

TO: TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – 13 AUGUST 2012
SUBJECT: JOHN MCDOUALL STUART STATUE
AUTHOR: EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TECHNICAL SERVICES– SA'DE COOK

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is to advise Council of the current status of placement for the John McDouall Stuart statue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That this report be received.

REPORT

1. DISCUSSION

The John McDouall Stuart statue was gifted to Council in early March 2010 by the Freemasons SA & NT through Stuart Lodge No 219 to commemorate early explorer John McDouall Stuart.

In August 2010, by Report No. 139/10ts (*refer attachment "A"*) Council was provided with options for the placement of the statue in Stuart Park Alice Springs. Council, by resolution no. 15726 from its meeting of 30 August 2010, resolved to locate the statue in Stuart Park as per the plan attached to the report (*refer attachment "B"*).

Unfortunately, despite a large number of meetings between Council, the Freemasons, Heritage and various Public Art committees, site inspections/options and various consultations, the statue remains in storage pending site agreeance and installation.

On 18 April 2011, following a meeting between Council officers, and the Heritage Committee, Council wrote to Mr Pilton providing a prepared application to the Heritage Committee stating Site B is where the statue was to be erected. (*refer attachment "C"*). Mr Pilton was requested to sign the application and forward it to the Heritage committee, however todate the application has not been lodged and no further communication has been received from Mr Pilton.

Council, at its meeting of 30 July 2012, resolved by resolution no. 16891, to rescind the previous decision of nominating site "B" and resolve that location "A" be the preferred site for the statue. Technical Service staff are currently preparing a fresh application to the Heritage Committee seeking approval to place the statue in Stuart Park at site "A" (*refer attachment "D"*).

2. POLICY IMPACTS

Nil

3. FINANCIAL IMPACTS

Nil

4. SOCIAL IMPACTS

Nil

5. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Nil

6. PUBLIC RELATION

Establishment of a final site to erect the statute would be a good outcome for all concerned.

7. ATTACHMENTS

- A. Council report No: 139/10ts
- B. Letter to Mr Pilton dated 18 April 2012.
- C. Plan indicating site B – Stuart Park
- D. Application to Heritage Committee



Sa'de Cook
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT - TECHNICAL SERVICES

TO: TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – MONDAY 16TH AUGUST 2009
SUBJECT: JOHN MCDOUALL STUART STATUE
AUTHOR: DIRECTOR TECHNICAL SERVICES - GREG BUXTON

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report summarises the offer and receipt, as a gift from the Freemasons' Stuart Lodge, of the John McDouall Stuart statue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That it be a recommendation to Council:

- A. That this report be received.
- B. That the Statue be located in Stuart Park at location B as per the attached plan.

1. BACKGROUND

In early March 2010, Mr Les Pilton of the Freemasons S.A. & N.T. Stuart Lodge No: 219, offered, through the Lodge, a gift to Council by way of a statue of the explorer John McDouall Stuart.

2. DISCUSSION

The proposed statue was presented to Council at the March round of Committee meetings. The proposed statue as tabled, was accepted by Council with a suggestion it be located on the Civic Centre lawns. The launch date for the statue, was proposed by the Freemasons to be 6th August 2010 which date was accepted by Council.

The submitted drawings for the statue were presented to the Public Art Advisory Committee meeting of 3rd June 2010.

In July 2010, Council received a large number of letters and emails expressing concern over the proposed location of the statue being on Council lawns.

Mayor Ryan, Deputy Mayor Brendan Heenan, Chief Executive Officer Rex Mooney, and Director Technical Services Greg Buxton viewed the statue at the residence of Mark Egan, Architect, on Friday 30th July 2010. In post viewing discussions, and in consideration of public concerns regarding its location, relocating the statue to Stuart Park was put to Council.

All Aldermen, with the exception of Alderman van Haaren who was not contactable, voted in favour of the statue being located in Stuart park.

A special meeting of the Public Art Advisory Committee was held at 12.01pm on Friday 30th July 2010 when the locating of the statue at Stuart was tabled (refer attachment 'A').

On Friday 6th August 2010, a gifting ceremony by the Freemasons Stuart Lodge was held on the Council lawns (*refer attachment "B"*).

The statue is currently being stored pending installation at Stuart Park. The installation, including all building permits and Heritage approvals, is the responsibility of the Freemasons Stuart Lodge.

The location within Stuart Park is still to be approved with the attached plan indicating the two preferred sites (*refer attachments "C"*).

3. POLICY IMPACTS

Nil

4. FINANCIAL IMPACTS

Nil

5. SOCIAL IMPACTS

The statue represents part of Alice Springs rich past. The Town was originally called "Stuart Town" which was subsequently changed to Alice Springs in 1993 (*refer attachment "D"*).

6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Nil

7. PUBLIC RELATIONS

Nil

8. ATTACHMENTS

- A. Extract from minutes of P.A.A.C. meeting held 30th July 2010.
- B. Photo of Gifting Ceremony held 6th August 2010.
- C. Proposed site locations – Stuart Park.
- D. Plaque depicting naming of Stuart Park


Greg Buxton
DIRECTOR TECHNICAL SERVICES

**ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES of EXTRAORDINARY MEETING**

HELD FRIDAY 30 JULY AT 12:00PM
ANDY MCNEILL ROOM, CIVIC CENTRE

1. ATTENDANCE:

Alderman Brendan Heenan, (Chairperson)
Mayor Ryan, ASTC
Rex Mooney, ASTC Chief Executive Officer
Andrew Broffman, Architect Tangentyere Design
Lisa Stefanoff, Cultural Anthropologist, CCD Worker
Diana MacMullin, Senior Policy Officer, Department of Regional Development
Marilena Hippis, Gallery Gondwana
Peter Grigg, Tourism Central Australia
Lorraine King, Papunya Artist
Jan Young, Desert Executive Chair, Tangentyere Artist
Greg Buxton, ASTC Director Technical Services
Leon Tripp, ASTC Community and Cultural Development Coordinator
Telly Ociones, ASTC E/A Corporate and Community Services (minutes)

Public Gallery approximately 90 members of the public were present in the gallery.

2. APOLOGIES:

Alderman Samih Habib Bitar, ASTC
Craig Catchlove, ASTC Director Corporate and Community Services

The meeting opened at 12:00pm.

The Chairperson welcomed two new members of the Committee, Lorraine King and Jan Young.

3. INTRODUCTION BY THE CHAIRPERSON – *Deputy Mayor Alderman Brendan Heenan*

The Chairperson acknowledged the presence of the Mayor and everyone who attended today.

The Chairperson advised that at the last Ordinary Council meeting held on Monday, 26 July, Council agreed to hold a special meeting of the Public Art Advisory Committee today to explain the process of Council Advisory Committees and the approval process for the John McDouall Stuart statue.

The Chairperson advised of the meeting format. Public question time will be held at the end of the meeting.

4. EXPLANATION OF PROCESS – *Mr Rex Mooney, ASTC Chief Executive Officer*

The Chief Executive Officer gave an overview of the proposal put forward by the Freemasons to Council. Points included are:

- Proposal presented to the Technical Services Committee on 15 March 2010.

- Council supported the proposal but sought further information (e.g. conditions attached to its development, Council requirements, etc.) from the applicant, Mr Les Pilton, for further consideration.
- The proposal was put to Council in the context of the 150th anniversary celebrations of John McDouall Stuart, the first explorer in Central Australia.
- The statue is a suitable tribute to one of the explorers in Central Australia.
- Mr Pilton sought an urgent decision from Council due to time constraint.
- The Mayor on the 3rd of June 2010 put the proposal, for information purposes, to the Public Art Advisory Committee. One Committee member had concerns about it.
- CEO pointed out that there was no direction of Council to not be upfront about the proposal, but the decision was taken because of the time constraints, the full process through the Public Art Advisory Committee would not be followed. The minutes of that meeting went to the June Council meeting and were noted by Council. In the process, there have been reports put to Council in May, June and July.
- Issue first appear in the Centralian Advocate on 21 May 2010.
- Council and the applicant were preparing a Memorandum of Understanding about the terms and conditions upon which the statue would be placed on the lawns, the preferred location of the Freemasons in Alice Springs.
- Back in 2005 an initial approach was made to Council to prepare a Public Art Policy. A need to review this policy is coming out of this exercise.
- The issue is why Council did not put the proposal from the start through the Public Art Advisory Committee. The reason is because of the time imperative to be able to adhere to the date of the unveiling of the statue on the 6th of August 2010.

Greg Buxton gave an overview of the background of the statue.

- Following the Council approval of the statue, the project was put forward to the Department of Technical Services. The statue was assessed accordingly on its merits as a structure and as a building project. It was conceived as a steel frame structure with a ferrous cement overlay and would be stood on to a structural concrete base.
- Normal process sought from the developer/owner of the statue, i.e. structural certificates, structural drawings, building permit, traffic management plan for the construction of the statue, design details of all the finishes including the concrete thickness and strength, maintenance proposal for the statue, building program and the normal permits as requirements of anybody building in Alice Springs.
- All of the above requirements since requested have been received by Council
- From a technical point of view, the applicant has complied with the conditions of ASTC. At this stage there is no objection from Council with this project proceeding.

5. **TABLING OF LETTERS IN REGARD TO THE STATUE – Lisa Stefanoff**

Lisa Stefanoff tabled to the Committee a collection of letters she received from the public. A copy is available for the Committee to look at during this meeting. The letters expressed a wide range of opinions from the community ranging from the very personal to people very concern with the Council process.

Lisa Stefanoff also circulated to the members of the Committee copies of the letter that appeared in an extract form in an article in the Centralian Advocate on Tuesday, 27 July 2010. Many signatures on this letter were sent to Lisa after the deadline for getting the

letter to the paper so the paper only showed 15 signatures but there are over 25 signatures.

Lisa thanked everybody who attended today in the interest of public dialogue around this important issue. She noted the attendance today bodes well for the future of a robust discussion in Alice Springs about the best way to produce good public art for Alice Springs is through public consultation, through public dialogue. She added that in her opinion, private pieces of art belong on private land.

Diana McMullin stated that the Alice Springs Town Council has an enviable reputation for its commitment to public art, not only for the art produced but also for its progressive approach to process which can be considered best practice. Is there a way forward at this time to meet the needs of all stakeholders? i.e.:

- to protect Alice Springs Town Council's reputation for excellence in public art;
- to acknowledge the generosity of this gift;
- to honour the role that Stuart played in the development of Alice Springs; and
- to address the concerns of the Public Art Advisory Committee.

Dianna finds that where there is a desire and willingness to find a solution, there is almost always a way forward. What is our objective today? What are we trying to achieve?

The Chairperson advised that the purpose of this meeting today is to explain how the process works but not to stop the process.

The Chairperson advised that all the Aldermen, except for one who is interstate at present, agreed to move the location of the statue to Stuart Park, Stuart Terrace. Mr Pilton has agreed to move the statue to the new location.

6. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Several questions were asked by the public.

The Chairperson thanked the public for their questions and comments.

Discussion followed on the proposal and the process of the Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the Public Art Advisory Committee requests Council to reconsider its decision and put this new proposal through the Advisory Committee process.

Moved: Dianna McMullin

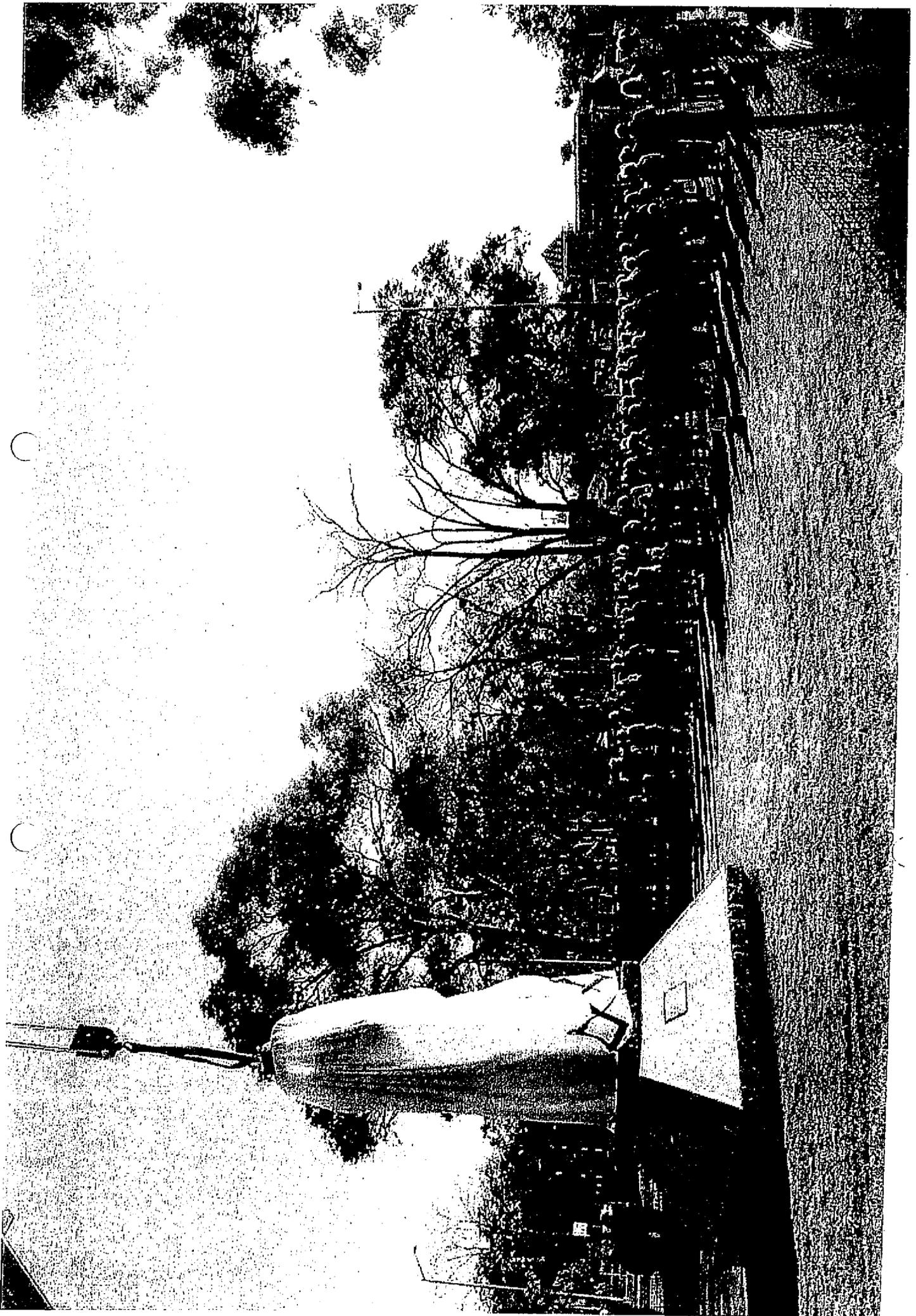
Seconded: Lisa Stefanoff

Voting in the Affirmative	Voting in the Negative
Dianna McMullin	Deputy Mayor Alderman Brendan Heenan
Lisa Stefanoff	Peter Grigg
Andrew Broffman	
Marilena Hippis	
Jan Young	
Lorraine King	

7. CLOSE:

The meeting closed at 1:00pm.

8. NEXT MEETING: 5 August 2010 at 1pm, Andy McNeill room





JOHN MEDOUALL STUART

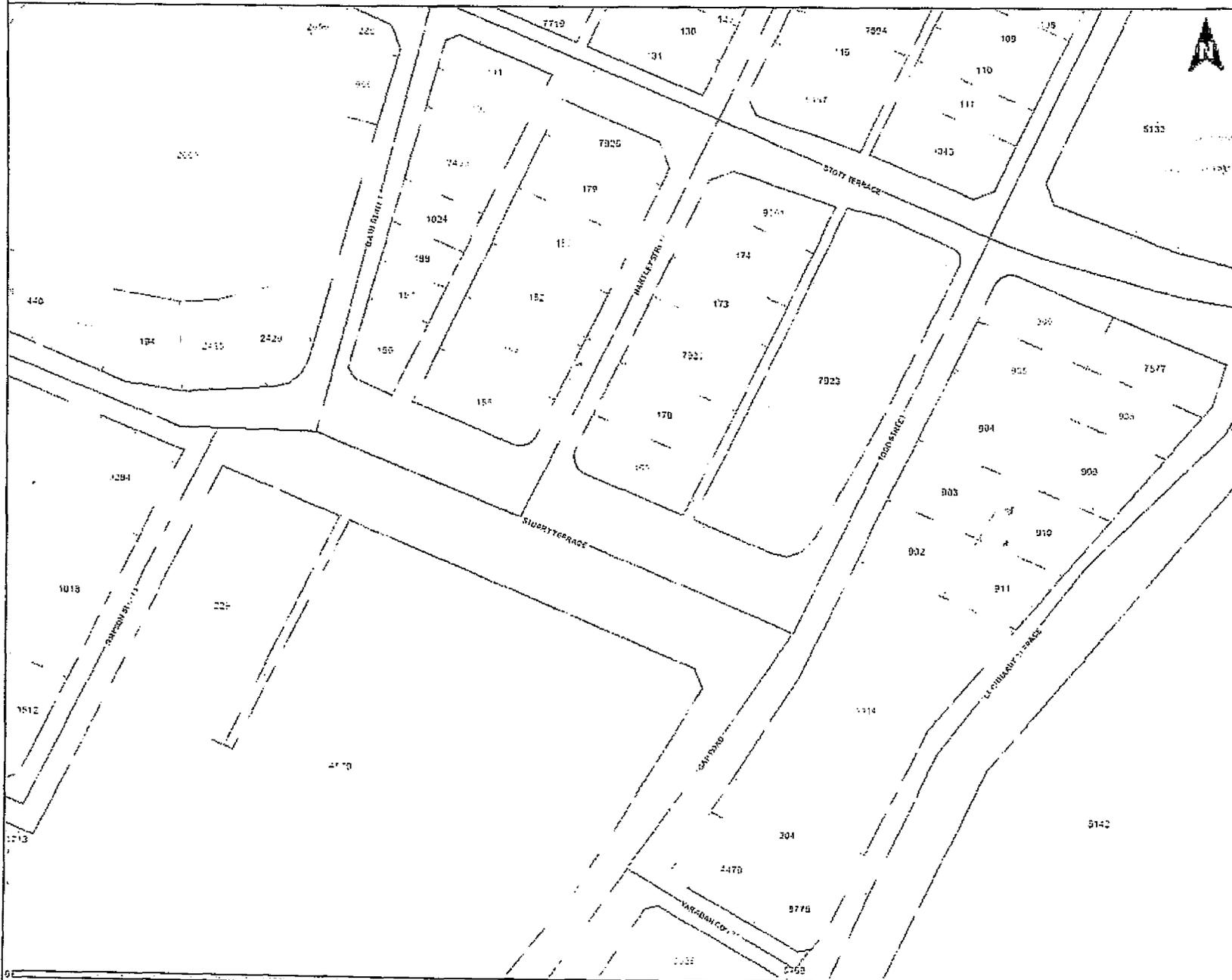
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1860 - 1862





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Enquiries: Debbie Chalker

18 April, 2011

Mr Les Pilton
PO Box 210
Alice Springs NT 0871

Dear Les,

Re: John McDouall Stuart Statue

Further to your letter which you delivered to Council on 5 April, 2011 in regards to the placement of the John McDouall Stuart Statue.

Council Resolution No. 15726 was, the statue be located in Stuart Park at location B as per attached plan.

Mr Greg Buxton and the Heritage Committee met last year. After this meeting the Heritage committee agreed in principal to site B between the pencil pines and the Memorial Club Car Park at Stuart Park.

Council sent you an email dated 12 August, 2010 with the Heritage Application which had been filled out by a Technical Services Officer stating site B is where the statue is to be erected.

Furthermore, Council is still waiting for your final plaque proposal which is subject to Council approval.

Yours Sincerely,

Debbie Chalker
Project Officer Infrastructure
Alice Springs Town Council

Cc: Mr David Stokes



McDouall Stuart
Freemasons Lodge
No. 219 SANTC
Alice Springs, N.T.

Mr. D. Ryan,
Mayor of Alice Springs,
P.O. Box 1071,
Alice Springs, N.T. 0871

Dear Mayor Damien,

Reference: Heritage Area Application for John Mc Douall Stuart Statue

Thank You and your Council for the Letter as controllers of the land known as Stuart Terrace, for allowing our Freemason's Lodge to make application to apply to the Minister for Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport, to erect the Statue of John Mc Douall Stuart on the area called Stuart Park.

There is unfortunately a problem with the map that accompanied Council's letter, as unfortunately the area described for application is simply at odds with the previously agreed area as the substitute for the initial agreed site on Our Town's Council lawns.

Our Lodge is prepared to make an application to the Minister to erect our Town's Statue on the substituted area as previously agreed; the foundation area dug by a Council backhoe; and to be clear is the area closest to the Royal Flying Doctor Base, not the area closest to Gap Road.

We believe there has been a simple typographical error in the description of the site and would welcome it as such, but if there is another reason for the proposed change for which we have had no consultation, we will not support any application to have the Statue erected near Gap Road.

We are aware that there was some initial concern with regard to lighting in Stuart Terrace and we were prepared to accept the interim (as promised) shortfall, but we see that Council has wisely put additional lighting into the area and we are comforted by this.

Would Council please confirm that there was a typographical error, confirming the erection site is as previously commenced at the Flying Doctor Base end of Stuart Terrace? Any information contrary to this and our submission to the Minister would lead, we believe, to Council revisiting the original approval for the Statue to be rightly erected on Our Council lawn area. Hindsight has shown that the location on Our Council lawns was never in dispute, it was only a perceived right by a group to be involved in a consultation process.

Correspondence to: Secretary, P.O Box 210, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, 0871



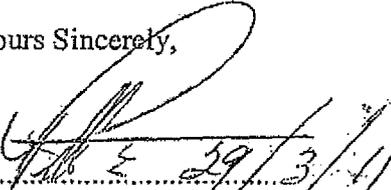
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Freemasons Lodge
No. 219 SANTC
Alice Springs, N.T.

Our Freemason's Lodge is committed to seeing the project to fruition, no matter how long it takes.

The Ceremony surrounding the unveiling of the Statue and the overwhelming support of our Townspeople was an indication that our Lodge has a responsibility to achieve a just and proper outcome for our Community and we will not be found to be wanting in that regard!

We look forward to continuing good relations with Council and particularly thank those Councillors who are coming onboard and showing preparedness to support the erection of the Statue (albeit depending on the Minister -on Our Council laws) to show we are a mature Town.

Yours Sincerely,


..... 29/3/11
Worshipful Brother Les Pilton
John Mc Douall Stuart Sesquicentennial Committee Chairman



Application under Section 39(1) of the Heritage Conservation Act 1991 to undertake works etc on a heritage place or object.

Information required under Regulation 8 of the Heritage Conservation Act 1991:

A. Administrative information

Name of the heritage place or object: Stuart Terrace Alice Springs NT.

Location of the heritage place or object: (eg Lot or Portion number) Stuart Terrace Alice Springs NT.

Brief description (if a heritage object):

Erect a statue of John McDouall Stuart.

B. Proof that the applicant is the owner of the place or object

(eg attach copy of title. If the applicant is not the owner, a letter authorising the application signed by the owner should be attached). This is a Council controlled road

C. Description of the work to be carried out (including alteration, additions, removal, demolition). Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Erect a 5m high statue of John McDouall Stuart.

(Please refer to attachment A)

Statue to be erected in park Section B as shown on Attachment.

D. Reasons for carrying out the work

Please refer to Attachment B.

E. Documents or other evidence supporting the application (eg photographs, plans, reports)

Attached:

YES

NO

F. Applicant's name:

Signature:

Date:

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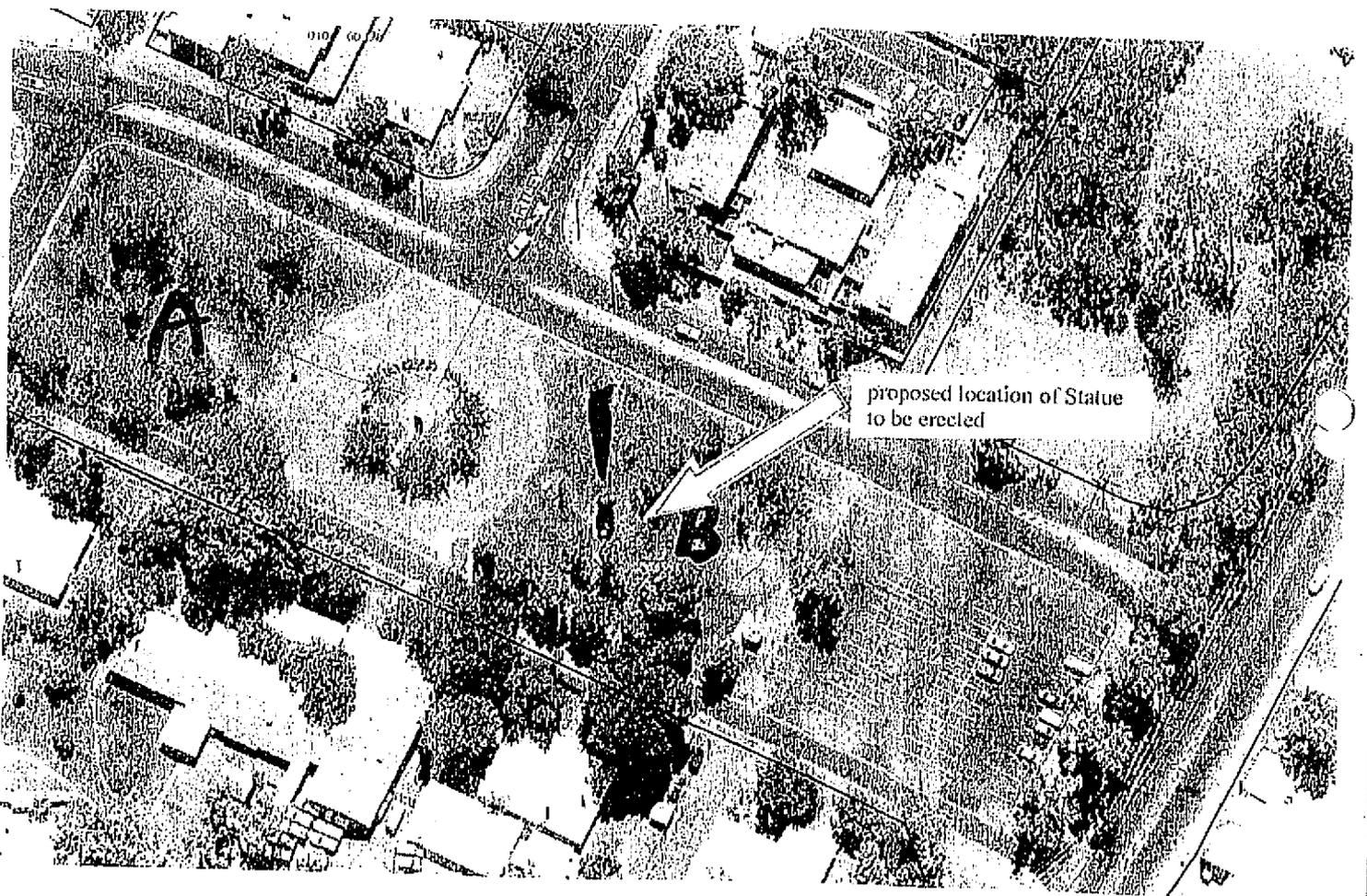
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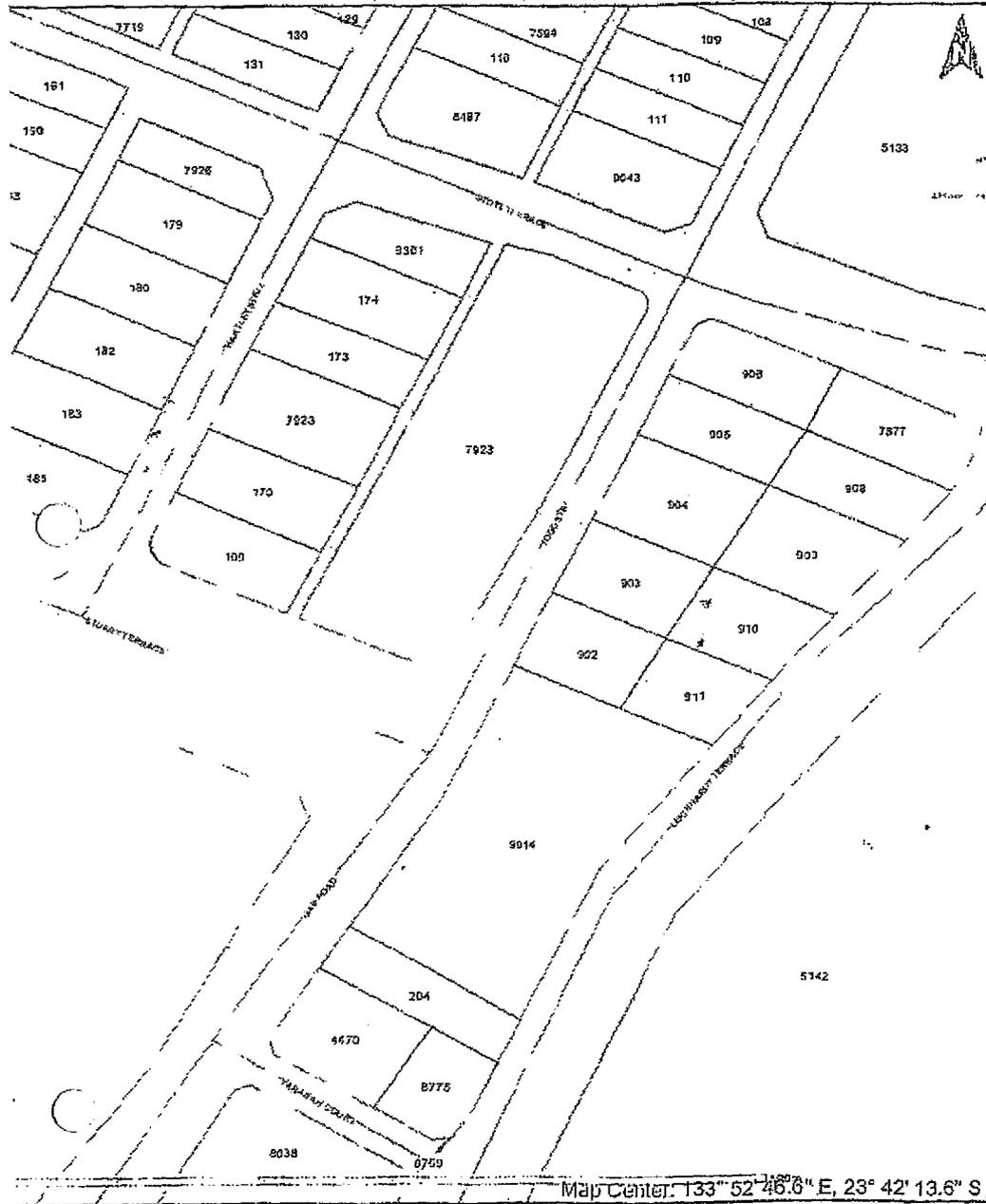
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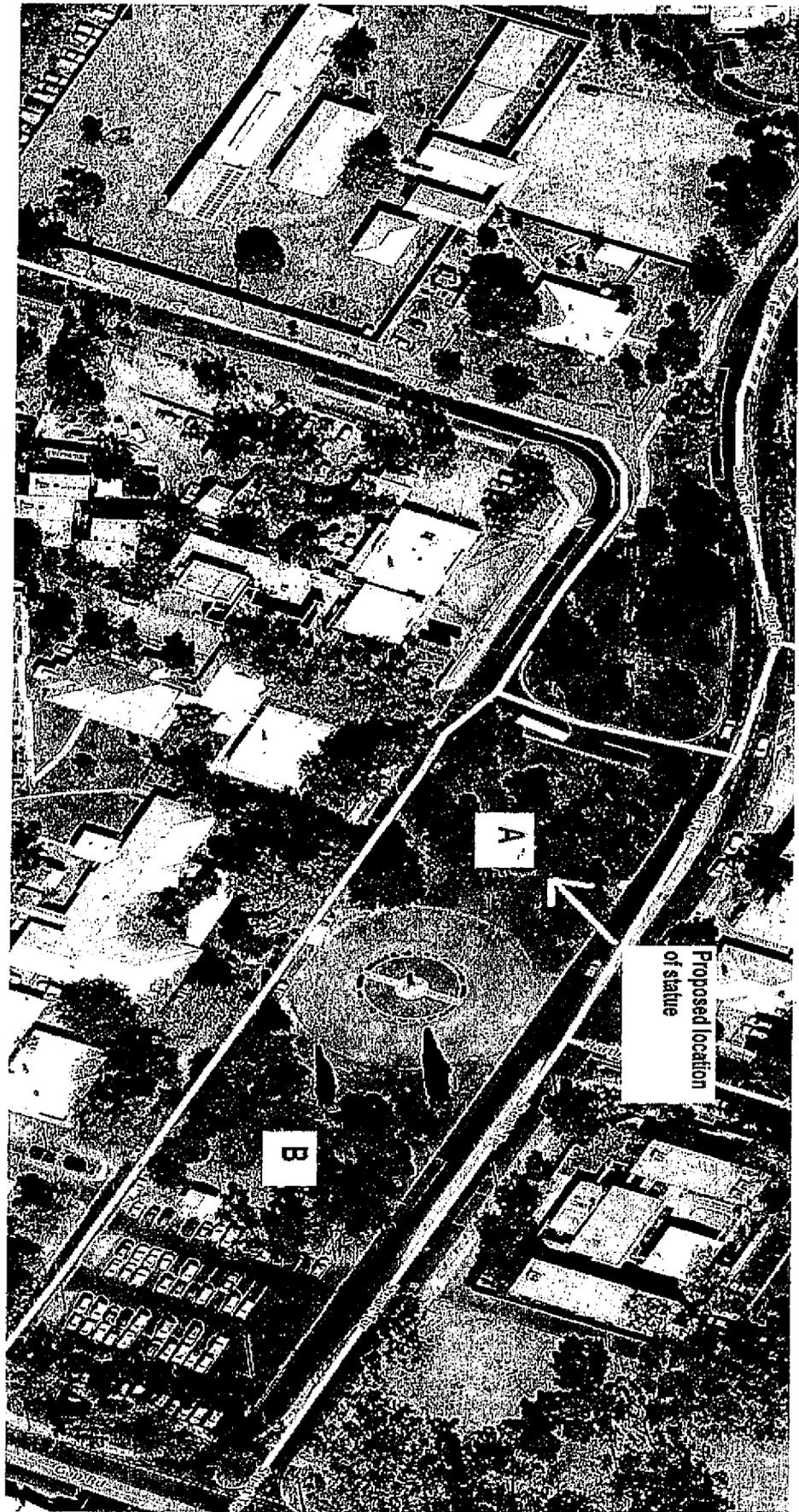
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Attachment B

The Alice Springs Town Council wishes to erect a five metre high statue of John McDouall Stuart in Stuart Terrace Heritage Precinct.

The statue will be a symbol of recognition of John McDouall Stuart passing through Alice Springs (previously named the town of Stuart) during his exploration of crossing the continent.

Council feel this is the most appropriate place to erect this statue due to the area of Stuart Terrace being named after John McDouall Stuart.





Enquiries: Cindy Savage

03 August 2012

Mr Connolly
GPO Box 1120
ALICE SPRINGS NT 0871

Dear Mr Connolly,

HERITAGE APPLICATION – JOHN MCDOUALL STUART STATUE

Alice Springs Town Council wishes to erect a statue of John McDouall Stuart in the Stuart Terrace Heritage Precinct. Council feel that the Stuart Terrace area is an appropriate place to erect the statue due to the area being named after John McDouall Stuart. Attached is the application to undertake works within a heritage place.

If you have any queries, I can be contacted on 08 89500571 or csavage@astc.nt.gov.au

Regards

Cindy Savage

ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT PROJECTS

**Application under Section 39J(1) of the
Heritage Conservation Act 1991 to undertake works etc
on a heritage place or object.**

Information required under Regulation 8 of the *Heritage Conservation Act 1991*:

A. Administrative information

Name of the heritage place or object: *Stuart Terrace, Alice Springs*

Location of the heritage place or object:
(eg Lot or Portion number) *Stuart Terrace Heritage Precinct*

Brief description (if a heritage object):

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B. Proof that the applicant is the owner of the place or object

(eg attach copy of title. If the applicant is not the owner, a letter authorising the application signed by the owner should be attached or the owner should sign the application form).

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**C. Description of the work to be carried out (including alteration, additions, removal, demolition).
Attach additional sheets if necessary.**

*Erect a 5m high statue of
John McDouall Stuart*

*Refer to Attachment A for
proposed location of statue.*

D. Reasons for carrying out the work

Refer to Attachment B

E. Documents or other evidence supporting the application (eg photographs, plans, reports)

Attached:

YES

NO

F. Applicant's name: *ASTC*

Signature: *J.M. Ball*

Date: *6/8/2012.*

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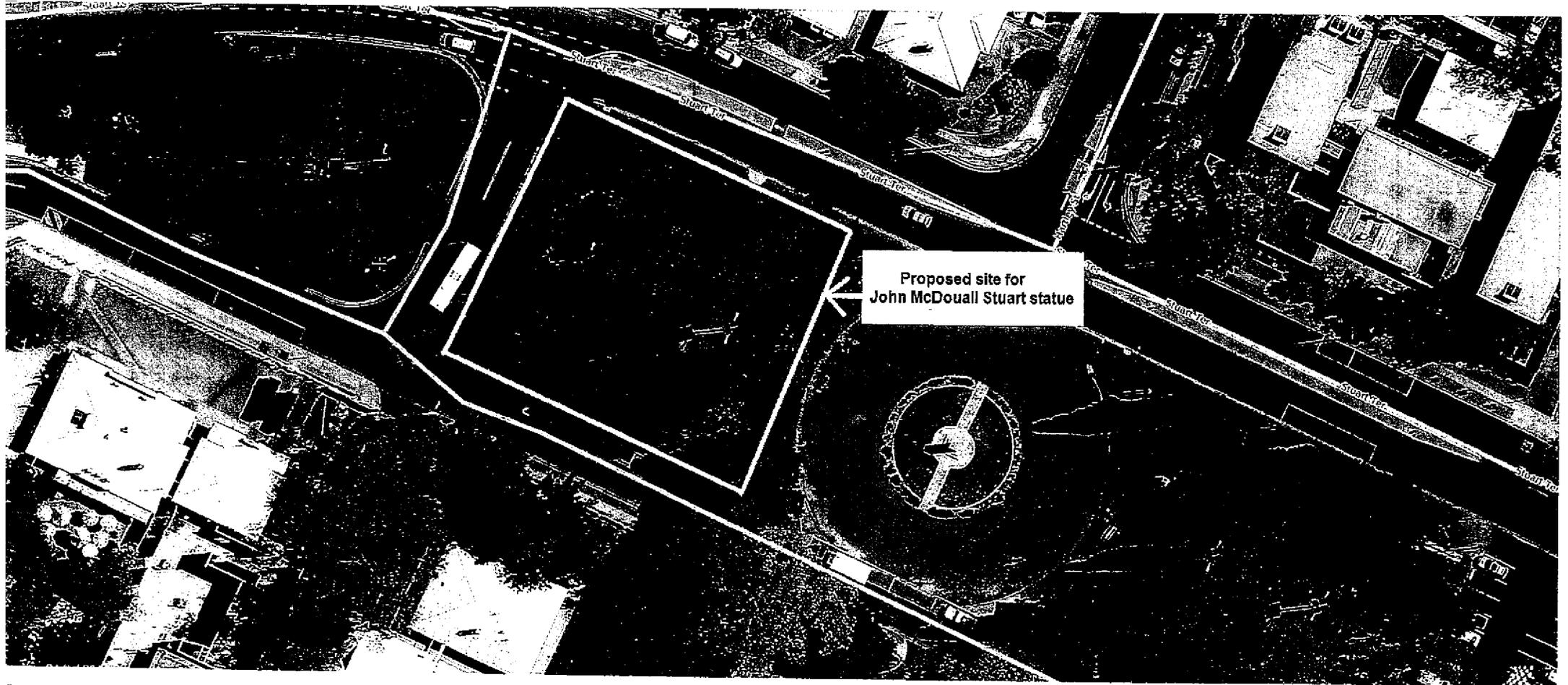
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