

Operating Heritage Peak Organisations

7:00 – 9:00pm AEST Monday 23 July 2018

Present: Chris Martin, Peter Garnham, Bruce Marich, Michael Hough, Richard Clarke, Neil Meyers, Mike Beale, Neil Hogg, Glenn Rigden

Apology: Chris Sutton (Sovereign Hill)

Everyone introduced themselves and their organisation

There followed discussion of the current situation facing the different organisations and the opportunities that exist to work together to make improvements.

From this point the Minutes do not follow chronological order. I have included individual comments under the key initiatives that we agreed to focus on.

1. Regulation

- a. Reduce the perceived risk that is driving increased regulation
- b. Engage with regulatory bodies to convince them that we are responsible
- c. Examples of concern are:
 - i. Movable Heritage Act and Regulations
 - Too many significant items being exported
 - Difficult to take items overseas for rallies and then bring them back (also customs issues)
 - ii. boiler certification
 - iii. legislation doesn't differentiate between employee and volunteer
- d. Investigate opportunity for heritage lottery or similar

2. Skills and training

- a. Engage with TAFE and trade training organisations to promote heritage trades
- b. Need to identify which trades and skills
- c. Investigate centres of excellence to preserve knowledge and share expertise

3. Access to workshop and technical resources

- a. Don't need everyone to have every capability – specialise and share
- b. Include standards and technical documentation

4. Community relevance and engagement

- a. Need to confirm link between heritage and tourism
- b. Need to engage younger people
 - i. may be too late to attract over-30s
 - ii. maybe better to focus on under-30s and older people with time available (children just left home or planning to retire)
 - iii. some organisations offer prizes for young restorers
 - iv. don't just focus on kids
- c. Need to be more active with different types of media, particularly social media
- d. Need to consider different types of heritage experience eg. live feeds of activities for those who experience the world through their devices
- e. Need to engage with governments, particularly in areas of tourism, heritage and trades training
- f. Engage with people who have valuable skills (not just restoration and operation) eg.
 - i. administration
 - ii. marketing
 - iii. finance

5. Indemnity insurance

- a. Engage with insurers to convince them that risk is not as high as is believed (that risk minimisation strategies and procedures are enforced)

- b. Investigate ways for retired engineers to provide engineering advice without needing to pay high personal insurance

It was agreed to establish 5 sub-groups to investigate the five subjects above and report back to this group with their analysis and recommendations.

Training – Michael Hough, Bruce Marich, Chris Martin

Social and Other Media – Michael Hough, Bruce Marich

Regulation – Volunteers required

Access to workshop and Other Resources – Glenn Rigden, volunteers required

Insurance – Volunteers required

Neil Hogg will contact all to recruit volunteers

A proposal was made for this group to establish a formal organisation.

After discussion it was agreed that it is better to remain as an informal group at this stage. We will decide first what we want to achieve, then we'll decide the most appropriate type of organisation.

As Chris Martin will be in the UK until mid-September and Neil Hogg will be away from early until late September, the next phone conference is proposed for 7:00pm AEST on 8th October 2018. Please let me know if this is suitable and I'll arrange the meeting.

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