

12 July 2017

Ms Alison Stone  
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NSW Department of Industry  
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Dear Ms Stone

## **DP 270427, PRINCE HENRY AT LITTLE BAY | TRUST FOR BUILT AND LANDSCAPE ELEMENTS OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

Dynamic Property Services is the managing agent for the Community Association DP 270427, Prince Henry at Little Bay and also manages a number of strata schemes that form lots within the community association

We write to you to express the concern that residents of Prince Henry at Little Bay have experienced and continue to experience with the management of the Prince Henry at Little Bay Reserve Trust. The executive committee understands that the Trust was established to maintain built and landscape elements of Heritage significance at Prince Henry.

The executive committee would greatly appreciate receiving details of the government department, and the person or persons within that department, responsible for managing the Trust and with authority to allocate funds to maintain Prince Henry's heritage listed assets. A copy of the Trust Deed would also be useful.

### **Background**

Lot owners were made aware of the Trust from the early days of the development of the Prince Henry Community. Some, but not all, of the built and landscape elements of Heritage significance were listed in a welcome pack provided to lot owners by Stockland, the original developer. A copy of an extract from that welcome pack is enclosed.

4/1.2 Ongoing Management – Government Trust, in the welcome pack, states that a Trust has been established to maintain State Heritage Register buildings that include:

- Gatekeepers Hut
- Gateposts
- Clock Tower
- Water Tower
- Wishing Well
- Flowers Ward One (The Prince Henry Hospital Trained Nurses Association Medical Museum)
- Coast Centre for Seniors.

**Importantly, the welcome pack also states, 'The NSW Government has guaranteed ongoing funding for the Trust to support the maintenance of these significant heritage and environmental items.'**

Some, but not all, of the additional built items of Heritage significance not listed in the welcome pack but clearly identified in the Godden Mackay Logan *Prince Henry Site, Little Bay – Conservation Management Plan* include:

- Henry's Trading Post
- Former Nurses Dining Room and Matron's Office / Nurses Lecture Hall (The Cottage)
- War Memorial Chapel
- The Coast Golf and Recreation Club Clubhouse (formerly the Coast Hospital Steam Laundry)
- The Little Bay Geological Site

The Community Association executive committee has for some considerable time been working with Crown Lands to have the clock in the Memorial Clock Tower repaired, and to establish an ongoing maintenance plan. To date, the desired outcome has not been achieved, and extensive communication on the issue has been spasmodic and at times disappointing.

## **Summary**

Preserving and maintaining Prince Henry's items of Exceptional Heritage Significance is for the benefit of all Australians. However, as the residents' representative body of the community in which these Heritage assets are situated, the executive committee believes it has a responsibility to ensure these Heritage assets are maintained and preserved – as was clearly intended when the Prince Henry Reserve Trust was established.

The lack of progress in repairing and establishing an ongoing maintenance plan for the Memorial Clock Tower has led to the executive committee questioning the role of the Trust.

Earlier this year the executive committee chair was verbally advised that a plan for ongoing maintenance of Prince Henry's was being prepared. The committee would appreciate receiving a schedule for the ongoing management and maintenance of all of Prince Henry's heritage listed assets.

To reiterate, the executive committee would greatly appreciate receiving details of the government department, and the person or persons within that department, responsible for managing the Trust and with authority to allocate funds to maintain Prince Henry's heritage listed assets. A copy of the Trust Deed would also be useful.

Any assistance you are able to provide regarding these matters will be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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