

HOMIE HEAVEN HELL

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Camden Park House



INTRODUCTION:

BACKGROUND:

- ❖ Sixth generation to occupy the family home
- ❖ In residence for 28 years
- ❖ Maintaining Camden Park as a family home is our objective

SURVIVAL SKILLS

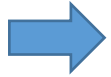
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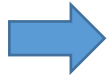
ATTITUDE

“We shape our buildings; thereafter they shape us.” *Winston Churchill*

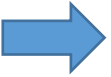
We view ourselves as custodians rather than owners.



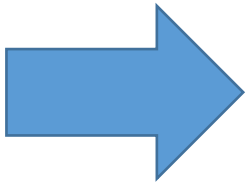
how we utilise our structure



the contribution we receive from the many outstanding people who help us



enables people to enjoy the ride with you



Ownership of an historic house appears to be a limiting concept if you want long term sustainability

II

STRUCTURE

Elements:

- Family Trust ownership of Camden Park
- Private Family Company



continuity of purpose
oversees farming operations

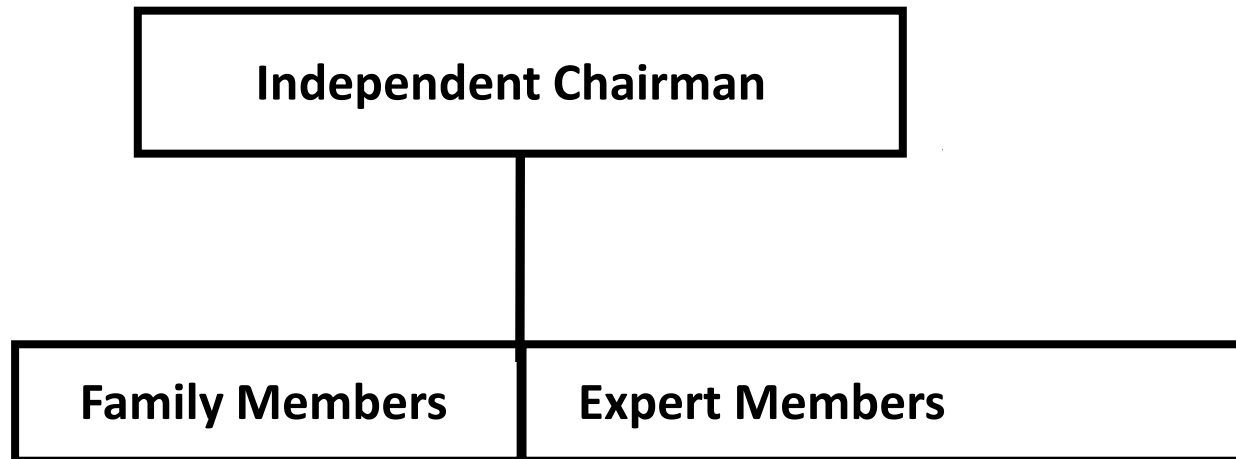


Camden Park Preservation Committee



heritage advice and oversight

CPPC Structure



- unincorporated organisation
- meetings minuted, decisions recorded, budgets prepared
- accounts audited annually
- receives all proceeds from tours, open days, film location fees etc.
- appropriately resourced to get things done
- has tax deductible gift status

BENEFITS of CPPC

- ❖ **Advice:** diverse opinions, expertise, sounding board, energy
- ❖ **Distance:** removes doubts over self interest, separates family from heritage
- ❖ **Governance:** ensures funds effectively spent. Good record of achievements
- ❖ **Motivation/discipline:**
- ❖ **Confidence:**
- ❖ **Promotes sustainability:**



PEOPLE

We have found many outstanding people who are willing to contribute:

- ❖ Held open days for over 45 years – all based on volunteer support
- ❖ Garden volunteers: 20 – 30 volunteers who attend regular working bees
- ❖ Archive Group: small group who visit every 3 weeks

Volunteers need to be empowered:

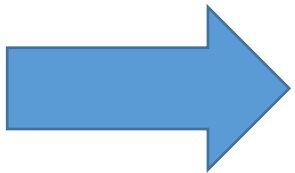
Attitude: custodian versus ownership: ‘working with’ versus ‘working for’

Structure and Resourcing:

- Garden volunteers organise themselves
- Initially supported with funding of \$5,000 – after over 10 years they have \$12,000 left

Access to quality tradesmen who like heritage work is important.

- A role for HHA ?



It's people who get things done ... let them have a loose rein

IV

MANAGING CHANGE

Threats and opportunities are always emerging.

Like body surfing:

Some waves not worth catching:

- Government funding historically too difficult

Some waves can dump you:

- land values/rates
- urban development and government infrastructure policy
- exposure to long wall coal mining

Some waves are worth catching:

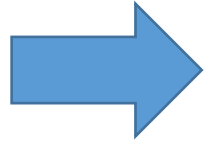
- volunteers
- bio banking
- locations
- gardens



IMPORTANT to keep looking out to sea

Managing the Future of Camden Park

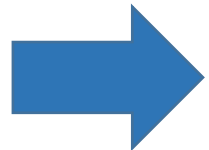




IMPORTANT to position yourself for the good and bad waves

“Managing the Future of Camden Park”

- Identifying the significance of Camden Park
- Identifying the threats
- Establishing relative importance
- Positioning the Report with relevant Government Departments and authorities



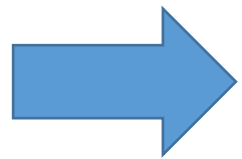
Our attempt to be prepared



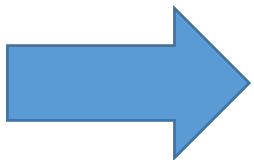
RESULTS

But ... what are the results ?

At our next CPPC meeting we are due to review:



what we have achieved in the last five years



set our priorities for the next five years

Some CPPC Projects – Past & Present

Projects 2012 – 2017

1. Stables Restoration Project
2. Glass House for propagation
3. Report “Managing the Future of Camden Park”
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7. Re-roof portico outside of breakfast room
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18. New fence for north-east garden boundary
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25. Irrigation stages 2 & 3
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29. Damp proofing of old kitchen, office, etc.
30. Anemoniflora breeding project and plant out
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33. Clearing of Old English Woods

Possible Projects 2018 – 2023

1. Camden Park Website
2. Sandstone Restoration - Stage 2
3. Library Carpet
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7. Commercialisation of CP Nursery sales
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11. Replanting trees of significance

14. Dormitory – replace pressed ceiling
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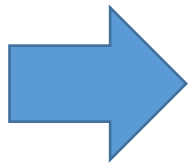
17. Stabilise original wine vats stonework etc.
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19. External painting of main block
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24. Store and conserve map collection
26. Repairs to main slate roof

I think our attitude, structure and
people are delivering

We have been fortunate to have been supported by
many outstanding people



*I hope we are sustainable and that Camden Park remains
a family home for generations to come ...*





◆ CAMDEN PARK c.1835 ◆