

AGENDA



Botany Historical Trust

6:30 PM
Monday 9 February 2026

Venue:
Eastgardens Library
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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 Eastgardens Library
152 Bunnerong Road, Eastgardens
on **Monday 9 February 2026 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 9/02/2026

Item No	4.1
Subject	Minutes of the Botany Historical Trust Meeting - 3 November 2025
Report by	Debra Dawson, Director City Life
File	SF25/8915

Officer Recommendation

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

Present

Jacqueline Milledge, Senior Vice President and Chairperson
Christopher Hanna, Vice President
Richard Smolenski, Treasurer
Amanda Wilson AM, Member
Jo Jansyn, Community Representative
Jenny Muscat, Community Representative
Nathan Brown, Community Representative
Christina Curry, Councillor

Also present

Bobbi Mayne, Council staff
Celia Piper, Local History Librarian

The Chairperson opened the meeting in the Mascot Library and George Hanna Memorial Museum at 5:30pm.

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:

Robert Hanna, President

Warren Hensley, Secretary
Lenore Daley, Member
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 - 18 August 2025

Committee Resolution

Moved by Richard Smolenski and Jo Jansyn

That the Minutes of the Botany Historical Trust meeting held on 18 August 2025 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

That 4.1 of the Minutes that was resolved by the Committee and Council in May 2025 be actioned for future meetings. The resolution was that *The outcome of the BHT reccomendations from Council meetings be included as a standing agenda item under the Business Arising from minutes.*

4.3 Business Arising

The Committee notes that the Minutes of the Botany Historical Trust of 18 August 2025 were received and the recommendations therein were adopted by the Council at its meeting of 24 September 2024.

5 Reports

BHT25.026 President's Report - Robert Hanna

Committee Resolution

That the President's Report be noted.

BHT25.027 Planning, Development & Compliance Matters

Committee Resolution

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

- DA-2025/421 – 144 O’Riordan Street, Mascot
 - No issues raised by the BHT Executive
- DA-2025/460 – 1617 & 1619 Botany Road, Botany
 - The Executive Committee enquired if the way of right was included in the DA application
- DA-2025/527 – 200 King Street, Mascot
 - No issues raised by the BHT Executive

Amanda Wilson AM provided an update to the Executive Committee regarding the hearing for the Development Application for DA-2025/69 – 55 Gardeners Road in Daceyville. She advised that the hearing was conducted near the site in the presence of the Commissioner, and that the matter is currently under the Commissioner’s review. Amanda reported that photographs were taken by a bystander during the proceedings. She has contacted Council’s legal team to liaise with the developer to identify the individual who took the photographs and to request that the images be deleted and not published to protect privacy.

BHT25.028 Local History Update

Committee Resolution

Moved by Councillor Christina Curry and Amanda Wilson AM

1. That the Botany Historical Trust (BHT) Executive note the report.
2. That the BHT collates feedback received after the Nancy Hillier Lecture and a BHT Exec representative meets with UNSW and Council representatives to discuss the feedback to assist in planning for next year.
3. That a planning meeting as per Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is re-established for next year’s Nancy Hillier lecture.

BHT25.029 Other Business

1 Non-Executive memberships

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

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Jacqueline Milledge and Richard Smolenski

That Council approves the non-Executive membership applications as mentioned in the confidential attachment to the report.

2 Proposed meeting dates for 2026

The proposed meeting dates for Executive meetings in 2026 are:

- 9 February 2026
- 13 April 2026
- 15 June 2026
- 10 August 2026
- 12 October 2026
- 9 November 2026 (including AGM)

Committee Resolution

Moved by Jacqueline Milledge and Richard Smolenski

That the proposed 2026 meeting dates be approved.

6 General Business

There was no General Business.

7 Next Meeting

That the next meeting be held in the George Hanna Memorial Museum at Mascot Library at 6:30pm on Monday, 9 February 2026.

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 6:30pm.

Attachments

Nil

Botany Historical Trust

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Item No 4.2
Subject **Minutes of the Extraordinary Botany Historical Trust Meeting - 3 November 2025**
Report by Debra Dawson, Director City Life
File SF25/8915

Officer Recommendation

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

Present

Jacqueline Milledge, Senior Vice President and Chairperson
Christopher Hanna, Vice President
Richard Smolenski, Treasurer
Warren Hensley, Secretary
Amanda Wilson AM, Committee Member
Lenore Daley, Committee Member
Jo Jansyn, Community Representative
Jenny Muscat, Community Representative
Nathan Brown, Community Representative
Christina Curry, Councillor
Scott Morrissey, Councillor
Judy Embrey, Member
Giovanna Fuoti, Member
Carlyn Johnston, Member
Carole Nestor, Member
Alan Nicholas, Member
Nerina Skrabut, Member
Carla Smolenski, Member
Lyle Underwood, Member
Matthew Orlovich
Phil Orlovich
Susan Orlovich
Cheryl Nicholas

Also present

Bobbi Mayne, Manager Libraries and Lifestyle
Celia Piper, Local History Librarian
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:

Robert Hanna, President
Max Evers, Member
Thelma Gardiner, Member
Dorothy Kavanagh, Member
James Kavanagh, Member
Robert Middlemiss, Member
Charmaine Piaud, Member
Pamela Richardson, Member
Karen Slater, Member
Paul Slater, Member
Alison Wishart, Member

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 Extraordinary Extraordinary Botany Historical Trust Meeting - 4 November 2024

Committee Resolution

Moved by Lenore Daley and Warren Hensley

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Botany Historical Trust (AGM) meeting held on 4 November 2024 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

4.2 Business Arising

The Committee notes that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Botany Historical Trust of 4 November 2024 were received and the recommendations therein were adopted by the Council at its meeting of 27 November 2024.

5 Reports

BHT25.030 President's Report - Robert Hanna

Richard Smolenski presented the President's Report

The key points of the President's Report were:

- The reasoning behind the proposed amendment of the constitution
- A summary of events that were taking place in the last year, including an excursion to the Kokoda Track Memorial Walk at Concord, which was organised by BHT Committee member Richard Smolenski.
- His advocacy to use the former Botany Police Station for local community services. Rob contacted The Hon. Ron Hoenig and The Hon. Michael Daley seeking their assistance. The Hon. Michael Daley responded to advise that he raised the Committee's concerns with The Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC, Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, and Minister for Heritage.
- The Committee's recommendation that the development application for 55 Gardeners Road not be approved was provided to Council's lawyers for the Land and Environment Court hearing on 21 October 2025. Several Committee members attended the hearing.
- Honouring of Dr Peter Orlovich's memory and the Committee's priority to find an Executive member with an interest in archival matters to fill the vacancy.
- Update on proposed alterations to the Botany war memorial.
- Advising that the Nancy Hillier lecture will be held at Botany Town Hall on 19 November 2025 from 6pm to 9pm. Jacqueline Milledge noted that the lecture is a community-based event addressing issues of local relevance. She encouraged BHT members to attend.
- Richard pointed out a change of venue for the BHT Christmas Function, which will take place on 9 December 2025 at 6:30pm at the Botany Golf Club restaurant.
- Thanking Council staff, who supported the BHT Committee throughout the year.

Committee Resolution

Moved by Amanda Wilson AM and Chris Hanna

That the President's Report be noted.

BHT25.031 Recognition of Dr Peter Orlovich

On behalf of the Committee, Jacqueline Milledge paid tribute to the late Dr Peter Orlovich by reading a citation provided by Dr Orlovich's son, Matthew and adding that Peter was clever, important, faithful and also very funny.

The photo with citation was revealed by Peter's wife Phil and his children Susan and Matthew.

Matthew Orlovich thanked the BHT with below words:

"On behalf of the Orlovich family, I'd like to thank the Botany Historical Trust and Bayside Council for inviting us to this evening's unveiling in recognition of Dad's contribution to the Trust.

In the BHT newsletter of June 2024, former President Anne Slattery described Dad as a warrior – "quiet, strong, patient and persistent in his mission to save the records of Botany's local government administration and make them accessible to everyone." Those who knew Dad would also remember his humble, self-effacing nature, and I'm sure he never would have imagined us unveiling his portrait here tonight.

I know, though, that this honour would have been very much appreciated by him – especially coming from his long-time colleagues and friends of the Trust and Council.

To you all, thank you for recognising Dad's work in such a special way. Long may his display inspire in others the same curiosity and love of archives and local history that Dad enjoyed throughout his life. And long may the Botany Historical Trust continue its important work – under the watchful gaze of its "warrior", Dr Peter Orlovich: pioneering archivist, generous contributor, and loyal friend to many."

Jacqueline Milledge thanked the Orlovich family.

BHT25.032 Proposed amendment of BHT Constitution

The Committee proposed an amendment to clause 5(e) of the constitution to remove the requirement for BHT members to renew their membership every five years and to reflect that memberships will only expire upon resignation, expulsion, or death.

Jacqueline Milledge outlined the proposed amendment and invited comments from members for or against the motion. As no objections were raised, she sought confirmation from attending BHT members of their agreement with the proposed change. The motion was carried unanimously and will be implemented accordingly.

Jacqueline Milledge explained that the amendment has a consequential effect on clause 5(i) of the constitution relating to life memberships. She noted that, as all members will now be considered life members, a new mechanism is needed to recognise and honour distinguished members of the Trust. She invited comments from members for or against the motion.

Committee member Amanda Wilson AM proposed changing the wording in clause 5(i) from "life member" to "distinguished life member" to recognise outstanding contributions by BHT members. The proposal was not widely supported by members in attendance.

In response, BHT member Alan Nicholas suggested deleting clause 5(i) from the constitution to allow the BHT Committee and the Trustee (Bayside Council) to determine the most appropriate way to honour distinguished members, rather than having this process fixed in the constitution. The proposal was supported and subsequently put to a vote.

The motion was carried unanimously and will be implemented.

Committee Recommendation

That the Botany Historical Trust recommends that Council considers amending the Botany Historical Trust Constitution as follows:

1. Clause 5(e) be amended to read:
"Membership will expire automatically upon resignation, expulsion or death."
2. Clause 5(i) be deleted

6 General Business

BHT25.033 Christmas Function

The BHT Christmas Function will take place on 9 December 2025 at 6pm for a 6:30pm start at Botany Golf Club.

Jacqueline Milledge indicated that she may share her experiences of past Christmases and encouraged other members to do likewise.

BHT member Nerina Skrabut provided an update that the Lakes Singers will not be available to perform at the Christmas function and confirmed that she had already informed Rob Hanna.

BHT25.034 Closing Remarks

Jacqueline Milledge welcomed the new Local History Librarian, Celia Piper, and concluded the AGM with a reflection on the past year. She noted that the Committee has been invigorated, with all positions now filled by committed members.

7 Next Meeting

That the next BHT Executive meeting will be held in the Mascot Library and George Hanna Memorial Museum at 6:30pm on Monday, 9 February 2026.

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 7:25pm.

Attachments

Nil

5 REPORTS

Botany Historical Trust

9/02/2026

Item No BHT26.001
 Subject **Planning, Development & Compliance Matters**
 Report by Debra Dawson, Director City Life
 File SF25/8915

Summary

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

It also provides information on the outcome of the development applications as requested by the BHT Executive and resolved by Council.

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-2025/641
Property Address	1245 Botany Road MASCOT NSW 2020
Applicant	Mr John Spiteri
Proposal	Alterations and first floor additions to heritage dwelling
Notification Period	14 November to 28 November 2025
Status	Awaiting Further Information

Application Number	DA-2025/650
Property Address	1007 Botany Road, MASCOT NSW 2020 (aka 141 Coward Street, MASCOT NSW 2020) & 1-9 Rawson Street, MASCOT NSW 2020
Applicant	Bayside Council
Proposal	Demolition of existing Council administration building, re-levelling of the site, and installation of a temporary fence
Notification Period	10 December 2025 to 30 January 2026

Status	Under Assessment
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Financial Implications

Not applicable

Included in existing approved budget

Additional funds required

Community Strategic Plan

Theme One – In 2035 Bayside will be a vibrant and liveable place

Theme Two – In 2035 our Bayside community will be connected and feel that they belong

Theme Three – In 2035 Bayside will be green, resilient and sustainable

Theme Four – In 2035 Bayside will be financially sustainable and support a dynamic local economy

Risk Management – Risk Level Rating

No risk

Low risk

Medium risk

High risk

Very High risk

Extreme risk

Community Engagement

Not applicable

Attachments

1 [1](#) Outcomes of DA applications from 2025

Outcomes of DA applications from 2025

BHT Meeting	Application #	Address	Proposal	Notification Period	Status	Outcome
3/02/2025	DA-2024/291	50 Gordon Street, Rosebery	Alterations and first floor attic addition to existing heritage item	1 to 15 November 2024	Finalised	Approved
3/02/2025	DA-2024/304	1060 Botany Road Botany	Conversion of an existing outbuilding to a secondary dwelling, conversion of a garage to a studio, and alterations to the primary dwelling	6 to 20 November 2024	Finalised	Approved
3/02/2025	DA-2024/336	1245 Botany Road Mascot	Alterations and additions to existing heritage attached dwelling including partial demolition of existing roof and construction of a new roof	5 to 19 December 2024	Finalised	Approved
3/02/2025	DA-2024/337	1243 Botany Road Mascot	Alterations and additions to existing heritage attached dwelling including internal reconfiguration, rear extension to dwelling, demolition of existing garage, and construction of a detached garage fronting the rear laneway	10 December 2024 to 21 January 2025	Finalised	Approved
3/02/2025	DA-2024/359	23 Henley Street Rosebery	Tree removal and construction of a studio at the rear of the property	13 to 31 January 2025	Finalised	Approved
3/02/2025	DA-2024/316	135 Bay Street, Botany	Alterations and two storey rear addition to existing heritage listed dwelling including a new swimming pool and attached garage	28 November 2024 to 12 December 2024	Finalised	Approved
3/02/2025	DA-2024/256	686 Botany Road, Mascot	Facade remedial works to existing heritage item and change of use to gymnasium operating 6:00am to 7:00pm Monday to Friday and 7:00am to 12:00pm Saturdays	14 to 28 October 2024	Finalised	Approved
3/02/2025	MDA-2024/202	33-35 Sutherland Street & 36 Harris Street, Rosebery	Modification to DA-2023/83 for St Therese Catholic Primary School including modification to landscape design, addition of shade structure over soft fall area, and change to stormwater design	16 to 31 January 2025	Finalised	Approved
5/05/2025 18/8/2025	DA-2025/69	55 Gardeners Road Daceyville	Removal of trees and construction of a detached single storey dwelling and strata subdivision	3 April – 17 April 2025	Finalised	Refused
18/08/2025	DA-2025/106	16 Tenterden Road Botany	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	15 to 29 May 2025	Finalised	Approved
3/11/2025	DA-2025/421	144 O'Riordan Street Mascot	Mascot Oval - Demolition of existing structures, tree removal and construction of a grandstand building, council amenities building containing public toilets, store and club rooms, upgrades to existing carpark including lighting and associated landscaping	8 September to 7 October 2025	Preliminary Assessment Complete	
3/11/2025	DA-2025/460	1617 & 1619 Botany Road, Botany	Alterations and additions to heritage item including refurbishment of commercial building for a food and drinks premise, construction of a seven (7) storey building comprising one (1) level basement carpark, ground floor childcare centre, and thirty-nine (39) co-living units	9 September to 10 October 2025	Pending LEC Decision	
3/11/2025	DA-2025/527	200 King Street, Mascot	Construction of a two storey outbuilding comprising garage with first floor studio fronting the rear King Lane	22 September to 6 October 2025	Preliminary Assessment Complete	

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Item No BHT26.002
Subject **President's Report - Robert Hanna**
Report by Debra Dawson, Director City Life
File SF25/8915

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 first Executive meeting for 2026.

Hopefully 2026 will see a more active program for the BHT.

We need to pursue the recommendations from the draft Engagement Strategy agreed to by the Executive at a special meeting held in June last year. The Strategy recommends a number of initiatives aimed at having the BHT being more active in certain areas. These include increased meetings of the Executive, enhancing and encouraging BHT members' participation, providing information on the storage of and access to BHT's collections, and the introduction of a BHT heritage grants scheme.

At last year's AGM an amendment to remove the requirement for BHT members to renew their membership every five years was endorsed at that meeting. While it is a sound change, an unintended consequence was the removal of life membership provision to members who have given outstanding service to the BHT. We now need to consider another appropriate form of recognition in these cases.

The Hon Michael Daley responded on 11 December 2025 to my request concerning the use of the former Botany Police Station as a community museum. He forwarded a response from Rose Jackson, the Minister for Housing. A copy of her response is attached. Her response gives some hope that we may be able to acquire the property. We need, however, to consider our options before proceeding on this matter, and respond to the Minister in a timely fashion.

Our plans to push on with the alterations to the Botany War Memorial are progressing. Our latest advice is that we could endanger the integrity of the existing structure to add the additional names. Consequently, the BHT and Bayside are looking at a separate plinth or structure close to the existing memorial. Hopefully this year we can see this project to finality. To have it completed by ANZAC Day this year would be a bonus.

Bayside Council has advised that, in conjunction with the BHT, an exhibition on Women in War, to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War will take early this year.

Rob Hanna
President

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 [1](#) Response from Michael Daley about Botany Police Station

Michael Daley

MEMBER FOR
MAROUBRA

10 December 2025

Robert Hanna
President
Botany Historical Trust
rob.hanna@bigpond.com

Our Ref: AR/5221560/251209

Dear Mr Hanna,

Thank you for writing to me about Botany Police Station. I have received the attached response from The Honourable Rose Jackson MLC, Minister for Housing.

Thank you for raising this matter with me and if I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours Sincerely,

Michael Daley MP
Member for Maroubra



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OFFICIAL

The Hon Rose Jackson MLC
Minister for Water, Minister for Housing
Minister for Homelessness
Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth



Ref: EAP25/17229

The Hon. Michael Daley MP
Attorney General
Member for Maroubra
PO Box 535
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By email: maroubra@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Dear Attorney General *Michael*

Thank you for your letter of 7 October 2025, to the Hon. Penny Sharpe MLO, on behalf of Mr Robert Hanna, President of the Botany Historical Trust (BHT), regarding the Old Botany Police Station at 1441 Botany Road, Botany. The matter was referred to me as it falls within my portfolio of responsibilities. I apologise for the delay in replying.

I am informed the former police station, built in the late 1800s, is owned by New South Wales Land and Housing Corporation and is listed as a local heritage item under Council controls. The property includes the original building, an attached residence and 17 senior's living units, all currently occupied as social housing.

I understand Homes NSW is investigating whether the land can be subdivided to create separate titles for the police station and the seniors' complex. This would allow more flexibility in managing the site. Any future decisions will depend on the outcome of these investigations and further consideration by the government.

Please note that any sale or transfer of Homes NSW assets must follow a public process and occur at market value in line with NSW Treasury requirements.

If you or Robert would like more information, please contact Michelle Rouse, Director Capital Transactions, on 0413 278 982 or email michelle.rouse@homes.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

R

Rose Jackson MLC
Minister for Water, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness
Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Youth

Thanks Michael - I hope
this is a useful update.
Please let me know if
you've been in contact
further.
R.

Date: *5.12.25*

OFFICIAL

Botany Historical Trust

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Item No BHT26.003
Subject **Local History Update**
Report by Debra Dawson, Director City Life
File SF25/8915

Summary

The following report provides an 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 October to 31 December there were 72 Local History research requests: 16 complex, 24 medium and 32 simple requests. A complex enquiry takes more than three hours to answer. 12 of the requests were related specifically to the former Botany LGA.

Historical Markers Program

The second round of nominations for the Historical Marker Program was launched in September 2025. The program was promoted through Council's social media platforms, E-Newsletter, and webpage.

A total of 13 nominations for 11 locations were received and assessed by a panel in accordance with the Historical Marker Policy. Five nominations have been recommended to Council for marker installation at various sites across Bayside.

A report about the program, its nominations and panel recommendations is being considered by the City Services Committee and Council in February 2026.

Once endorsed, Council Officers will liaise with nominees and property owners to organise placement of the markers. Unveiling of the markers is scheduled for May.

Donations:

- Received a generous donation from the Standfield family who owned and ran Supreme Mousetraps.

- Extensive images of the Botany area, email forwarded to us by Jo Jansyn for Brad Peardon are in the process of being donated.

Exhibition

Planning is well under way for the next exhibition, subject being on Women In War (WWI, WWII). To open late March/early April.

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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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

9/02/2026

Item No BHT26.004

Subject **CONFIDENTIAL - Applications for General (non-Executive) Memberships**

Report by Debra Dawson, Director City Life

File SF25/8915

Confidential

It is proposed that this report be considered in closed meeting, with the press and public excluded, for the following reason:

In accordance with section 10A (2) (a) of the Local Government Act 1993, the matters dealt with in this report relate to personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors).

Botany Historical Trust

9/02/2026

Item No BHT26.005
Subject **Botany War Memorial Update**
Report by Debra Dawson, Director City Life
File SF25/8915

Summary

In March 2025, Council resolved that the Manager Libraries and Lifestyle revises the project scope for adding additional names to the Botany War Memorial and to develop a project plan including estimated costs with the Local History Team and the BHT President.

The report provides an update on the project proposal informed by the Office of Veteran Affairs Fact Sheet for adding names to a War Memorial and Council's Heritage Advisor. The report discusses options on how the additional names identified by the BHT President and Local History Team could be included and seeks input from the BHT Executive on these options to progress the project.

Officer Recommendation

That BHT Executive

- 1 Notes the update of the Botany War Memorial Project.
- 2 Provides input into the Project Proposal including options for placement of the additional names for Council's consideration.
- 3 Nominates a BHT Executive Representative to participate on the project team and engagement with Botany RSL Sub Branch, Council Staff and Office of Veteran Affairs to progress the project.

Background

In March 2025, Council resolved on the Motion of Councillor McDougall and Douglas from the February BHT Minutes;

That Council requests that the Manager Libraries and Lifestyle revises the scope of the project and develops a project plan including estimated costs with the Local History Team and the BHT President.

This report provides information on the project scope and seeks input from the BHT Executive.

Names Identified.

Through research undertaken by BHT President Rob Hanna, 14 World War II names have been identified that are not listed in Botany War Memorial.

Additional research undertaken by the Local History Team has identified an additional 15 soldiers who died in World War I and who aren't listed on the War Memorial (although they are all listed on the Botany Town Hall Honour Board).

The names are listed below.

World War II names

- Casey, Barry William
- Coy, Frank Townsend
- Hansen, Jack
- Heaton, Edmund
- Larkin, Michael
- Lincoln, John Albert
- McCarthy, Edward
- McFadden, Oscar Patrick
- Madden, Joseph Edward
- Mathers, Francis Edwin
- Scott, Alexander Cruickshank
- Silk, Lloyd Maurice
- Steel, Joseph Anthony
- Zimmerman, John Patrick

World War I names

- Bradshaw, Frederick James
- Braun, Peter Joseph Ernest
- Brimble, Thomas
- Burtt, James Edward
- Chalkley, Denis George
- Driscoll, Timothy
- Gamble, Robert Alexander
- Harvey, Ernest
- Kelso, Norman (enlisted as Smith, Leslie Henry)
- Mansfield, David Frederick
- Mansfield, William Joseph (enlisted as Jones, William Joseph)
- Mowatt, Thomas
- Payne, Robert
- Templeman, John Alexander
- Weaver, Richard

A site meeting was held in December 2025 with Council's Heritage Advisor and Local History Team to discuss options to have the names placed on the War Memorial.

There are 2 options to include the names:

Option 1: Modify the existing structure to fit the names on the war memorial.

The benefit is the names are placed together with the existing names. However, it is likely to impact on the integrity of the structure and increase cost to accommodate the names. There is also a risk of running out of space if more names are identified.

Option 2: Place a new plaque on a plinth near the existing war memorial structure.

The plinth could be located at the location marked in images below, at the end of the path directly behind the existing memorial. This allows the existing, symmetrical spatial quality of the memorial area to be remained, both in terms of the aerial view along the central axis, and in terms of public views looking from the entry point at the intersection of Bay Street and Daniel Street.

It also allows enough breathing space away from the existing memorial and surrounding elements like the light poles, while still establishing a visible relationship with the whole commemorative space.

It is suggested by our Heritage Advisor to install an angled plinth with the plaque on top rather than a vertical / low-wall configuration. Something like the one below at a low height.





A low height allows views across the space into the park beyond and retain the existing openness. The angled top also allows more accessible viewing, for people standing and seated in wheelchairs. Locating the plinth at the end of this path, on the soft landscape area, also allow a space for community members to lay flowers around the plinth.

Both WWI and WWII names can be placed on the same plaque (i.e. same piece of material without splitting into 2 plaques or 2 plinths), as long as they are clearly identified and with relevant wars / dates. There are examples of honour rolls or memorial plaques that do this. Space can be allowed for future names to be added.

The stone for the plinth should be sympathetic and complementary to the existing memorial materials. If the intention is to potentially add names to empty space in the future, it should be considered in terms of future workability / finish of the material.

Approval process

In accordance with Office of Veteran Affairs, consultation with the Botany RSL Sub Branch and Officer of Veteran Affairs is required to seek input and support to add the names to the memorial. See information here and attached. [OVA-Fact-Sheet-Adding-names-and-plaques-to-war-memorials.pdf](#)

As Booralee Park is a heritage listed item on the Bayside LEP 2021, the addition of the plinth needs to be considered and assessed under Council's heritage exemption process. An exemption confirmation letter needs to be issued prior to commencement of the works.

Financial Implications

This project is currently unfunded. Once the location option for the additional names is confirmed, a more detailed design will be prepared and quotations sourced. There are numerous grants available to assist with funding this project.

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

Community Strategic Plan

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Risk Management – Risk Level Rating

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

Community Engagement

It is proposed that engagement occurs between the Botany RSL Sub Branch, Botany Historical Trust and the OVA (if required) to confirm the project proposal and scope outlined in this report. Public notification of the project including names to be included on the plaque will occur as part of the project plan.

Attachments

1 [!\[\]\(1b278f2714738b87a10bf7ee8dcbf246_img.jpg\) Office of Veteran Affairs - Fact Sheet - Adding Names to War Memorials](#)



Adding names and plaques to existing war memorials

The addition of new commemorative elements to existing war memorials should be carefully considered. Every war memorial is a unique and valued statement of the community that established it and should be managed cautiously. While this fact sheet provides general guidance, it is important to appropriately investigate and seek advice that is specific to your war memorial prior to planning any works.

A CAUTIOUS APPROACH TO CHANGE

Ask a heritage professional, such as your local council's heritage advisor, for advice and support before planning any work to a war memorial or its surroundings. Works and changes to war memorials should be approached cautiously and be sensitive to the war memorial's original fabric.

INVESTIGATE THE WAR MEMORIAL

Adding new commemorative elements to a war memorial, such as additional names or plaques, can compromise the community's original intentions and the design of the memorial.ⁱ Before planning additions to an existing war memorial, please research the history of the war memorial. It is important to

KEY FACTS

- Additions to the original fabric of a war memorial should be carefully considered.
- Approach changing the original fabric of a war memorial with caution.
- Before planning any works to an existing war memorial, you should:
 - **investigate** its history, condition and significance
 - **consult** key stakeholders such as the owner/custodian of the war memorial, the local RSL sub branch, the local council and the broader community
 - **seek advice** from a heritage professional

understand how and why the original names on the war memorial were identified and to whom the war memorial is dedicated. Check if there was a specific criteria for inclusion when the memorial was first established.

CONSULT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND SEEK PROFESSIONAL ADVICE

Consult key stakeholders such as the owner/custodian of the memorial, the local council and the RSL sub branch before planning any additions to an existing war memorial. You should also employ a qualified heritage professional to provide advice on the appropriateness and practicalities of making alterations to the war memorial.

ADDING NAMES TO A WAR MEMORIAL

In Australia, war memorials commonly list the names of servicemen and women who died on active service and those who have returned from war. However, the criteria for inclusion varies from memorial to memorial. Rather than adding names directly to an original war memorial, consider adding names to the vicinity of a war memorial, such as on a sympathetically designed plaque nearby.

OTHER ADDITIONS TO A WAR MEMORIAL

Additional commemorative elements can detract from the aesthetic and design of a war memorial and are generally not recommended. The addition of items such as plaques, badges and murals should be carefully considered to conserve the integrity of historic war memorials.

This fact sheet is available on the NSW Office for Veterans Affairs (OVA) website at <https://www.veterans.nsw.gov.au/heritage/caring-for-our-war-memorials/>. If you have any further questions, please contact the OVA at <https://www.veterans.nsw.gov.au/contact/>.

ⁱ War Memorials Trust (2013) 'Addition of names to war memorials'

Botany Historical Trust

9/02/2026

Item No BHT26.006
Subject **Ron Rathbone Local History Competition Review**
Report by Debra Dawson, Director City Life
File SF25/8915

Summary

Following a recommendation from the Botany Historical Trust, Bayside Council resolved in October 2025 to undertake a review of the Ron Rathbone Competition and to engage with both the Botany Historical Trust and the St George Historical Society regarding potential improvements and amendments to the competition format to increase community participation.

The purpose of this report is to seek collective feedback from the BHT Executive for Council's consideration.

Officer Recommendation

1. That the BHT Committee discuss and make recommendations on Ron Rathbone Local History Competition for Council's consideration.

Background

In October 2025, Council resolved—following a recommendation from the Botany Historical Trust (BHT)—that Council undertake a review of the Ron Rathbone Local History Competition and engage with both the Botany Historical Trust and the St George Historical Society regarding potential improvements and amendments to the competition format to increase community participation.

This review was prompted by the consistently low number of entries received each year, as well as the observation that submissions often come from a small and familiar group of community members. Through this review, Council is seeking to increase engagement and participation across a broader cross-section of the community and to ensure that the competition continues to meet its original purpose.

The Ron Rathbone Local History Competition was established for the former City of Rockdale through a Mayoral Minute in November 2005. The Minute emphasised that “an important part of the Council’s responsibilities is to ensure that future generations are aware of and understand the history of our area,” and acknowledged the significant contribution of former Rockdale Councillor and Mayor Ron Rathbone OAM—an esteemed local historian and author. The inaugural competition was held in 2006, with Dr Peter Orlovich serving as Community Judge and later as Chair of the Judging Panel until 2023.

Following the 2016 amalgamations, the competition was expanded to include the entire Bayside Council area. More recently, Council has introduced additional initiatives to promote and recognise local history, including the Historical Markers Program.

As general practice, the Ron Rathbone Local History Competition is launched each March, with submissions closing in July and winners announced in September. The competition includes an Open Category and a High School Category, allowing entrants to submit work on any aspect of Bayside's history or address an optional annual theme. From 2020 to 2025, the optional theme focused on *Bayside Women in War*.

In 2025, Council received four submissions in the Open Category and two submissions in the High School Category. A prize pool of \$7,000 was allocated to the Open Category, including \$5,000 for the winning entry. The High School Category had a prize pool of \$2,000.

As Council prepares for the 2026 competition—the 20th anniversary of the prize—we are seeking feedback from the Botany Historical Trust, the St George Historical Society, and other key stakeholders on how the competition can be strengthened. Council welcomes your views on the competition's format, frequency, timing, target audience, prize structure, and any other suggestions that may support broader community participation and ensure the ongoing success and relevance of the competition.

The Botany Historical Trust was notified of the review in December 2025. Council officers are seeking collective input from the BHT Executive Meeting, with any additional feedback to be provided by **13 February 2026** to the Manager Libraries and Lifestyle at **Bobbi.Mayne@bayside.nsw.gov.au**, to assist Council in completing the review and reporting its outcomes. Please note that the timing of the 2026 competition will be informed by the outcome of this review.

Thank you for your ongoing support of local history and for your contribution to this important review.

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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Risk Management – Risk Level Rating

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Low risk	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Very High risk	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extreme risk	<input type="checkbox"/>

Community Engagement

Not Applicable

Attachments

Nil

Botany Historical Trust

9/02/2026

Item No BHT26.007
Subject **Program and Activities for 2026**
Report by Debra Dawson, Director City Life
File SF25/8915

Summary

An update on the 2026 Botany Historical Trust (BHT) program will be provided to the Executive Committee.

Officer Recommendation

That the BHT Executive Committee:

- 1 Note the report
- 2 Discuss and make recommendations for the 2026 Program and Activities
- 3 Elect an Executive Nominee to represent BHT at the Nancy Hillier Lecture debrief and planning Meeting.

Background

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

Various activities occurred during 2025 to support this objective including the Kokoda Memorial Walk, Nancy Hillier Lecture, Historical Marker Program and Exhibition Launches.

Several activities were suggested in 2025 but did not proceed including;

- Excursion to ANZAC Memorial Museum in Hyde Park
- Excursion to Sydney's National Trust homes
- Excursion to the Prince Henry Hospital Nursing and Medical Museum in Little Bay
- Performance from The Lakes Singers
- Talk with David Burdon, The National Trust NSW Director of Conservation
- Tour of Parliament House with The Hon. Ron Hoenig

The BHT will discuss and provide input into the 2026 program.

In addition a meeting will be scheduled with the BHT Executive, Bayside Council and the organisers from UNSW to discuss the Nancy Hillier Memorial Lecture 2025 and discuss plans for 2026 Lecture.

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 [!\[\]\(bfcc647664f7707d10750b1dd4ee0f19_img.jpg\) BHT Program and Activities for 2026](#)

BOTANY HISTORICAL TRUST - PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2026								
Month	Date	Time	Activity Type	Description	Location	Lead	Stakeholders	Status Update
February	Monday, 9 February 2026	6:30pm	Meeting	BHT Committee Meeting	Eastgardens Library	Manager Libraries & Lifestyle	BHT Executive	open
	TBA		Announcement	round 2 Historical Markers that will be installed in Bayside		Local History team	Nominees, Property Owners	open
								open
March	TBA		Announcement or media release	Ron Rathbone Local History Prize opens		Local History team	BHT, St George Historical Society	open
	TBA		Opening	Exhibition Opening - Unseen & Unsung	Mascot Library	Local History team	BHT	open
April	Monday, 13 April 2026	6:30pm	Meeting	BHT Committee Meeting	Mascot Library	Manager Libraries & Lifestyle	BHT Executive	open
	TBA		Activity	Start Heritage Festival	All libraries	Local History team		open
	Sunday, 19 April 2026	2pm	Event	Pre ANZAC Day March - Mascot RSL	Mascot Memorial Park	Events team	RSL sub-branch	open
	Saturday, 25 April 2026	6am	Event	ANZAC Day Dawn Service - Botany RSL	Booralee Park, Botany	Events team	RSL sub-branch	open
May	TBA		Activity	End Heritage Festival	All libraries	Local History team		open
	TBA		Event	Unveiling of round 2 Historical Markers		Local History team	Nominators, Property Owners	open
June	TBA		Newsletter	BHT Newsletter		Local History team	BHT	open
	Monday, 15 June 2026		Meeting	BHT Committee Meeting	Mascot Library	Manager Libraries & Lifestyle	BHT Executive	open
July	TBA		Announcement	Exhibition closed - Unseen & Unsung	Mascot Library	Local History team	BHT	open
	TBA		Event	Exhibition Opening - TBA	Mascot Library	Local History team	BHT	open
	TBA		Announcement or media release	Ron Rathbone Local History Prize closes		Local History team	BHT, St George Historical Society, Independent Specialist	open
August	Monday, 10 August 2026	6:30pm	Meeting	BHT Committee Meeting	Mascot Library	Manager Libraries & Lifestyle	BHT Executive	open
September	TBA		Announcement or media release	Historical Marker Nominations open		Local History team	BHT, St George Historical Society	open
October	Monday, 12 October 2026	6:30pm	Meeting	BHT Committee Meeting	Mascot Library	Manager Libraries & Lifestyle	BHT Executive	open
November	TBA		Announcement or media release	Historical Marker Nominations close		Local History team	BHT, St George Historical Society	open
	Monday, 9 November 2026	6:30pm	Meeting	BHT Committee Meeting	Mascot Library	Manager Libraries & Lifestyle	BHT Executive	open
	TBA		Lecture	Nancy Hillier Lecture	Botany Town Hall	UNSW	Local History team, BHT, Environment & Resilience team	open
December	TBA	6pm	Function	Christmas Function	TBA	Council Events team	BHT, Library team	open
	TBA		Newsletter	BHT Newsletter		Manager Libraries and Lifestyle	BHT	open

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

7 NEXT MEETING