

5 PLANNING PROPOSALS

5.1 Results of Independent Peer Review of Draft Wingecarribee Community Heritage Study 2021-23

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OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT the *Wingecarribee Community Heritage Study 2021-2023 Independent Peer Review 2024* as attached to this report be endorsed for public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days commencing on or before 1 June 2024 and concluding on 30 June 2024 via the Participate Wingecarribee platform.

THAT a report on the results of the public exhibition of the *Wingecarribee Community Heritage Study 2021-2023 Independent Peer Review 2024* and a draft Planning Proposal to affect the final recommendations be considered by the Local Planning Panel at the conclusion of public exhibition.

PANEL'S ADVICE

1. *The Panel support that the Wingecarribee Community Heritage Study 2021-2023 Independent Peer Review 2024 as attached to these minutes be endorsed for public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days commencing on or before 1 June 2024 and concluding on 30 June 2024 via the Participate Wingecarribee platform.*
2. *The Panel supports a report on the results of the public exhibition of the Wingecarribee Community Heritage Study 2021-2023 Independent Peer Review 2024 and a draft Planning Proposal to implement the final recommendations be considered by the Local Planning Panel at the conclusion of public exhibition.*
3. *The Panel notes that the published Peer Review by Robert Staas (ATTACHMENT 1 to the Agenda paper) did not include commentary in relation to a number of submissions received on proposed heritage items. An Addendum Peer Review report by Robert Staas has now been published via the Participate Wingecarribee platform and is an ATTACHMENT to these minutes.*
4. *The Panel notes that the Peer Review by Robert Staas followed the same process whether the review was dealt with in the main report or the addendum.*
5. *The Panel notes a number of submissions were critical of the process followed in the preparation of the Wingecarribee Community Heritage Study. Robert Staas was satisfied that the process followed was sound and the Panel endorses this.*

6. *The Panel notes the comments of Robert Staas that decisions regarding heritage listing inevitably involve an element of subjectivity and it is not an empirical process. The Peer Review aims to provide an expert assessment.*
7. *Robert Staas inspected all properties from the public domain and where it was not possible to obtain a full viewing from the public domain, familiarised himself by other means including the material in the Community Heritage Study, Google Street View, Nearmap and other readily available sources.*
8. *Individual Panel members carried out physical site inspections from the public domain in respect to some properties proposed for heritage listing. The Panel members also considered the material in the study, other material such as Google Street View and Nearmap. The Panel also considered all submissions lodged with Council during the exhibition of the Community Heritage Study and additional information provided by some speakers at the meeting on 29 May 2024.*
9. *The Panel notes that as part of the exhibition process following this meeting affected property owners (including those properties identified as not warranting heritage listing in the Wingecarribee Community Heritage Study but recommended for listing by Robert Staas in the peer review) will have an opportunity to make a written submission.*
10. *The Panel did not consider it appropriate at this stage to alter any of the recommendations in the Peer Review or Peer Review addendum. However, the Panel may when it considers the matter on 31 July 2024, make recommendations in that regard.*
11. *The Panel recommends that Robert Staas be engaged to;*
 - a. *Review the submissions received and considered at the LPP meeting on 29 May 2024*
 - b. *Review any further submissions received as a result of the exhibition of the Wingecarribee Community Heritage Study Peer Review and Peer Review Addendum*
 - c. *Review the final statement of significance to be included in the report to be considered by the LPP on 31 July 2024*

6 MEETING CLOSURE

29 May 2024 - The public address concluded at 12.30pm and the meeting was suspended to allow the Panel to discuss all relevant information.

30 May 2024 – The meeting resumed at 11:45pm

Being no further business, the meeting closed at 11:48pm

ATTACHMENT -- Addendum Peer Review
