

Operating Heritage Australia

Minutes

Meeting Monday 4th May 2020

Present: Jenny Fawbert, Peter Garnham, Mike Beale, Neil Meyers, Chris Martin, Bruce Marich, Michael Hough (joined late), Neil Hogg

Apologies: Richard Clarke

1. Activities during isolation

- Jenny – Social media using Facebook, videos on “what we would have been doing”
- Mike – Rally cancelled, processing refunds
- Pete – 90% of members in their own sheds working on restorations. Clubs aren’t meeting.
- Neil M – People working in their sheds
- Bruce – Shipyard shut down except for security. No income.
- Chris – Trackwork, low-key at Sheffield
- Richard - Trackwork

2. OHA Activities

- Report on contact with Department of the Environment and decision to make submission to the review of the Australian Heritage Study.
- Continued working with Cultural Property Section to identify objects under threat of export. Need additional “intelligence” for other types of heritage

3. What to do during and preparing for the end of COVID-19 restrictions

- Followed on from Michael’s “brainstorm” document
 - Zoom meetings for teaching
 - Zoom webinars for teaching
 - Library of reference videos – choose best ones
 - Get media people to help with web design and content
 - Re-opening/re-launch event
 - Facebook/Twitter rally
 - Advocate for funding for volunteer organisations for social contact/mental health
 - Most important thing is to get volunteers together again
 - Capitalise on opportunities for Australian tourism
 - Film company currently receiving jobkeeper subsidy is making promotional video for HARS
 - Approach tourist magazines, TV shows to make programmes on operating heritage locations. How do we influence media?
 - Steamfest in Sydney
 - Ask members to produce 3-minute video
 - Advocate for grant for membership fees for members to re-enrol
 - Subsidy per member paid to clubs
 - Opportunity for local parliamentarians to be seen to support an impacted part of their community
 - Promote what you do in local communities
 - Cut costs by using modern technology (eg. use digital technology for magazines)
 - EA needs case studies/reports showing restoration and/or operation of heritage equipment.

4. Next Meeting 1st June 2020 – NH to send Zoom invitation