low risk	<input type="checkbox"/>
Medium risk	<input type="checkbox"/>
High risk	<input type="checkbox"/>
Very High risk	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extreme risk	<input type="checkbox"/>

Community Engagement

Not applicable

Attachments

Nil

Botany Historical Trust

18/08/2025

Item No BHT25.017
Subject **Planning, Development & Compliance Matters**
Report by Debra Dawson, Director City Life
File SF24/8022

Summary

This report provides information regarding planning, development and compliance matters relating to heritage properties.

Officer Recommendation

That the Botany Historical Trust Executive notes the information provided about heritage related planning, development and compliance matters.

Background

The following Development Applications and their status are summarised below:

Application Number	DA-2025/106
Property Address	16 Tenterden Road Botany
Property Title	Lot 1 DP 723591
Applicant	Mr Erol Ozdirik
Proposal	Retention of existing heritage listed dwelling and construction of a two storey light industrial building with first floor storage area including car parking, fencing and landscaping, operating between 7am to 7pm Monday to Friday
Notification Period	15 to 29 May 2025
Status	Preliminary Assessment Complete

The following application has been appealed in the Land and Environment Court as it was refused on 20 June 2025:

Application Number	DA-2025/69
Property Address	55 Gardeners Road Daceyville (Daceyville Garden Suburb)
Property Title	Lot 8 DP 32169
Applicant	Corona Projects Pty Ltd
Proposal	Removal of trees and construction of a detached single storey dwelling and strata subdivision

Financial Implications

Not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Included in existing approved budget	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional funds required	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Extreme risk	<input type="checkbox"/>

Community Engagement

Not applicable

Attachments

Nil

Botany Historical Trust

18/08/2025

Item No	BHT25.018
Subject	Local History Update
Report by	Debra Dawson, Director City Life
File	SF24/8022

Summary

The following report provides a quarterly overview of Local History activities from Council's Local History Librarians.

Officer Recommendation

That the Botany Historical Trust (BHT) Executive note the report.

Background

Local History Research Requests

- From 1 April to 30 June 2025 there were 73 Local History research requests: 18 complex, 28 medium and 27 simple requests. A complex enquiry takes more than three hours to answer. 21 of the requests were related specifically to the former Botany LGA.

Local History Team update

- Celia Piper was farewelled after completing her time with Bayside Council.

Our A - Z History Exhibition

- Council's A-Z History exhibition was launched by Council's Deputy Mayor Heidi Lee Douglas on 21 June 2025 and included a speech by BHT President Rob Hanna. There was positive feedback and interesting discussions with attendees.

Local History Talks

- To complement the A-Z History exhibition, Council will be holding a local history talk by Dr Mark St Leon on his work '*Beaumont & Waller's Botanical & Zoological Gardens, at the Sir Joseph Banks Hotel, Botany Bay 1848-61*'. The talk will be held at Mascot Library on Saturday 27 September 2025. Flyers and further information to follow.

AMAC House move

- The Museum collection has been temporarily relocated from AMAC to a secure site to undergo fumigation, cleaning and conservation treatment by experienced conservators. Once completed, the items will be relocated to Mascot Library and Botany Town Hall for permanent storage and display.

Local History Competition

- The 2025 Ron Rathbone Local History Competition closed on 17 July 2025 and the Judging Panel are current assessing entries.

- The awards ceremony is to be held at Rockdale Library on Saturday 13 September 2025 from 10:30am-12pm. The Mayor has confirmed he will be attending.

Heritage Festival NSW

- The Australian Heritage Festival in New South Wales ran from Friday 18 April to Sunday 18 May. To celebrate the Festival, the Local History Team created a series of different jigsaw puzzles, each featuring a local history landmark. A jigsaw puzzle was sent to each Bayside library for members of the public to piece together, providing them with a fun, interactive way of engaging with local history.

Photo Digitisation

- Over 800 photographs from Mascot Library's collection have been sent for digitisation and cataloguing. These photos will be uploaded to the library catalogue, making them readily available to the public.

Financial Implications

Not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Included in existing approved budget	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional funds required	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Extreme risk	<input type="checkbox"/>

Community Engagement

Not applicable

Attachments

Nil

Botany Historical Trust

18/08/2025

Item No BHT25.019
Subject **Program and Activities for 2025**
Report by Debra Dawson, Director City Life
File SF24/8022

Summary

An update on the 2025 Botany Historical Trust (BHT) program will be provided to the Executive Committee.

Officer Recommendation

That the Botany Historical Trust Executive:

- 1 Discuss and make recommendations for the 2025 Program and Activities; and
 - 2 Confirm Tuesday 9 December 2025 as the date of the BHT Christmas Function.
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Background

The objective of the Botany Historical Trust is to promote, educate and celebrate Bayside's local history.

The 2025 program will be tabled for discussion and input from the Executive Committee at the meeting.

Financial Implications

Not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Included in existing approved budget	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Additional funds required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Some additional funding e.g. grants may be required dependant on the projects, events or initiatives presented.

Community Strategic Plan

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Community Engagement

Not applicable

Attachments

1 [!\[\]\(e474458956c9a37fbf9586ddb60a7fa1_img.jpg\)](#) BHT Program and Activities for 2025

BOTANY HISTORICAL TRUST - PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2025								
Month	Date	Time	Activity Type	Description	Location	Lead	Stakeholders	Status Update
February	Monday, 3 February 2025	6:30pm	Meeting	BHT Committee Meeting	Mascot Library	Manager Libraries & Lifestyle	BHT Executive	completed
	Tuesday, 18 February 2025	TBA	Event	Unveiling of round 1 Historical Markers at Botany Public School	Botany Public School	Local History team	Nominators, Property Owners	completed
	Wednesday, 19 February 2025	TBA	Event	Unveiling of round 1 Historical Markers at Bexley Public School and Wilson's Farmhouse	Bexley Public School Wilson's Farmhouse	Local History team	Nominators, Property Owners	completed
March	Opened, March 24, 2025		Announcement or media release	Ron Rathbone Local History Prize opens		Local History team	BHT, St George Historical Society	open
	Saturday, 15 March 2025	10am	Talk	Author talk "Star on the Grave" by Linda Margolin Royal	Mascot Library	Library Programs team		completed
April	Tuesday, April 1, 2025		ANZAC banner launch	Women in Service		Local History team	BHT, St George Historical Society,	completed
	Friday, April 18, 2025		Activity	Start Heritage Festival Puzzles Launch	All libraries	Local History team		completed
	Friday, 25 April 2025	6am	Event	ANZAC Day Dawn Service - Botany RSL	Boralee Park, Botany	Events team	RSL sub-branch	completed
	Sunday, 27 April 2025	2pm	Event	ANZAC Day March - Mascot RSL	Mascot Memorial Park	Events team	RSL sub-branch	completed
May	Monday, 5 May 2025	6:30pm	Meeting	BHT Committee Meeting	Mascot Library	Manager Libraries & Lifestyle	BHT Executive	completed
	Sunday, 18 May, 2025		Activity	End Heritage Festival Puzzles	All libraries	Local History team		completed
	TBA		Newsletter	BHT Newsletter		Local History team	BHT	completed
June	TBA		Exhibition	A-Z Exhibition	Mascot Library	Local History team	BHT	open
July	Thursday, 17 July, 2025	5pm	Announcement or media release	Ron Rathbone Local History Prize closes		Local History team	BHT, St George Historical Society, Independent Specialist	
	TBA		Excursion	Excursion to ANZAC Memorial Museum in Hyde Park		BHT Executive, Council	BHT	
August	Monday, 4 August 2025	6:30pm	Meeting	BHT Committee Meeting	Mascot Library	Manager Libraries & Lifestyle	BHT Executive	
September	TBA		Announcement or media release	Historical Marker Nominations open		Local History team	BHT, St George Historical Society	
	Saturday, 13 September 2025	10:30am	Function	Ron Rathbone Local History Prize Award	Rockdale Library	Local History team	BHT, St George Historical Society, Independent Specialist	
	Saturday, 27 September 2025	10am	Talk	Local History Talk "Beaumont & Waller's Botanical & Zoological Gardens, at the Sir Joseph Banks Hotel, Botany Bay 1848-61" by Mark St Leon	Mascot Library	Local History team		
October	Saturday, 25 October 2025		Talk	Author talk "The Secrets of Anzac Ridge: Flanders 1917" by Patricia Skehan	Mascot Library	Library Programs team		
	TBA		Exhibition launch	Women in Service	Mascot Library	Local History team	BHT	
November	TBA		Announcement or media release	Historical Marker Nominations close		Local History team	BHT, St George Historical Society	
	Monday, 3 November 2025	6:30pm	Meeting	BHT Committee Meeting	Mascot Library	Manager Libraries & Lifestyle	BHT Executive	
	TBA		Lecture	Nancy Hillier Lecture	Botany Town Hall	UNSW	Local History team, BHT, Environment & Resilience team	
December	TBA		Function	Christmas Function	Mascot Library	Council Events team	BHT, Library team	
	TBA		Newsletter	BHT Newsletter		Manager Libraries and Lifestyle	BHT	
	TBA		Announcement	round 2 Historical Markers that will be installed in Bayside		Local History team	Nominees, Property Owners	

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Item No	BHT25.020
Subject	Outcome of the Botany Historical Trust Executive Engagement Strategy meeting on 19 June 2025
Report by	Debra Dawson, Director City Life
File	SF24/8022

Summary

The Botany Historical Trust (BHT) President, Robert Hanna, will provide an update on the outcome and recommendations from the Special BHT Executive Committee meeting held on 19 June 2025.

Officer Recommendation

That the Botany Historical Trust Executive discusses the recommendations regarding the items outlined in the report.

Background

The BHT Executive Committee held a special meeting at Eastgardens Library on the 19 June 2025. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the draft BHT Engagement Strategy prepared by Committee Member, A Wilson.

The following items raised at the Special Meeting are to be further discussed at the BHT Executive Meeting:

1. Propose to increase Executive meetings to 6 a year;
 2. Request the attendance to the BHT Executive Meetings by Bayside Councils Local History Librarians and IT officers;
 3. Implement activities that enhance BHT membership participation;
 4. 5-year membership renewal;
 5. Provide information on the storage of and access to BHT's collections;
 6. Request a standing Agenda Item on the status of BHT's collections;
 7. Heritage grants;
 8. Indigenous history; and
 9. Request to establish a BHT Facebook page.
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Financial Implications

Not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Included in existing approved budget	<input type="checkbox"/>	<<Enter comment if required or delete>>
Additional funds required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Some of the items to be discussed may have a financial and/or staff resource impact.

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Extreme risk	<input type="checkbox"/>

Community Engagement

Not applicable

Attachments

Nil

Botany Historical Trust

18/08/2025

Item No BHT25.021
Subject **Other Business**
Report by Debra Dawson, Director City Life
File SF24/8022

Summary

Executive Members are invited to table general business items for discussion.

Officer Recommendation

That the Botany Historical Trust Executive discusses and makes recommendations regarding the items outlined in the report.

Background

The General Business items to be discussed include:

1. Update on outstanding actions from previous meetings and;
 2. Update on the relocated items that were stored at AMAC House.
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Financial Implications

Not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Included in existing approved budget	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional funds required	<input type="checkbox"/>

Community Strategic Plan

Theme One – In 2035 Bayside will be a vibrant and liveable place	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Theme Two – In 2035 our Bayside community will be connected and feel that they belong	<input type="checkbox"/>
Theme Three – In 2035 Bayside will be green, resilient and sustainable	<input type="checkbox"/>
Theme Four – In 2035 Bayside will be financially sustainable and support a dynamic local economy	<input type="checkbox"/>

Risk Management – Risk Level Rating

No risk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Low risk	<input type="checkbox"/>
Medium risk	<input type="checkbox"/>
High risk	<input type="checkbox"/>
Very High risk	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extreme risk	<input type="checkbox"/>

Community Engagement

Not applicable

Attachments

1 [↓](#) Actions from previous meetings

Actions from BHT meetings

Item	BHT meeting date	Endorsed date*	changes by Council	Action required	Lead	notes	status
open items:							
45	6/05/2024	26/06/2024	none	That the BHT requests that the Sir Joseph Banks Archaeological Artefacts and materials is to be returned into the Botany area to be available for Botany residents to access.	Bobbi Mayne	In progress. Artefacts are being assessed by a Conservation Specialist at AMAC House prior to relocation	open
53	3/02/2025	26/03/2025	none	Excursion to ANZAC Memorial Museum in Hyde Park: - Richard to gather information for the excursion, share with the BHT Executive and lead the excursion - Council to investigate bus availabilitiy and costs	BHT Executive	5/5/25 Richard advised that he hasn't heard back and will follow up again.	open
54	3/02/2025	26/03/2025	none	Excursion to Sydney's National Trust homes: - Richard to investigate if this is possible since most homes are now privately owned	Richard Smolenski		open
56	3/02/2025	26/03/2025	none	Recognition of Dr Peter Orlovich: - Rob to liaise with Peter's family to see if they would like to be involved in this project - The BHT Executive have recommended for Council to explore having a Dr Peter Orlovich local history grant or some other form of recognition of his work	Rob Hanna and Bobbi Mayne		open
57	3/02/2025	26/03/2025	none	Manager Libraries and Lifestyle to revise the Botany War Memorial project plan in collaboration with Council's local history team and BHT President Rob Hanna	Bobbi Mayne	In progress. Information has been collated and further research undertaken by Local History Librarian Kirsten. Rob to report findings to Botany RSL subbranch	open
61	5/05/2025	23/07/2025		Council to provide Committee with plans for old Orica site	Bobbi Mayne		open
63	5/05/2025	23/07/2025		Council to send regular updates to the Committee for DA-2025/69 - 55 Gardeners Road Daceyville	Bobbi Mayne		open
67	5/05/2025	23/07/2025		Richard to organise an excursion to the Prince Henry Hospital Nursing and Medical Museum in Little Bay	Richard Smolenski		open
68	5/05/2025	23/07/2025		Amanda to organise a talk or excursion with David Burdon, The National Trust NSW Director of Conservation	Amanda Wilson AM		open
69	5/05/2025	23/07/2025		Jacqueline Milledge to organise a tour of Parliament House with The Hon. Ron Hoenig	Jacqueline Milledge		open
closed items:							
1	1/08/2022	7/12/2022	none	Bayside Council digitises and makes available on the Council website its archives so that they are more accessible to the public		11/11/22 The Local History team applied to the NSW Government for a \$3,000 grant to conserve, digitise and make accessible World War I memorabilia relating to Alfred and George Benham, who lived in Tenterden Road, Botany. 2/23 received grant for \$1,000. 20/3/23 Council will fund the shortfall of \$2,000. 17/7/23 Bayside Libraries have used \$25K in funding from SLNSW to digitise the reel to reel films and 217 audio cassettes in the collection. These items will be added to the website (via the catalogue) in FY23-24. 09/10/23 Bayside staff met with IT specialists regarding digital preservation and access software. They will provide advice on this project.	closed
2	7/11/2022	7/12/2022	none	Old Botany Station: Council advocate to the Minister for Families and communities and liaise with Land and Housing Corporation to transfer the ownership of the locally heritage listed Old Botany Police Station to Bayside Council, after refurbishment, to ensure that it can be used for community purposes.		SF22/6206: Bayside Council Notice of Motion from 24/5/23: That Council advocate to the Ministers for Planning and Housing and The Hon Michael Daley, Attorney General and Member for Maroubra, and liaise with NSW Land and Housing Corporation to transfer the ownership of the locally heritage listed Old Botany Police Station to Bayside Council after conservation and refurbishment works are complete, to facilitate it's use for community purposes. On 12/7/23 Ron Hoenig advised that the Land and Housing Corporation is investigating the potential for a subdivision of the site to allow for the old police station to be managed separately to the seniors living social housing units that are presently part of the same title.	closed
3	7/11/2022	7/12/2022	none	Alison Wishart invited Peter Orlovich to come into Rockdale Library and look at the rate books and valuation books that Council holds as he was concerned about the potential loss of the valuer-general's records about the value of properties in the North Botany/Mascot minicipality.		14/11/22 ALison wrote to Peter with examples of Botany Valuation books and invited him to come into the office and view the copies if he wanted to. 20/03/23 Alison spoke to Peter. He does not need to come into the office to view the digitised books but wants to write a short report for BHT on the distinctions between the early rate books and the valuation books (which commenced after the Valuer-General's dept was established in NSW in 1916).	closed
4	7/11/2022	7/12/2022	none	BHT recommends that current and future exhibitions are made available online to increase public access.		12/22 Approved by Council 15/03/23 Alison has continued to meet with Christian Roach almost fortnightly to follow this up. He has all the content he needs for the "Swimming" exhibition. 18/7/23 Content for the "Swimming" exhibition is available on the Bayside Council website.	closed
5	7/11/2022	7/12/2022	none	Can photos of former Botany Mayors be displayed, permanently or in an exhibiton?		2/23 The 8 photos of former Botany Mayors and aldermen will be brought to the next BHT meeting so that the BHT can have a look and decide on what to do with them. Photos were brought to BHT meeting on 1 May 2023.	closed

6	7/11/2022	7/12/2022	none	NSW Government Blue Plaques Heritage Program Nomination: Alison Wishart asked members to think about places in Botany that are associated with significant people that could be nominated.		Cr Jansyn recommended Botany Public School as it's the oldest school in NSW	closed
7	7/11/2022	7/12/2022	none	BHT members are invited to place their expression of interest in taking home photo boards from the "The Way We Were" exhibition		Stephen Terrill from the library team sent out emails to all interested people with information on how to pick up the photos before 17 January. 6/2/23 Jacqueline enquires when she can pick up the photo that she reserved 18/2/23 photo has been taken by Jacqueline, no photos remaining	closed
8	7/11/2022	7/12/2022	none	Cab vouchers for Peter Orlovich to get home from BHT meetings need to be organised			closed
9	6/02/2023	22/02/2023	none	Investigate DA 2023/5 - building at 2,2A and 4 Bay Street, Botany as it's located within the Botany Township Heritage Conservation Area		10/2/23 Bobbi Mayne sent information about the DA to BHT Executive Members 13/3/23 Reply received from Rob and forwarded to planning team 16/3/23 Christopher Mackey confirms that comments will be considered	closed
10	6/02/2023	22/02/2023	none	The Committee strongly supports Council to investigate and take action for non-compliance in development consent conditions issued by the Land and Environment Court for 1637 Botany Rd, Banksmeadow including "La Perouse" Façade		In Council meeting from 22/2/23 it was resolved that Council investigates and takes action for non-compliance in development consent conditions issued by the Land and Environment Court.	closed
11	6/02/2023	22/02/2023	none	Modifications to DA MDA-2023/7 for 1170 Botany Rd, Botany are not supported by the Committee		In Council meeting from 22/2/23 it was resolved that Council not support the modifications to this DA.	closed
12	6/02/2023	22/02/2023	none	The Committee requests Council to provide an update on what is proposed for the site adjacent to the BP Service Station on Botany Rd. This is a vacant site, DA for McDonalds was submitted and not approved.		In Council meeting from 22/2/23 it was resolved that Council provide an update on what is proposed for this site.	closed
13	6/02/2023	22/02/2023	none	Suggestion to change name of FB posts from "Flashback Friday" to "Flashback Favourites"		8/2/23 Alison Wishart advises that "Flashback Friday" is a widely used term on social media. They will continue using this name and try to email them to BHT members on alternate Fridays.	closed
14	6/02/2023	22/02/2023	none	Leonie Bell's talk about Stannumville to go ahead, no preference on date		15/03/2023 - Talk scheduled for 5 April 2023 at 2pm. Flyers printed and mailed to BHT members. Publicity has commenced.	closed
15	1/05/2023	28/06/2023	none	Council to confirm the date and booking for the 2023 Nancy Hillier Lecture in consultation with the Lecture Planning Committee.		17/7/23 - Lecture scheduled for Saturday, 2 November 2023 at 6pm at Botany Town Hall	closed
16	1/05/2023	28/06/2023	none	Alison to arrange for copies of the study guide for "Sixty Thousand Barrels" to be available in Bayside Libraries.		A hard copy of the study guide is now available at Eastgardens, Mascot and Rockdale libraries.	closed
17	1/05/2023	28/06/2023	none	Alison to provide a list of the oral histories on growing up in the Botany Bay area to be shared with the BHT Executive Committee at the next meeting.		completed - a list of 78 oral history interview is available for distribution to the BHT	closed
18	1/05/2023	28/06/2023	none	BHT President to write a formal letter on behalf of the BHT to Clarrie's family to express sincere and heartfelt sympathy of long term BHT Member Clarrie Jones' passing.		Rob Hanna posted the letter on 6/6/23.	closed
19	1/05/2023	28/06/2023	none	Bayside Council to investigate the process in adding Flight Sergeant Oscar Patrick McFadden's name's to the Botany War Memorial.		Bayside has investigated and provides a fact sheet about updating war memorials from OVA. There are others, besides Oscar McFadden, whose names should be added to the Botany War Memorial. She report provided.	closed
21	1/05/2023	28/06/2023	none	Peter Orlovich to email everyone a copy of the report about Botany sub-branch RSL archives that he prepared some years ago.		Botany RSL to retrieve documents that are currently stored at AMAC House due to the upgrade to Botany Aquatic Centre and subsequent demolition of AMAC House.	closed
22	1/05/2023	28/06/2023	none	Cr Jansyn to provide a copy of Bayside Council's General Manager's update on the former Botany Police Station to the BHT Executive.			closed
24	7/08/2023	23/08/2023	none	Carole Nestor to ask Moira if she would like to join BHT Executive		Moira declined due to her existing commitments	closed
26	7/08/2023	23/08/2023	none	Rob to verify that all people nominated for War Memorial at Booralee Park have lived in Botany area, verify the spelling of their names, and that they died as a result of their war service			closed
27	7/08/2023	23/08/2023	none	Bayside Council to organise updated War Memorial plaque for Booralee Park once Rob has finished his research about people to be added			closed
28	7/08/2023	23/08/2023	none	Bobbi Mayne to provide update on the development of the Marina Theatre on Gardeners Road			closed
29	7/08/2023	23/08/2023	none	BHT Executive members would like to have each other's contact details for easier communication outside of meetings. Cate Kloos to circulate.		Distributed contact details of Executive members that agreed to this on 23/11/23	closed
33	6/11/2023	28/02/2024		Council to provide information about the penalties for non-compliance of the development consent including removal of the historic façade at the Banksmeadow shops (1637-1647 Botany Road Botany, DA-2017/11243)		In the absence of a robust condition requiring the façade to be retained, Council is not in a strong position to take compliance action so no penalties for non-compliance were issued.	closed
32	6/11/2023	28/02/2024		Council to confirm when the development consent for the Marina Theatre expires.		Bobbi updated BHT at meeting on 5/2/24.	closed
36	6/11/2023	28/02/2024		Alison Wishart to investigate AI software to create draft transcripts for oral history audio recordings. Once finished call out for volunteers to correct draft.		Alison Wishart provided information via email to BHT Executive on 23/01/2024.	closed

39	5/02/2024	27/03/2024		That Council investigate the age of Mascot Ambulance station and whether there are heritage controls or considerations for the station.		Alison Wishart provided information via email to BHT Executive on 23/02/2024. Further to this, Christopher Mackey advised that Mascot Ambulance Station is not listed as a heritage item in the Bayside LEP, therefore there are no heritage related development controls that would restrict re-development on the site.	closed
30	7/08/2023	23/08/2023	none	Rob Hanna to contact Ron Hoenig's office to schedule a tour to Parliament House.		Rob has contacted Ron Hoenig's office twice re tour of Parliament House for BHT members.	closed
43	5/02/2024	27/03/2024		That the date of the BHT AGM is changed to Monday 4 November.			closed
37	5/02/2024	27/03/2024		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 have time to provide a formal submission.		update provided to BHT in email from 13/3/2024.	closed
38	5/02/2024	27/03/2024		That the Executive decide whether to make a submission for 776, 792-794 Botany Road & 33-37 Henry Kendall Crescent, Mascot.		As exhibition period has closed, it won't be possible to provide a formal submission any longer.	closed
40	5/02/2024	27/03/2024	none	That the application for a Grant for the Botany War Memorial will be added to the agenda for next meeting.			closed
42	5/02/2024	27/03/2024		That Council updates the Botany Historical Trust membership form and removes the need for BHT referees.		Membership form has been updated and the need for BHT referees has been removed.	closed
41	5/02/2024	27/03/2024	none	That Council review the catering in consultation with the BHT Executive for 2024.			closed
31	6/11/2023	28/02/2024	none	Council to provide a formal response to BHT motion 6.1 from the BHT meeting held on 7 August 2023 regarding the BHT Executive's support of the examination and assessment to restore the Marina Theatre in public ownership under the control of Bayside Council as community asset.		Response provided to BHT at meeting on 5 August 2024.	closed
46	6/05/2024	26/06/2024	none	That 10 days before the AGM notification has to be sent to general members to notify them of vacancies.		Noted and will be included in the AGM process.	closed
49	6/05/2024	26/06/2024	none	That Council clearly labels flowers at the ANZAC Day services with the representative's name.		Noted	closed
50	6/05/2024	26/06/2024	none	That discussion in relation to recognising Dr Peter Orlovich to be added to the Agenda for the next meeting.		Noted and actioned.	closed
44	5/02/2024	27/03/2024	none	The Manager Libraries and Lifestyle agreed to investigate opportunities for Local History talks on Saturdays in future and report back to the BHT.			closed
20	1/05/2023	28/06/2023	none	Rob Hanna to investigate further organising a BHT Excursion through Macquarie Street Sydney and his suggestion to lead a heritage walk through Banksmeadow.		Did not proceed. New Executive will discuss future programs and excursions.	closed
34	6/11/2023	28/02/2024	none	Rob Hanna to write to the Botany RSL sub-branch and to the Minister for Veteran's Affairs seeking their input for the proposed changes to the Botany War Memorial.		Project to be reinstated in 2025 with the new Executive	closed
47	6/05/2024	26/06/2024	none	That Council recognise female veterans in naming places and that there be research and investigation into whether there are female veterans in the War Memorial to ensure proper recognition.		Incorporated in broader Local History project for 2025/26.	closed
59	3/02/2025	26/03/2025		Council to circulate the Trust Deed to BHT Executive members	Bobbi Mayne	Trust Deed emailed to BHT Executive on 5 March 2025	closed
52	3/02/2025	26/03/2025	none	That BHT Executive members reach out to the general public to obtain information about Women in War, e.g. the Nurses Museum in Little Bay.	BHT Executive	ongoing	closed
55	3/02/2025	26/03/2025	none	Community Representatives for the BHT Executive: - BHT President Rob Hanna on request of the BHT Executive to liaise with current applicants / nominees about the roles. BHT to liaise as a group to reach a consensus on the recommendation to the General Manager for the 3 positions. - Richard to contact Paul Brown from UNSW to enquire about a suitable archivist for one of the positions	Rob Hanna and Richard Smolenski	3 community representatives have been added to the BHT Committee. No specialist archivist has been identified. The constitution may be amended in future if one is identified to join the Committee.	closed
58	3/02/2025	26/03/2025	none	BHT Executive to organise a workshop to discuss the draft engagement plan	Amanda Wilson AM	Workshop is scheduled for 19 June 2025.	closed
60	5/05/2025	23/07/2025		Bobbi to investigate if Astrolabe masterplan has gone to Sydney Water	Bobbi Mayne	Council is liaising with Sydney Water	closed
64	5/05/2025	23/07/2025		Council to circulate details for the A to Z exhibition to BHT committee	Bobbi Mayne	sent by Bobbi on 7/5/25	closed
65	5/05/2025	23/07/2025		Bobbi to share the project plan and details for Kirsten's research about the war memorial to the Committee	Bobbi Mayne	Information sent to Rob Hanna on 7 May 2025.	closed
66	5/05/2025	23/07/2025		Council to organise talks as part of local history exhibitions	Bobbi Mayne	Noted and will be included in future exhibitions.	closed
51	3/02/2025	26/03/2025	none	That Council investigates who is responsible for the maintenance of the Marina Theatre to ensure graffiti is removed and mitigates further deterioration of the historical building.	Bobbi Mayne	Property owner is responsible for maintenance and upkeep	closed
70	5/05/2025	23/07/2025		Bobbi to investigate if there is a possibility to sign up for the BHT at the same time as registering for the library	Bobbi Mayne	Library coordinator advised that this would cause significantly more work for library staff and there would be a charge for running extra reports.	closed
62	5/05/2025	23/07/2025		Council to provide a report of all the items that were stored at AMAC House and where they will be stored / displayed in the future	Bobbi Mayne	Update provides in August 2025 meeting	closed

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

7 NEXT MEETING