



Museum Advisory Committee Meeting

2 March 2022

Commencing at 4.00pm

AGENDA

The next Museum Advisory Committee Meeting will be held at the Shire of Toodyay Council Chambers, 15 Fiennes Street, Toodyay WA 6566 on the abovementioned date and time.

Members are requested to familiarise themselves with the Agenda and prepare notes to help address key issues for the debate during the Meeting.

Members are requested to email questions via email at ceo@toodyay.wa.gov.au at the earliest opportunity so that Officers can respond to those questions prior to the Meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzie Haslehurst', is written over a light blue wavy line.

Suzie Haslehurst

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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ATTACHMENTS are incorporated within this Agenda

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

1.1 ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

1.2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

1.3 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

2 MINUTES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1.1. Minutes of Meeting held on 25 November 2021

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Museum Advisory Committee Meeting held on 25 November 2021 be confirmed.

2.2 REVIEW OF STATUS REPORT

2.2.1 Review of Museum Advisory Committee Status Report

Attachments: 1. MAC Status Report [↓](#)

This report is to be reviewed.

MAC STATUS REPORT
Museum Advisory Committee

Supporting Officer
Manager Corporate & Community Services



Meeting Date	Purpose	Recommendation and/ or Resolution	Target date for completion	Actioned by	Completion Date	Meeting Commentary
17/12/2020	7.1 Officer's Report - Current activities – Shire Museum and its collections	The Museum Advisory Committee recommends to Council the following: That Council consider options in their 2021/2022 Annual Budget deliberations to increase appropriate storage areas for Museum artefacts; in particular, large objects.	ASAP	M Ross	Manager Reviewed but the proposal not put forward to Council	At meeting in 2021 Manager Corporate and Community Services apprised members of the process for project options that could be presented through budget workshops in 2022/2023 and the action on the report be amended to reflect the call for project briefs in lieu of budgetary workshops and deliberations.
25/11/2021	Sharing of photographs from the Museum Collections to other bodies for use	Identify potential copyright issues with respect to releasing and appropriateness of sharing the photograph collections	ASAP	M Eberle	t.b.a.	Information on copyright based on other museums who are sharing photographs. State Museum policies for release are on their website. Investigation will be undertaken and the matter can be brought to the next MAC Meeting to consider a way forward.
25/11/2021	Museum Facebook	Get some statistics for the next meeting to see how it compares to every other Facebook page the Shire runs	ASAP	M Eberle	t.b.a.	Not formal action but discussed.

MAC STATUS REPORT
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25/11/2021	Virtual portrait gallery of Toodyay Museum Volunteers over the years	Use of the history of the museum booklet with some pictures – instead of feeding the volunteers, grant funding can be utilised through creation of a virtual gallery	ASAP	M Eberle	t.b.a.	Not formal action but discussed.
25/11/2021	5.1 Museum promotion	Council to be made aware of the benefit to the Shire that publicity is getting. Worthwhile putting a report to Council advising them of the exposure. Partnership with Wikimania Australia and the other projects can be highlighted to Council with respect to connections and networks gained. Possible funding opportunities to be looked at.	ASAP	M Eberle	t.b.a.	Not formal action but discussed.
25/11/2021	Current Activities – Shire Museum and its Collections	The Museum Advisory Committee recommends to Council the following: That Council receives the Museum update report on Current Activities – Shire Museum and its Collections.	ASAP	M Eberle	t.b.a.	

2.3 INWARD/OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE
Nil.

3 OFFICER REPORTS**3.1 Museum Advisory Committee update**

Date of Report:	21 February 2022
File Reference:	COC4
Author:	M Eberle – Museum Curator and Cultural Heritage Officer
Responsible Officer:	T Bateman – Manager Corporate and Community Services
Attachments:	1. Drawings & Maps related to proposed SGR by B. Keens ↓

PURPOSE

To provide information on current activities involving the Shire museums and its collections.

BACKGROUND

This update follows on from a verbal report presented at the Museum Advisory Committee meeting in November 2021.

COMMENTS AND DETAILS

This report is on current activities – no further actions are recommended.

Collections

- Transcriptions
 - New Norcia Police Occurrence Book 1878 – checking of first draft (120 pages) has been completed by volunteer at home. A copy has been forwarded to the New Norcia Archives where the original ledger originated and is currently being held. A digital copy remains in our possession for future research enquiries.
 - Toodyay Police Station Occurrence book 1860-1861 – initial draft of transcription is continuing; completed up to June 1860 which is about one quarter of the way through.
- High resolution photography of museum artefacts is continuing with one volunteer.
- High resolution photography of large maps & plans, and framed photographs & portraits has also been undertaken by a contractor with specialised equipment over 4 visits. Some of the plans were encapsulated for preservation in clear plastic sheets called Mylar which was highly reflective and difficult to photograph. The plans include the museum's comprehensive collection of railway maps pertaining to the building of the standard gauge railway (SGR) through the Avon Valley.
- Museum volunteer Barry Keens has updated and added information about the railway maps to the museum database as a consequence of having them photographed. His report about the SGR map collection, comparing two groups of maps from different eras, is presented as an attachment to the February 2022 MAC report as an example of the research potential these digitised maps now hold.

- Museum volunteer Beth Frayne continues to work on the 150th anniversary of local government “Digital Portrait Gallery” project at the museum workshop. The gallery is proposed to be launched on the Shire’s website during 2022.
- Data about the museum collection continues to be uploaded to the online platform Collections WA.
 - 1,329 records now shared
 - 22 sub-collections in total have now been created in an effort to make the records more easily searchable. In addition to the 8 sub-collections mentioned in the November 21 MAC report, the following categories have also been added – Community events & Celebrations, Books – Personal use, Retail / Wholesale, Industry, Military medals & badges, Community Organisations, Buildings, Domestic equipment, Maps & Plans, Sport, Archaeology, Tools, Jewelry, Agriculture, and Toys.
 - A new feature on the platform called Slide Show is being tested. It allows organisations to present records in a manner suited for signage in exhibition galleries. We have created two separate slide shows from our uploaded records. These are titled “Costume, costume accessories & textiles” and “Historic photograph collection: Toodyay Families”. The latter comprises 74 photographs showing Toodyay community members engaged in various activities over the years. The “Toodyay Families” slide show can be viewed in the temporary exhibition room at the Newcastle Gaol.

On site Newcastle Gaol precinct

- Over the last few months three long term volunteers have moved on, and we have welcomed two new front of house volunteers.
- A budget proposal has been developed for the construction of an additional museum storage facility.
- Two benches that had been in the gaol courtyard for many years were rendered unsafe due to wear and tear and were re-purposed as display supports in the Machinery Shed.
- Two stands were custom made to support the weight of the thresher on display in the Machinery Shed.
- An interesting donation to the collection in December was an Australian coin bracelet, dating from the 1940s and found in the Morangup area during the preceding winter.

Connor’s Mill

- A school holiday treasure hunt is being developed for the April school holidays based on the agricultural displays in place at this venue. Titled “Fun Facts for You to Find in Connor’s Mill”, it will be a multiple-choice quiz.

Promotion

- The Toodyay Herald continues to publish photographs from the Shire Collection on page 4.
- The Toodyay Museums Facebook group continues to promote the activities of the museum to those who have joined.

Public programs / public engagement

- The Newcastle Gaol Museum was pleased to support the RSL's Alma Beard memorial launch by providing a metal information panel about Alma Beard to be scanned and replicated for the memorial. The metal panel was being displayed as part of the Toodyay Families exhibition but prior to that had been stored in the workshop for a number of years. It was discovered there was a mistake on the panel (Alma Beard's birth date) which the RSL had rectified before returning the panel to the museum.
- The Shire of Toodyay and the Noongar Kaartdijin Aboriginal Corporation are collaborating on a new project, identified from one of the actions in our Reconciliation Action Plan launched in 2021. This was to increase the amount of information about the Aboriginal experience before and after European settlement in the Toodyay area. Much of this information will be presented at the Newcastle Gaol precinct, both in the gaol and in the shearing shed. The Lotterywest grant for funding was presented at the Wicklow Shearing Shed on the 17 December 2021, and it is proposed the project will be completed by Reconciliation Week in May / June 2022.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION 1

That the Museum Advisory Committee recommends to Council the following:

That Council receives the Museum update report on Current Activities – Shire Museum and its Collections.

Drawings and Maps related to the Proposed Standard Gauge Railway within the boundaries of the Shire of Toodyay.

Stage 1.

In January 2016 a collection of copies of Drawings prepared by West Australian Government Railways (WAGR) was donated to the Museum by Tom Hogarth who had rescued these from being disposed of at Rail Heritage.

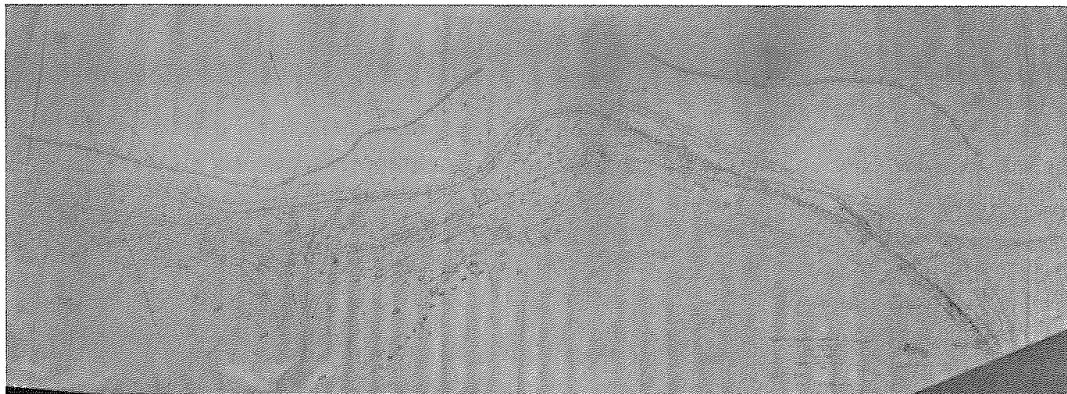
These drawings were prepared in 1946 after a full survey of the proposed route through the Avon Valley for a standard gauge railway was undertaken and then possible track alignments were marked.

There was not enough funding or revenue in 1946 and the project was shelved until iron ore was found at Koolyanobbing and there was also the need to have a continuous Standard Gauge Railway across Australia.

However when funding was made available through Federal and State Governments work started in November 1962 with a dual gauge line through the Avon Valley to Avon Yard at Northam and trains on this section ran from 1966. Extensions continued to 1969 through to Kalgoorlie to meet up with the existing Standard Gauge Intercontinental line.

The line follows very much the design from 1946 which we have been able to ascertain by travel on and around the line.

There is considerable detail in these drawings including such things as the Avon River with flood levels and crossings, land contours and detail of geographical formations.



Stage 2

No action had been taken with these drawings at the Museum due to lack of resources until a volunteer was able to study and document these drawings so that they could be added to the Museum Collection.

The 30 drawings we have kept are all related to the Toodyay Shire with parts of both Swan and Northam Shires.

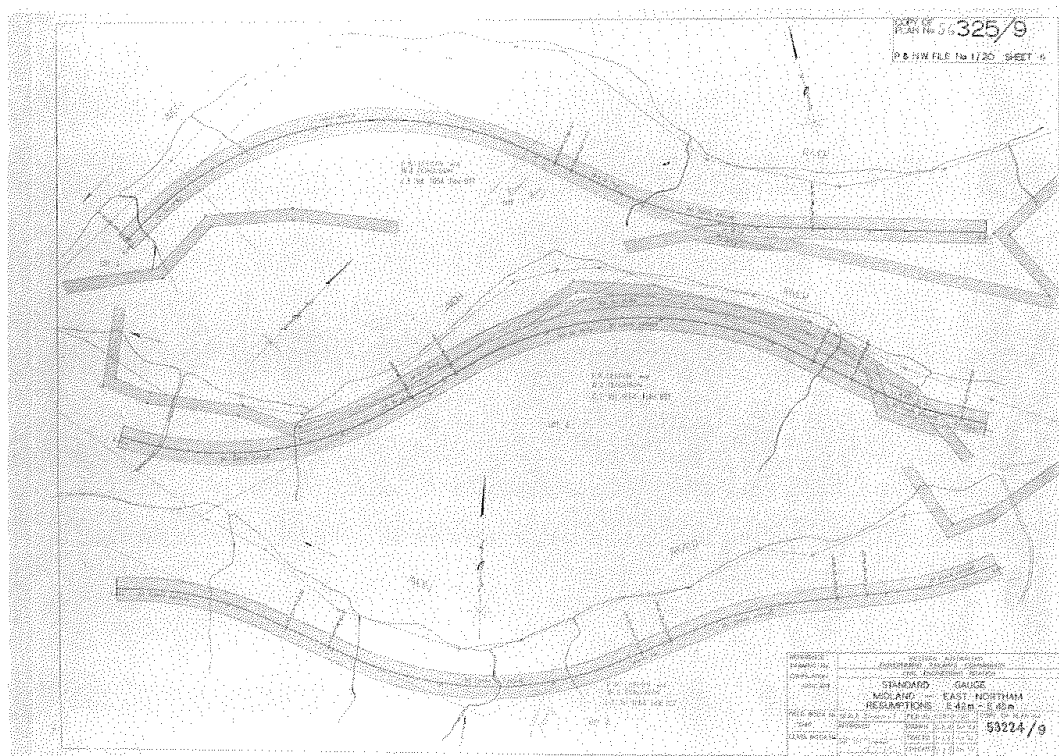
Considerable research continues to be carried out to locate properties near the railway and where streams cross through culverts on their way to the Avon River.

Each drawing has been photographed in individual sections and then “stitched” to make a composite drawing. Museum database number is 2018-10 with 30 individual records.

Whilst sorting through storage at the Museum Workshop 18 drawings dated 1962 were located showing the actual track alignment and land that was to be resumed. These plans have details of various property owners, proposed road realignments and land to be resumed.

Much detail has been shown of streams entering the Avon River and some research has been carried out to locate these streams and culverts. There is further research to be done on these drawings.

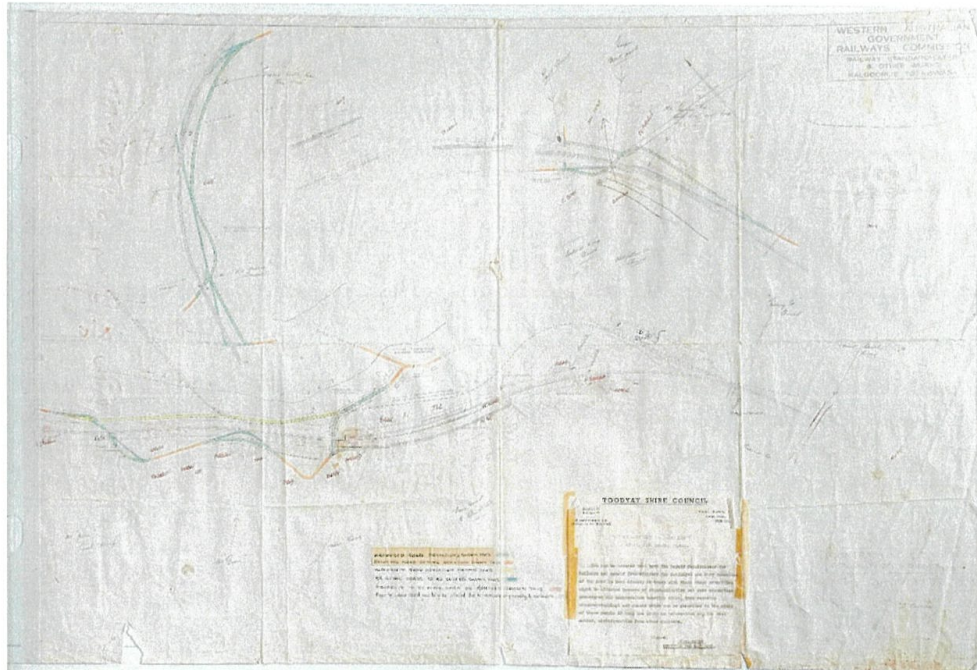
Each drawing has been photographed and can be found in the Museum Database under 2021-120 with 18 individual photographs.



Two additional drawings were found, which had been copied from 2 of these drawings, and were used in the field and are covered with notes and details relating specifically to Toodyay Town sites areas from West Toodyay Yards to Northam Road under Museum Reference 2021-117a, b.

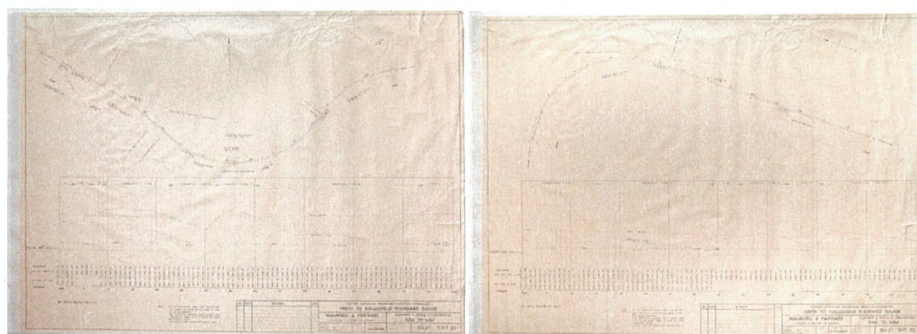
Stage 3.

Continued searching located some other drawings related to the 1962 works including 2 (Museum Reference 2022-6) drawings showing road deviation and property resumptions in Toodyay Townsite with various notes.



Two other drawings are of technical interest as they show the alignment and profiles over a distance from 62 to 64 miles. (99.78 -103Km) as constructed. Museum Reference 2022-7a,b.

A further two drawings, which are again of a technical nature, show construction details of a section from 47 to 49 miles, (75.64 – 78.86 Km), with road deviations, culverts and contours. Museum reference 2022-8a,b



Stage 4.

An example of one of the many culverts on the line. The number refers to the distance in Kilometres from East Perth.



Further research is being carried out and details being compiled from photographs already in the Museum Collection relating to the SGR construction and also being taken at the present time.

Information from drawings will be collated, when time permits, to produce a fuller story of this project.

Note.

Attached are two tables prepared from the information taken from the 1946 and 1962 Drawings cross referencing locations.

B.Keens

1/2/2022.

Fremantle- Kalgoorlie Standard Gauge Railway Survey 1946 Contour survey maps of South bank of River Avon Amended December 2021.
within the Boundaries of The Shire of Toodyay.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Map Ref	CCE left jct	CCE Map Ref	CCE right j	Distance from start	Km. conversion	Museum R	Comments	1962 Plan eqv. Km
1	SG 110/1R	36089	36046	19m.11c - 21.17	30.8 -- 34.14	2018-10-a	Outside Shire	44.56 - 46.22
2	SG110/3R	36089	36046	19m.11c - 21.17	30.8 -- 34.14	b		44.56 - 46.22
3	SG112/1R	36028	35990	22m.33c - 23m.60c	36.69 -- 38.22	c		50.45 - 51.98
4	SG112/3R	36028	35990	22m.33c - 23m.60c	36.69 -- 38.22	d		50.45 - 51.98
5	SG114/3R	35990	35960	25m.55c - 27m.65	41.34 -- 44.76	e		55.01 - 58.52
6	SG115/1R	35776	35776	27m.65c - 29m.15c	44.76 -- 46.97	f		58.52 - 60.73
7	SG116/C	35776	35839	29m.15c - 30m.64c	46.97 -- 49.57	z		60.73 - 63.57
8	SG116/2R	35776	35839	29m.15c - 30m.64c	46.97 -- 49.57	g		60.73 - 63.57
9	SG116/4R	35776	35839	29m.15c - 30m.64c	46.97 -- 49.57	h		60.73 - 63.57
10	SG117/2R	35840	35840	30.64 - 32m.37c	49.47 -- 52.24	u		63.57 - 66.00
11	SG 117/3R	35840	35840	30m.64c - 32m.37c	49.47 -- 52.24	i		63.57 - 66.00
12	SG117/2R/3R	35839	35931	30m.64c - 32m.37c	49.57 -- 52.24	l u		63.57 - 66.00
13	SG118/C	35840	35931	32m.37 - 34m.10c	52.24 -- 54.96	aa		66.00 - 68.72
14	SG118/3R	35840	35931	32m.37 - 34m.10c	52.24 -- 54.96	bb	Mortgigup Creek	66.00 - 68.72
15	SG119/C(X2)	35931	35932	34m.10c - 36m.12c	54.96 -- 58.18	l k	Mortgigup Creek	68.72 - 71.94
16	SG119/3 3R	35931	35932/3 (1)	34m.10c - 36m.12c	54.96 -- 58.18	m		68.72 - 71.94
17	SG119/3 4R	35931	35932/3 (2)	34m.10c - 36m.12c	54.96 -- 58.18	n		68.72 - 71.94
18	SG119/3 3R	35931	35932/3 (3)	34m.10c - 36m.12c	54.96 -- 58.18	cc		68.72 - 71.94
19	SG120/2R	35998	35999	36m.12c - 37m.75c	58.18 -- 61.05	o		71.94 - 74.81
20	SG122/2R	36165	36212	40m.57c - 42m.56c	65.52 -- 68.72	p		79.28 - 82.48
21	SG123/1R	36212	36220	42m.56c - 44m.32c	68.72 -- 71.45	q		82.48 - 85.21 -
22	SG125/1R	36252	36289	44m.68c - 46m.50c	72.18 -- 74.82	r	Avon Terrace	85.94 - 88.58
23	SG126/1R	36252	36289	46m.50c - 48m.05c	74.82 -- 77.25	s		88.58 - 91.01
24	SG127/1R	36289	36327	48m.05c - 49m.35c	77.25 -- 79.13	t	Toodyay Townsite	91.01 - 92.89
25	SG128/1R	36289	36327	49m.35c - 50m.68c	79.13 -- 80.60	u	Toodyay Townsite	91.01 - 92.89
26	SG129/2R	36327	36329	50m.68c - 51m.68c	80.60 -- 82.21	v		92.89 - 94.39
27	SG130/1R	36329	36344	51m.68c - 53m.46c	82.21 -- 86.22	w	Tunnel, Abbatoir	94.39 - 95.97
28	SG131/1R	36344	36378	53m.46c - 55m.11c	86.22 -- 88.74	x	End of Shire	95.97 - 99.98
29	SG135/2R	36378	36386	59m33c - 60m.75c	95.04 - 97.44	y		99.98 - 102.5
30						dd		109.04 - 111.48
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Standard Gauge Railway Resumption Maps 1962.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
map ref	sheet	Distance- Miles	Distance -kms	Notes	OGM Ref.	1946 map Ref	Comments
1	53224/9	1	29-32	46.7 - 51.5	Out of area	2021-120 a	
2	"	2	32 - 35	51.5 - 56.3		b	d,e
3	"	3	35 - 38	56.3 - 61.2	Red Swamp Creek BM2151	c	e,f
4	"	4	38 - 41	61.2 - 66.0	BM2164	d	l,u
5	"	5	41 - 42	66.0 - 67.6	BM2164 BM2154	e	aa
6	"	6	42 - 45	67.6 - 72.4	Roads	f	aa,k
7	"	7	45 - 47	72.4 - 73.6	Sinclair, Markey, Leeson, Ferguson	g	o
8	"	8	47 - 49	73.6 - 78.8	Road Diversion. Markey River X	h	
9	"	9	49 - 52	78.8 - 83.7	Avon Loc 3	i	p,q
10	52985/8	1	52 - 54	83.7 - 86.9	West Toodyay	j	q
11	"	2	54 - 57	86.9 - 91.7	W Toodyay yard and Harper Rd	k	r,s
12	"	3	57 - 59	91.7 - 94.95	Toodyay Town Harper st 92.484	l	t,u,v
13	"	4	59 - 61	94.95 - 98.2	Industrial Extracts	m	v,w,x
14	"	5	61-63	98.2 - 101.4	Windmill Hill	n	x,y
15	"	6	63 - 66	101.4 - 106.2	101.927 Kondinee Cr. Katrine Rd	o	
16	"	7	66 - 68	106.2 - 109.4	Out of Shire	p	
17	"	8	68 - 70	109.4 - 112.65	R/R X to Avon Yard	q	
18							
19							
20							
21	52985/8	2	54 - 57	86.9 - 91.7	As map k but with many notations	2021-117a	r,s
22	52985/8	3	57 - 59	91.7 - 94.95	As map l but with many notations	2021-117b	t,u,v
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4 OTHER BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

5 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Museum Advisory Committee is scheduled to be held on 1 June 2022 commencing at 4.00pm.

6 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chairperson will close the meeting.