

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Cr Heather Crichton	Burwood Council, Alternate Chair and Delegate
Susan Borel	Community Representative
Claire Boskett	Community Representative
Justine Channing	Community Representative
Cecily Gray	Burwood Historical Society Representative
Dennis Quinlan	Community Representative

GUESTS AND COUNCIL OFFICERS:

Roger Coombs	Author
Catherine Warne	Publisher, Kingsclear
Brooke Endycott	Director Community Life
Katarzyna Malicka	Multicultural & Local Studies Librarian
Richard Old	Events Coordinator
Daniel Pocaterra	Executive Assistant – Community Life (Minute Taker)

APOLOGIES:

Cr John Faker	Mayor of Burwood
Andrew Anderson	Community Representative
Li Hua Chu	Community Representative

1. WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Alternate Chair, 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 12 OCTOBER 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 12 October 2021 with one amendment. Dennis Quinlan noted that he had provided an example of a similar publication written by Susan Whitaker to Council on loan.

4. UPDATE ON ACTIONS ARISING FROM MEETING HELD 12 OCTOBER 2022

Council officers provided an update on the actions arising from the meeting held on 12 October 2021, including the following:

- Council's Multicultural & Local Studies Librarian has commenced research into the current copyright status of *Between Two Highways* by Mr. Eric Dunlop. It was noted the copyright will expire in April 2024 and it may be feasible to proceed with digitization

under an 'orphan copyright' arrangement. As such, Council has contacted the National Library of Australia for further details on the process required.

- 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 endorsement.
- Council's Events Coordinator provided an update on Light Up Burwood events. Council has arranged to pilot the activation of two sites, namely the Burwood Clock Tower and selected external walls of the Burwood Library from Saturday 26 February 2022, weather permitting. Road closures will be in effect Saturday 26 February 2022 and Sunday 27 February 2022 between the times 3.00pm – 12.00am with the goal of attracting the community into the CBD area to promote local shops, restaurants and cafés. The initiative is funded by the NSW Government and will serve as a learning opportunity for the larger Light Up Burwood events planned for 2024.
- Council has followed up with the managing agent to discuss restoration of the Burwood Clock Tower and has sought initial cost estimates from a specialist contractor, which has also been supplied to the managing agent. Given the cost involved, Council will seek to support the property owner to pursue funding opportunities via the NSW Heritage Grants Program.

Feedback from the Committee:

- The Committee endorsed the proposed logo design.
- The Committee endorsed the pilot Light Up Burwood activation.

Actions or recommendations arising:

- 4.1 Council to commence utilization of the Burwood 150 Years Anniversary logo to promote the work of the Committee.
- 4.2 Council to continue to investigate feasibility of the digitization of *Between Two Highways* written by Mr. Eric Dunlop by seeking further details from the National Library of Australia.
- 4.3 Council to continue to investigate funding options to support the restoration of the Burwood Clock Tower in consultation with the property owner.

**5. BURWOOD PICTORIAL HISTORY PUBLICATION – DISCUSSION WITH
AUTHOR AND PUBLISHER**

Cr Heather Crichton introduced the publisher of the Burwood Pictorial History Publication, Catherine Warne from Kingsclear Books. It was noted that Kingsclear Books has produced in excess of 150 books, including 45 pictorial histories of Sydney and NSW regional local government areas and districts. The publication will be approximately 144 pages with around 200 photographs. Catherine Warne outlined her experience in sourcing historical photographs from a range of sources such as library collections, historical societies, individual collections and members of the community.

Cr Heather Crichton introduced the author of the Burwood Pictorial History Publication, Roger Coombs. He will write the narrative and will structure the work to reflect Burwood's pre-colonial history through to the current time. The overall intention is to offer a highly accessible publication for the local community that represents the full history of Burwood, including information about the Wangal Clan, waves of migration and settlement and key milestones in Burwood's history.

It was noted that the delivery timeframe for the completion of the publication is December 2023, with the draft to be finalized by June 2023 to enable sufficient time for the Committee to review the draft from June 2023.

Paperback copies will be distributed and managed by Kingsclear Books whilst hardcopies of the publication will be provided to Council for distribution. Catherine provided feedback that all project deliverables were achievable within the timeframe.

Committee members were invited to share any suggestions for sources, stories and photographs for the publication with Roger Coombs and Catherine Warne.

Feedback from the Committee:

- The Committee provided positive feedback about the proposed pictorial format of the publication.
- The Committee suggested including information about the Roy Brothers' garage located in Croydon Park who were responsible for manufacturing large fixings for the construction of the Sydney Harbor Bridge.
- No objections were noted by the Committee regarding the exchange of contact details between Committee members, Roger Coombs and Catherine Warne for the purpose of suggesting potential sources and photographs for the publication.

Actions or Recommendations arising:

- 5.1 Council to circulate contact details of Roger Coombs and Catherine Warne to the Committee.

6. CALL OUT TO COMMUNITY FOR IMAGES AND STORIES

Council will undertake a call out to members of the community to contribute photographs and stories for consideration in the publication via the Participate Burwood community engagement platform available at participate.burwood.nsw.gov.au. This was discussed as the best way to enable community contributions in a manageable manner.

Website content has also been developed for a dedicated Burwood 150 Years Anniversary webpage, which will be built upon over the coming months to encourage the community to access local studies information.

Feedback from the Committee:

- The Committee outlined the following potential sources for images and stories:
 - Old schools and churches, such as PLC and Burwood Girls High School
 - The Toohey's collection
 - Royal Sheaf Hotel
 - Bath Arms Hotel
 - National Library, known to hold photography of Enfield Aquatic Centre and Grant Park
 - Burwood RSL
 - Local retirement villages
- The Committee suggested the online platform would be useful to filter stories and photographs submitted by the community. The method would allow to Council to contact individuals who have provided items of interest. The Committee suggested

outlining a criteria and providing guidelines for the contribution of materials through the Participate Burwood engagement platform.

- Burwood RSL suggested the option of inviting the community bring in images to the RSL, which could be provided to Catherine Warne.

Actions or recommendations arising:

- 6.1 Council to prepare and release a dedicated page on the Participate Burwood site calling out to community members to contribute images and stories for the publication.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Heather Crichton noted the local government election of September 2024 will impact the 150 Year celebrations and planning would need to consider the impacts of the election.

Council extended an invite to the Committee to attend the Burwood Art Prize opening ceremony at the Burwood Library on Friday 25 February 2022 from 6.00pm – 8.00pm.

The Committee suggested the following agenda points for the next meeting:

- A review of the 2024 events and activities schedule; and
- A review of public art projects to be delivered in 2024;

The Committee also recommended registering an event for History Week (in September) on the History Council of NSW website, noting that membership for a Council is \$250 per year.

8. CLOSE OF MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for 10 May 2022.

Cr Heather Crichton thanked the Committee for their attendance and participation. The meeting was closed at 3.14pm.