

MEETING NAME	Arts & Heritage Strategic Reference Group
ATTENDEES	C Argent (Director Shire Connections) R Cooper (Manager Health and Regulatory Services) J Appel (Manager Property and Commercial) C Devenish (Senior Community Engagement Officer) C Whitten (Acting Manager Shire Planning, Head of Advocacy) Councillor Trish Hill (Chair) Councillor Suzy Brandstater (Deputy Chair) Mayor Matt Gould, Councillor Ally Dench, Danielle Karafistan, Heather Davies, Janet Dalton, Jeff Brown, Marlane Fairfax, Max Walker, Patrick Nellestein, Sean Brawley, Ian Tait (Online) and one Minute Taker
APOLOGIES	Dennis Ashton
DATE	9 July 2025
TIME	4pm

ITEM	NOTES
Declaration of Interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nil</li> </ul>
Introduction from Council Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Council Staff present introduced themselves and their role and responsibility within the SRG.</li> </ul>
Introduction from Community Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All community members introduced themselves and their background. Community members also discussed why they joined the SRG, their history with Wollondilly and what knowledge they hope to bring to the group.</li> </ul>
Overview of the SRG Terms of Reference (Including Code of Conduct)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manager Health and Regulatory Services introduced and explained the purpose of the Terms of Reference. She also introduced the declarations of interest and advised when the minutes and agenda for each meeting will be available.</li> <li>Ian had a question regarding the Terms of Reference if SRG Members could make representations to Councillors. The Mayor advised that as an individual he was allowed to make representation, however as a member on behalf of the Arts and Heritage SRG Ian could not make a representation.</li> </ul>
The community engagement role of SRG's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Senior Community Engagement Officer introduced the role of Community Engagement through the use of the Strategic Reference Groups including the importance of listening to community perspectives and the community engagement cycle.</li> <li>Ian asked about feedback and consultation – considering that there are only 4 meetings a year, with this Committee could we have an email group/conversation? The Mayor clarified that the group was committed to ongoing conversation via the Arts and Heritage SRG Email group.</li> </ul>
Comprehensive DCP Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acting Manager Shire Planning and Advocacy introduced the DCP overview, Including highlighting the role of the Development</li> </ul>

	<p>Control Plan in Wollondilly and the format of the document.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was expressed that the Arts and Heritage SRG should be aware of two key documents - Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan. An overview of each of these documents was provided.</li> <li>Acting Manager Shire Planning and Advocacy clarified that with this particular SRG they would like to come back and speak regarding particular heritage issues to consult with the group.</li> <li>The mayor clarified that the forum is an opportunity to raise things of strategic value for Council to explore.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action 1: Planning Staff will come back to the Arts and Heritage Strategic Reference Group at a future meeting to consult on particular heritage matters.</b></p>
Topic Suggestions for upcoming meetings	<p>Each member of the SRG raised matters of importance to them relating to Arts and Heritage they wish to discuss at future meetings including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elevating and uncovering Wollondilly's historical profile.</li> <li>Achieving a balance between development in Wollondilly and maintaining the rural lifestyle.</li> <li>Expanding performance opportunities by reviewing the community halls of Wollondilly to create more accessible spaces for young people to perform in.</li> <li>Look into ways Council can provide support to school bands.</li> <li>In the previous term of SRG's, it was recommended to put forward an application to have the Imperial Hotel heritage listed. Previous Group was not informed of the outcome.</li> <li>The SRG liked the Project completed recently at Yerranderrie Cemetery. Would like similar projects to be completed at other cemeteries throughout Wollondilly.</li> <li>Explore ways to mark the heritage graves throughout Wollondilly.</li> <li>Would like an opportunity to discuss with Council at a future SRG the deterioration of the Antill Tomb (Vault Hill) and Abbotsford Homestead.</li> <li>Old Liquor store next to Stonequarry Creek.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotion of PAC.</li> <li>• Post reconciliation Treaty at a local level.</li> <li>• Night time economy.</li> <li>• SRG would like to look into more subsidized art opportunities for Wollondilly and more dedicated art spaces.</li> <li>• Promoting Wollondilly's Heritage Assets using a QR code or similar system.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>ACTION 2: Provide the SRG an update on the Imperial Hotel matter from the previous group.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>ACTION 3: Provide an update on mitigation attempts to the damages at Antill Tomb, Vault Hill and Abbotsford Homestead.</i></b></p>
General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cr Brandstater highlighted the need that every village needs a hall usable for the arts. This includes proper acoustics, proper electricity, storage for the arts and music.</li> <li>• The SRG would like to explore Councils ability to assist the Community with Grant opportunities to obtain these resources.</li> <li>• Dennis Ashton via his apology for the Meeting – commitment to Heritage Conservation Areas.</li> <li>• State Heritage Listed Item – above foreshore of Warragamba Dam – old packed sandstone road/track within Blue Mountains LGA but is in Wollondilly LGA. Heritage NSW confirmed but still mistake not rectified.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>ACTION 4: Follow up by Consultant or Staff with Heritage NSW.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>ACTION 5 : Explore ways to make the PAC and other community halls throughout Wollondilly more affordable and accessible to community music and art Groups.</i></b></p> <p><i>Cr's Brandstater and Dench left the meeting at 5.30pm to attend the Campbelltown Strategic Arts Committee</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SRG were advised that the DCP review will be a large topic to seek the groups feedback on in future meetings to integrate cultural assets and heritage matters.</li> <li>• The SRG were advised to look at the Delivery Program to help understand Arts and Heritage programs already underway in Wollondilly.</li> <li>• The Chair thanked the SRG for their time and advised the next meeting will take place 1 October 2025.</li> </ul>

# MEETING MINUTES



MEETING CLOSE: 5.46pm

REFERENCE: CM 15598~3#33