

Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens World Heritage Management Plan Steering Committee Minutes – Meeting No. 12

Monday 11 September 2017
8 Nicholson Street East Melbourne
10.30am-12 noon

Present: Steven Avery, Heritage Victoria (Chair)
Christine Newington, Museum Victoria
Geoff Lawler, City of Melbourne
Tanya Wolkenberg, City of Melbourne
Felicity Watson, National Trust of Australia – Victoria
Fiona Van der Hoeven, Yarra City Council
Sonia Rappell, Heritage Victoria
Lisa Rogers, Heritage Victoria

Apologies: Lynley Marshall, Museum Victoria
Jennifer Carter, Historic Heritage Section Heritage Branch Department of the Environment and Energy
Leanne Burrows, Historic Heritage Section Heritage Branch Department of the Environment and Energy

1. Meeting

The Chair outlined the meeting objectives, to:

- Welcome and brief new members on Committee and its purpose
- Discuss the review and amendment of management documents
- Consider the obligations for review under Heritage Act, EPBC Act, World Heritage
- Other business

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

A copy of the draft Minutes of the previous meeting had been sent to members. The Minutes of meeting #11 on 28 November 2016 were accepted.

Matters arising included:

- **Advice from the Commonwealth about the dates for review of the Management Plan and component documents:** Noting that 62W Review of Approved World Heritage Management Plan of the *Heritage Act 1995* states that the Steering Committee for a listed place must undertake a review of the Approved World Heritage Management Plan for the listed place every 7 years from the date on which the plan was first approved and that the Management Plan was gazetted on 28 November 2013, the review is not due until 2020. The Commonwealth advised that it would support the timing for this activity that best suits the stakeholders given the number of plans involved, also noting that the World Heritage Committee recently agreed to postpone the Periodic Reporting process for the Asia Pacific region until 2020.
- **The Heritage Permit for the proposed dome works and activation project:** Janet Sullivan, Principal Heritage Permits, Heritage Victoria provided an update to the meeting on progress with the dome works and activation project heritage permit, noting that this is the first time the bilateral approvals process with the Commonwealth has been used. Five submissions were received, and Heritage Victoria is currently assessing the application with a decision date of 21 October 2017 expected.

- **Cancer Council building:** Geoff Lawler followed this up after the last meeting and the City of Melbourne has pursued court action in respect to the appearance of the building which is within the World Heritage Environs Area.

3. Update of Management Plan and component documents

- The Management Plan developed under s62W of the Heritage Act is for review in 2020.
- The Commonwealth has advised that it would support the timing for this activity that best suits the stakeholders given the number of plans involved.
- Community engagement, streamlining the dates for review and reducing complexity and repetition between documents will be key to any review of the Management Plan and component documents.
- Geoff Lawler advised that the City of Melbourne has allocated funds for the upgrade of Attachment B Carlton Gardens Master Plan in the current financial year, and has its own consultative requirements which would be checked for world heritage compliance.
- Discussion was held about the grouping, authorship and overlap of documents:
 - Policy oriented documents: Management Plan and Attachment D WHEA Strategy Plan (both led by Heritage Victoria). Community consultation would be required. The documents are considered current. Some matters will require reviewing in 2020 including views from the REB & CG. Review of these documents would now commence in 2019-2020.
 - Management oriented documents: Attachment A CMP; Attachment B Carlton Gardens Master Plan; Attachment C Exhibition Reserve Master Plan (all the responsibility of the City of Melbourne, Museum Victoria or both). It would be desirable for these documents to be reviewed and for community consultation to take place concurrently. There is an existing MOU between the City of Melbourne and the Museum Victoria which may require revisiting. Museum Victoria to follow up if funding and resources are available to enable a joint review.

ACTION

- **Museum Victoria to follow up if it can secure funding and resources to join with the City of Melbourne in the review of both reserve Master Plans and preferably the review of the CMP as well. The parties to report on progress to the next Steering Committee meeting.**
- **Review of the Management Plan and WHEA Strategy Plan to commence 2020.**

4. Other business

Christine Newington tabled community consultation options based on experience in other Australian World Heritage areas.

ACTION

Christine Newington to email Sonia Rappell for circulation to the committee.

5. Next Meeting

Monday 13 November 2017 9-10.30am Level 5 Room 3 8 Nicholson Street East Melbourne.