



MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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| Cr Heather Crichton | Burwood Council, Alternate Chair and Delegate |
| Andrew Anderson | Community Representative |
| Susan Borel | Community Representative |
| Claire Boskett | Community Representative |
| Justine Ann Channing | Community Representative |
| Dennis Quinlan | Community Representative |

COUNCIL OFFICERS:

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| Brooke Endycott | Director Community Life |
| Simon Fox | Group Manager Community, Library & Aquatic Services |
| Li Li | Business & Community Engagement Officer |
| Richard Old | Events Coordinator |
| Connie Vartuli | Executive Assistant – Community Life, Minute Taker |

APOLOGIES:

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| Cr John Faker | Mayor of Burwood, Chair |
| Cr Lesley Furneaux-Cook | Burwood Council, Alternate Delegate |
| Cecily Gray | Burwood Historical Society Representative |
| Li Hua Chu | Community Representative |
| Jack Karnaghan | Community Representative |

1. WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Alternate Chair, Deputy Mayor of Burwood, Cr Heather Crichton opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil declarations of interest were submitted.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 13 JULY 2021

The minutes of the meeting of the Burwood 150 Years Anniversary Steering Committee were confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the previous meeting held on 13 July 2021. Cr Crichton noted that the Burwood Memorial Arch anniversary will occur on ANZAC Day in 2023 and there is an opportunity for the 'Bugler of Burwood' publication to link with this occasion as well as 2024 celebrations.

4. UPDATE ON ACTIONS ARISING FROM MEETING HELD 13 JULY 2021

Council officers provided an update on the actions arising from the meeting held on 13 July 2021, including the following:

- Council has commenced the Request for Quotation process for the Burwood History Publication as per the project brief and scope of works presented to the Committee. Submissions are due to Council by 21 October 2021.
- Following the engagement of a suitably qualified contractor for the Burwood History Publication, Council will undertake a call out to members of the community to



contribute photographs and stories to the work via the Participate Burwood engagement platform available at <https://participate.burwood.nsw.gov.au>.

- Website content has also been developed for a dedicated Burwood 150 Years Anniversary webpage, which will be built upon over the coming years to encourage the community to access local studies information.
- Council has completed the digitization of the *Harvest of the Years* written by Mr Eric Dunlop following an extensive research process and legal advice. The publication is now available to the community via the Library Catalogue available at <https://www.burwood.nsw.gov.au/For-Residents/Burwood-Library/Search-the-catalogue>.
- Council has revised the draft logo to incorporate the previous feedback and suggestions of the Committee. The revised logo was presented to the Committee for feedback and endorsement.
- Council has followed up with the current property owner to discuss restoration of Burwood's iconic Clock Tower and has sought initial cost estimates via a quotation from a specialist clock restoration contractor. Given the costs involved, Council will support the property owner to pursue funding opportunities via the NSW Heritage Grants Program.

Feedback from the Committee:

- The Committee noted that the completion of the digitization of the *Harvest of the Years* written by Mr Eric Dunlop was a significant achievement to date.
- It was noted that Mr Eric Dunlop also authored a book in 1964 titled *Between Two Highways*, which focuses on the Croydon area. It was suggested that Council investigate applying the same research process undertaken for the *Harvest of the Years* and also pursue digitization of this book for the benefit of the local community.
- The Committee provided positive feedback in relation to the revised logo design noting that it was inclusive, clear and comprehensive. The Committee noted its endorsement of the logo design with the exception of the fourth quadrant, which seeks to acknowledge the migrant history of Burwood combined with its current status as a food destination. The Committee requested an alternative option in relation to this quadrant of the logo design for consideration at the next meeting.
- The Committee suggested exploring sponsorship contributions from local businesses to support the restoration of Burwood's iconic Clock Tower. It was suggested that any approaches to local businesses be withheld until 2022 when businesses had a chance to bounce back following the impacts of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Actions or recommendations arising:

- 4.1 Council to investigate feasibility of the digitization of *Between Two Highways* written by Mr Eric Dunlop.
- 4.2 Council to explore additional options for the fourth quadrant of the logo design and present alternate options to the next Committee meeting.
- 4.3 Council to investigate funding options to support the restoration of the Burwood Clock Tower in consultation with the property owner.

5. OVERVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF KEY EVENTS PROPOSED FOR 2024

Council's Events Coordinator provided an overview of proposed events to be delivered in 2024. It was proposed that Council's annual events program incorporates key anniversary activities into existing programming. Key new events discussed with the Committee included:



- Light Up Burwood (July 2024) – A projection and lighting project (Vivid style) illuminating key buildings and public spaces via light installations across the CBD in the month of July.
- Picnic in the Park (September 2024) – To be delivered across multiple sites including Burwood Park, Wangal Park, Henley Park and Flockhart Park.
- Burwood Festival & Street Parade (October 2024) – A re-creation of the traditional street parade as part of Burwood Festival.
- 150 Years Anniversary Official Dinner and Awards (November 2024) – To be delivered in partnership with Club Burwood.

Feedback from the Committee:

- In relation to the Street Parade, the Committee suggested that the Burwood RSL Sub Branch Pipes and Drums Band should be invited to lead the street parade. The Committee also noted that historic car clubs, sporting clubs, community groups, NSW Police and local schools should be engaged in elements of the Street Parade.
- The Committee suggested engaging with Transport for NSW to coordinate the arrival of steam trains into Burwood Station as part of the festivities. Burwood RSL noted that they had coordinated a similar activity some years ago which was very popular with the local community.
- Burwood RSL noted that they would like to host the formal dinner and would need to confirm the date towards the end of 2022. The formal dinner was discussed as the finale element of the program in 2024 with possible inclusion of a Community Awards Program.
- An extraordinary Council Meeting was suggested for June 2024 to coincide with the first Burwood Council Meeting in June 1874 with invitations to be issued to neighbouring councils.
- A suggestion was made for the 'Light up Burwood' event to connect with NAIDOC Week celebrations in July 2024 to ensure acknowledgement of Burwood's traditional custodians as part of the event.
- The Committee highlighted the need to develop contingency plans for the events proposed, particularly given the recent experience of lockdowns and to mitigate any financial implications arising from further shutdowns.
- The Committee endorsed the program of events proposed.

Actions or Recommendations arising:

- 5.1 Council to progress with ongoing planning of the events proposed to the Committee, including grant seeking to support delivery.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

There were no other items raised.

7. CLOSE OF MEETING

Deputy Mayor of Burwood, Cr Heather Crichton thanked the Committee for their attendance and participation. The meeting was closed at 2.59pm.