

Operating Heritage Australia

Minutes

Meeting Monday 4 March 2019

Present: Neil Myers, Jenny Fawbert, Bruce Marich, Peter Garnham, Michael Hough, Glenn Rigden, Neil Hogg

Apologies: Mike Beale, Richard Clarke, Chris Martin

1. Review of previous Minutes

- Approved with corrections (fix incorrect date)

2. Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act

- Letter to politicians and departments
 - o Letter dated 11th March 2019
 - o Footer on stationery "KEEPING OUR HERITAGE ALIVE"
 - o Letter approved for posting
 - o Unsigned letters to be posted to Neil Hogg for him and Michael Hough to sign
 - o Neil Hogg to post
 - o Send copies of letter to OHA convenors for reference when sending letters from their organisations
 - Reference OHA and agreement with OHA's position
 - Personalise letters with references to own organisations
 - No form letters!
 - Recipients to be decided by individual organisations
- Letter to other heritage organisations
 - o Letter requesting support – explain situation, explain what we're doing (with copy of our letter) and asking them to participate if they agree.
 - o **Action: Neil H to arrange when OHA letter finalised**

3. Survey to quantify benefit to society

- Michael Hough asked again that we consider what information we will need to convince decision-makers to support us.
 - o who do we need to convince?
 - o what do they need to know?
- A pilot survey has been prepared for Peter Garnham to trial at the NHMA Rally in March
 - o Ensure respondents understand that it is a trial to be used to test the suitability of the survey
 - o Aiming for around 20 organisations and individuals (total) to respond
 - o Include a privacy statement (provided by Jenny, incorporated in final version)

4. Training in specialist heritage skills

- Continued discussion on following VET framework:
 - o Agreed three main types of training – high-risk work licences, other regulatory requirements, non-licensed skills
 - o Jenny has started a register of priority training courses (attached)
 - everyone to add skills required different heritage types
 - send updated sheets to Glenn for consolidation
- Agreed to build a coherent proposal to discuss with decision-makers

- o Regulators – confirm course content required
- o RTOs – confirm willingness and capabilities
- o Heritage organisations – practical training
- o Governments and grants sources – funding
- o Use well-understood example – eg. boilers or engine-driving
- o Neil H to prepare for review by Michael Hough and Neil Myers

5. Principles for Operating Heritage Australia

- How we operate
 - o Keep records of Minutes and Correspondence (NH)
 - o Members are individuals and not representatives of their organisations
 - o The current ten people named above are members of OHA. New members to be by invitation
- Operating Heritage Definition
 - o Operating heritage is a construct which is made up of a related set of items such as:-
 - Events and activities / an identifiable body of knowledge / an identifiable body of practitioners with a wide range of:- skills qualifications and experience/ an identifiable body of supporters sponsors and investors
 - Consequently, operating heritage is defined by a series of constructs which are related to context/ people/ timing and events
- Operating Heritage Vision
 - o Successful operating heritage is achieved when:-
 - It operates lawfully
 - It has strong community support
 - It is capable of reinventing and renewing itself
 - Operating heritage events are an accepted and supported component of the Australian society
- Operating Heritage Australia Vision
 - o OHA is the peak body for operating heritage and will
 - Be consulted on all significant operating heritage matters
 - Be the source of advice on operating heritage matters
 - Be the delegated approving/regulatory body for operating heritage certifications and requirements in partnership with government agencies
 - Lobby on behalf of front-line operating heritage organisations
 - Continue to build the body of knowledge of operating heritage both as a historical fact, and a current profession/ trade/operating skillset
- Operating Heritage Australia Role
 - o OHA is the influence group that
 - Develops and implements policies and procedures that enhance and support all types of operating heritage in Australia
 - Is the preferred source of advice for all levels of govt and regulatory bodies wishing to develop or change policies that affect operating heritage in Australia.
 - Is the body that any level of govt or bureaucracy will consult with, before developing or implementing any proposed changes to relevant legislation or administrative procedures affecting operating heritage
 - Consults widely with front line operating organisations to identify their concerns and requirements in promoting the effective running of operating heritage in Australia
 - Translates these concerns and requirements into appropriate policies) procedures, and support systems
 - Promotes the merits and advantages of heritage operating systems for the following purposes:-

- to educate politicians and relevant bureaucrats of the (sometimes) unique nature of heritage operations and the need (at times) for special legislation that supports rather than blocks operating heritage
- to educate the tourism and business sector of the economic and social values of promoting and supporting operating heritage
- to encourage investment in operating heritage organisations
- we lobby and influence to promote the growth and wellbeing of the operating heritage sector

6. Next Meeting

- Monday 25th March at 7:00pm