

EUROBODALLA SHIRE COUNCIL

PUBLIC FORUM

All members of the community who have registered have been advised that they have a **maximum of five minutes** to put their case.

Ordinary Meeting of Council on 26 July 2016

Name	Subject/Comments
Agenda Items – 10.00am	
Maureen Baker	PSR16/032 Heritage Advisory Committee

DEPUTATION to Eurobodalla Shire Council Meeting, 26th July, 2016

by Maureen Baker, on behalf of Tuross Lakes Preservation Group Inc.

My name is Maureen Baker and I am speaking on behalf of Tuross Lakes Preservation Group to the **Report from the Heritage Advisory Committee listed on today's Agenda, Page 19, as PSR16/032 in regard to Heritage Listing of the Norfolk Island Pine Plantation at Tarandore Pt, Tuross Head.**

Our Group had nominated the plantation back in 2013 so we are very pleased that the matter has now progressed to receiving a favourable report from Council's Heritage Advisor and a recommendation for Heritage Listing from your Heritage Committee.

I note that two letters of support from other organisations are also in your attachments but I would like to point out that Tuross Head Progress Association also resolved at its meeting of 3rd December, 2015 to give its support. A letter to Council was written but apparently did not reach you. This matter has now been rectified by the Progress Association's current Secretary who has forwarded a copy to Council in recent days.

As I mentioned in my presentation to the Heritage Committee – we know that there is nothing particularly unusual about a coastal settlement having a row of pines along its beachfront but what **is** unusual is to have a whole plantation of them. The history sign which has been installed on the cycle/walk nearby tells the story of one of our early settlers, Hector McWilliam and his family planting all those pines around Tuross and in particular the plantation within McWilliam Park.

I draw your attention to the Statement of Significance in the Heritage assessment report regarding the Pine Plantation, as follows: "It is highly valued by the community for the special ambience it creates beneath the canopy, and as a backdrop to commemorative events that celebrate the nation's military past."

The Tuross community is very lucky that Hector McWilliam dedicated the whole length of ocean frontage along Tuross Boulevard as the McWilliam Park reserve rather than try to have some of it developed into residential properties. The focal point within that Park is the plantation and we urge you to acknowledge this by supporting Heritage Listing.

Maureen Baker, OAM
Secretary, Tuross Lakes Preservation Group Inc.