

## **Wollongong Heritage Advisory Committee**

Following the dissolution of the Illawarra Heritage Committee on 1 July 1994, after having operated since the early 1980s, Wollongong City Council is in the process of forming a new Heritage committee, and to this end has recently employed a Heritage Officer - Ms Louise Thom. The former Heritage Officer, Steve Dillon, is currently working for the Illawarra Catchment Management Committee.

The new Advisory committee will be composed of representatives from the Illawarra Historical Society, the National Trust, South Coast Conservation Society, the Department of Planning, 4-6 community representatives, Ms Thom, and a Wollongong Councillor who will be Chairperson of the Committee. Michael Organ will be the Society's representative.

This is a very important committee, as most decisions regarding the preservation, conservation or demolition of heritage items in Illawarra are made by Wollongong City Council. If we are to preserve those few precious heritage items which remain in our City then it will be up to this committee and Council to implement the Wollongong Heritage Study and associated Development Control Plan which has yet to be officially gazetted and therefore legitimised. If any members of the Society at any time have concerns regarding the fate of such items they should immediately contact Ms Thom (Ph: 27 7317) or the Society's representative.

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