

# Operating Heritage Australia

## Minutes

Meeting Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020

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

### 1. Activities during isolation

- Sydney Heritage Fleet – volunteers back in limited numbers
- Sydney Tram museum – working in workshop and on trackwork
  - Getting used to cleaning
  - Planning to open soon
- Cars – Can not hold official event
  - Veteran Car Club has produced guidelines
  - Clubs with museums nervous given demographics of members
  - FAHS has issued guidelines
- HARS – Unexpectedly high number of volunteers turned up to work
  - e-shop sold \$1500 in merchandise
  - Demonstration of e-shop
  - Digital download is popular internationally
  - Cost is around US\$2 per month
  - Shopify 2-month free trial
  - Two hours to set up
  - Michael's son will produce instruction video
- Sheffield Steam – start 15<sup>th</sup> June
- MSTEC – nothing planned (members doing own thing)
- Julie Burgess volunteers have custody of boat
- 4 railway groups pooling resources to apply for grants and share overheads

### 2. OHA Activities

- No response to letter to Minister requesting all exports to require export permit during COVID-19 period
- Continued working with Cultural Property Section to identify objects under threat of export. Need additional “intelligence” for other types of heritage
- Alert CPD about MacDonald Tractor – Jenny, Neil M and Neil H to decide how to approach
- Prepare letters for review of Australian Heritage Strategy (from EA and OHA, to Department and Minister)
- Future
  - Contact tourist authorities with package of activities
  - Campaign for volunteers to qualify for unemployment benefits (Centrelink 15hrs/week)
  - Parliamentary support group – what is it?

### 3. Next Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020 – NH to send Zoom invitation