



Kingston and Arthur's Vale Historic Area Advisory Committee (KAC) August 2025 Meeting Communiqué

The Advisory Committee for the Kingston and Arthur's Vale Historic Area (KAVHA) met on island on 18 and 19 August 2025, with positive discussions on key matters including project and works updates, the future work plan and final steps for the Heritage Management Plan (HMP) for KAVHA.

The committee welcomed Council of Elders nominated cultural expert Mr David Buffett to his first meeting, acknowledging the rich knowledge in community heritage he brings to committee discussions.

A two-year work schedule outlining planned heritage works was presented, prioritising safety and essential maintenance. Members acknowledged the volume of work to be undertaken and that resource availability and emergency works can affect the delivery of the workplan.

The HMP summary report from the recent public consultation for the draft Heritage Management Plan was reviewed and discussed. The committee will provide final comment on the HMP based on these discussions before it progresses to review by the Australian Heritage Council and is submitted to the Minister for Environment and Water, Senator the Hon. Murray Watt MP, for endorsement. The community will be kept informed as this process is finalised.

The committee provided advice for a draft scope of works for the Cemetery Management Strategy, which is an action item from the KAVHA Heritage Management Plan currently being finalised. The strategy will include management and conservation policies and recommendations to conserve the cemetery and its heritage values.

Progression of the Museum collection consolidation project is under way, with a museum expert engaged to scope the required works for successful delivery the project.

The recently published English to Norf'k dictionary was discussed. Members support its integration over time for Kingston signage and published material, adopting the spelling system.

An update was provided on the work of the Australian Convict Sites Steering Committee, with the committee acknowledging its support for this important work and its associated promotion.

The Cultural Development Association of Norfolk Island provided draft guidelines for the artist-in-residence program for consideration. The KAVHA Secretariat will continue to support the association in development of the program.

The next committee meeting is anticipated to take place on island in December 2025.



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The committee includes community members Susan Prior, Fiona Anderson, George Parsons, Helen Pedel and Simon Bigg and expert members David Buffett, Janet Carding and Dr Jane Harrington. It is chaired by the Administrator of Norfolk Island.

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