

WARRUMBUNGLE SHIRE COUNCIL

Ordinary Meeting – 21 October 2021

Item 17 Warrumbungle Shire Community Heritage Strategy 20221-2024

Division:	Environment and Development Services
Management Area:	Regulatory Services
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CSP Key Focus Area:	Rural and Urban Development
Priority:	RU4 Our towns and villages are characterised by their attractiveness, appurtenance, safety and amenity

Reason for Report

To present the draft *Warrumbungle Shire Council Community Heritage Strategy for 2021-2024* for Council adoption.

Background

To assist Council fulfil its local heritage obligations it is a requirement of the Heritage Office that a heritage strategy is generated and adopted; particularly when a Council is provided funding on an annual basis to assist support and improve heritage across their LGA.

Warrumbungle Shire Council has successful applied for and received heritage funding for a number of years on an annual basis as per the following funding streams offered by the Heritage Office:

- Heritage Adviser Program – used to engage the services of a heritage adviser to assist Council with DA referrals and provide free advice to residents
- Local Heritage Fund – distributed to local applicants on an annual basis to undertake works and improvements to heritage items across the LGA.

In 2021/22 Financial Year, Council has received the following amounts:

- Small Heritage Grant \$5,500
- Heritage Adviser \$6,000

The draft strategy has been prepared as per relevant guidelines issued by the NSW Heritage Office to support local government heritage management in NSW. It is a requirement that it is the strategy is prepared and updated every three (3) years.

The strategy, once complete, should be adopted by Council and is a non-statutory strategic document for local heritage management.

It is also a requirement that all councils with heritage advisers (that are funded through the Heritage Office) report annually on the progress made against their adopted heritage strategy over the past 12 months.

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Issues

Council's Heritage Advisor, Mr Peter Duggan, has drafted the strategy on Council's behalf and provides nine (9) recommendations and subsequent actions for inclusion in the strategy; these recommendations are as follows:

1. Engage with interested and relevant community bodies to deal with heritage matters in your area.
2. Identify heritage items in your area and list them in your local environmental plan.
3. Appoint a heritage advisor to assist the council, the community and owners of listed items.
4. Manage local heritage in a positive manner.
5. Manage the Local Heritage Fund to provide small grants to encourage local heritage projects.
6. Run a heritage main street program.
7. Present educational and promotional programs.
8. Set a good example to the community by properly managing places owned or operated by the Council.
9. Promote sustainable development as a tool for heritage conservation.

Actions for each recommendation are provided in the draft strategy as attached.

Options

As Council receives annual funding from the NSW Heritage Office it is necessary that a heritage strategy is adopted.

Financial Considerations

The strategy was prepared by Council's Heritage Adviser using funding allocated to Council under the Heritage Adviser Service valued at \$2,800.

The Heritage Adviser Service Funding is valued at \$6,000 of which Council is required to match \$ for \$ meaning a total of \$12,000 is available for Heritage Adviser Services. Council has budgeted for this amount in the 2021-22 financial year.

Community Engagement

The level of community engagement is 'Inform' as per Council's *Community Engagement Strategy 2020-2024*.

Attachments

1. Draft *Warrumbungle Shire Council Community Heritage Strategy 2021-2024*.

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RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council adopts the draft *Warrumbungle Shire Council Community Heritage Strategy 2021- 2024* for the purposes of public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days.
2. A further report be presented to Council on the draft Strategy after the public exhibition period is completed.