

Operating Heritage Australia

Minutes

Meeting Monday 3rd August 2020

Attendees: Chris Martin, Jenny Fawbert, Richard Clarke, Neil Meyers, Mike Beale, Michael Hough, Neil Hogg

1. Happenings in the world of operating heritage

Richard – Sydney Tram Museum

- Opening as a trial on Sunday 9th August with a limit of 160 people
- Have run out of funds for projects – limited to painting, cleaning and maintenance
- Green Slip for cars also covers railways and tramways

Michael

- HARS open. Registered with *NSW COVID Safe*. Recording contact details and temperatures
- Contradictory council regulations
 - Heritage Dept. says church steeple must be replaced as original
 - Planning Dept. says steeple can't be replaced as it breached height limits
- Cliff Road Gun Battery no longer accessible because it doesn't have two exits

Neil M

- Not much happening. Some traction engines for sale.

Jenny

- COVID Safe Plans are good – available on website
- MG Club holding Zoom meetings with guest speakers
- Some clubs holding “on-line” rallies with challenges, observations tests, etc.

Mike

- Nothing much happening – meetings and individual driving

Chris

- Business as usual
- Lloyds Insurance pulling out of leisure sector

2. OHA Activities

- Update on Australian Heritage Strategy submissions
 - OHA letter to be sent – NH and MH to arrange
 - EA letter with EA Board – delayed because I inadvertently created another crisis requiring attention of key person.
 - We will copy the Minister to introduce OHA
- Working with Cultural Property Section to identify objects under threat of export
 - Jenny has established contact to notify Peerless motorcycle for sale – invited to become Expert Examiner
 - Encourage colleagues to become Expert Examiners. Name will change to “Assessor” with revised Act but role will continue. Currently most Expert Examiners are from public museums who are not always up to date with what's happening “on the ground”.
- Opportunity – Sector-wide insurance

3. University of Canberra focus groups on impact of legislation on heritage

- Chris participated in built heritage group
- Chris, Michael, Jenny and Richard will participate in next group focussing on operating heritage – [NH to find time](#)

4. Employment and Tourism Opportunities

- Contact Tourism Australia – [NH](#)
 - Who we are, what we offer (events, regions)
- Work for dole process
 - Work with regional providers – not-for-profit providers more flexible
 - Over 55 people more useful (expertise, stability)
 - Chris' experience
 - prefer large project. They employ a supervisor for \$20k and receive \$3100 per person for 15 people
 - important to know your options – otherwise will have “wool pulled over your eyes”
- Community Service
 - Arranged through local members and Department of Justice
- Relationships with other heritage organisations
 - Message – who we are and what we do, what can we do to help?

5. Maintaining momentum

- Information update flyer for OHA organisations – [NH](#)
- Building relationships with other heritage organisations
 - Promote who we are and what we do
 - wins & success stories
 - business approach to heritage
 - common issues and opportunities for collaboration
 - how we can help?
 - Opportunities for joint events – places to visit, real heritage experiences, knowledge, support for others' events
- Wollongong Council has adopted a Risk Management Policy – good document which accepts risk management approach, not blanket application of regulation – [Michael to lead discussion next meeting](#)
- Shopify training program not ready as yet – [Michael](#)

6. Next Meeting: Monday 7th September 2020

- Agenda Item: Risk Management for Heritage

