



## PLATYPUS COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MEETING NOTES SUMMARY SYDNEY HARBOUR FEDERATION TRUST 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017

#### Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country and Introduction

#### CAC Member Recruitment

Members were advised, that the Board has approved the CAC's recommendations for a new Platypus CAC member who will represent the community on the Neutral Bay, side of the Bay. The recruitment is currently underway.

#### Planning Update

Members were provided an update on the recent and upcoming works on site, which include the

- Northern Deck (complete) - the height of the deck has been designed so a pontoon may be attached in the future.
- Demolition of building 3 (administration building) - in preparation for the creation of a landscaped plaza. Demolition to be completed over a three month period.
- Building strip-out works.

Members were advised that a Noise Management Plan has been developed and the works will largely be carried out on weekdays.

Members discussed vehicles leaving the site, and use of the round-about when exiting the site. Harbour Trust advised road safety information would be incorporated into site induction information.

#### Platypus Renewal Project – Public Exhibition

Members were provided with an overview of the Platypus Renewal Project:

- Implementing Management Plan 2016
- \$23.8 million works programme
- Public Exhibition: Proposed Works + Public Access

- New Open Space
  - On the foreshore, Facing High St
- Access Improvements
  - Kesterton Link, Lift/Stairs, Parking, Kiara Close
- Building renovation
  - Base refurbishment of select buildings for future use

The public exhibition will be held 20 July – 16 August and include a body of material:

- Schematic Design (Drawings, Plans)
- Planning Statement
- Heritage Assessment
- Visual Assessment
- Transport Management (Construction / Operational)
- Noise Management (Construction / Operational)
- Aquatic Biodiversity
- Kiara Close – concept plans

The Harbour Trust advised that the Kesterton Park link will be one of the first items to be completed.

Members discussed the importance of off-street parking and deliveries to the site, once it is active. Harbour Trust staff advised that the Harbour Trust has been liaising with Iora and Council regarding conceptual road safety improvements for Kiara Close. This concept is on public exhibition. These works will need to be undertaken by Council, because under the terms of the public right of way, responsibility for maintenance and management of Kiara Close rests with the Council.

Members were advised that the Harbour Trust will start its process of seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from prospective tenants in August 2017 and this will take some time, with tenants expected to start moving into the site from 2019 onwards.

Members discussed the RANTME building and the community's preference for more open space on the site. Harbour Trust staff clarified that many buildings and structures had already been demolished as part of the remediation project, and still more would go as part of the renewal project, which will result in a significant increase in new public open space on the site. Moreover, the Management Plan proposes that the RANTME factory will be substantially modified, by setting back its upper level, which will reduce its footprint, improve its appearance, and provide public access on three sides.

Members discussed the construction time frame and the possibility of all construction/demolition being undertaken at the same time. Members were advised the Harbour Trust considered keeping the site closed until January 2019 when all work is finished, or opening in May 2018 with parts still under construction. The latter option was selected as it allows the site to be opened earlier.

### **Communications and Consultation**

Over the remainder of the year the key communications activities for Platypus will be for:

- Stage One Works. A significant communications campaign is planned to inform the community of the exhibition, including letterbox drop of the Platypus newsletter to local residents, advertising/editorial in the Mosman Daily, social media and email communications.

- The EOI launch will involve a media event on site on the 31 August.
- The EOI campaign to call for applications for the leasing of the site's buildings. The media launch will be supported by an advertising campaign and the launch of a Platypus website. The EOI process will be a two stage process with an initial call for Expression of Interest followed by a more detailed Request for Proposals stage.
- As part of the EOI launch the Harbour Trust will develop a new logo and brand for the site. We have engaged an agency to develop graphics that incorporate the site's history, feedback gathered from open days as well as developing a brand that allows for greater industry and marketing reach.

### Communication Channels

As we move into the next stages of the project, the Harbour Trust will implement a communications strategy to ensure the community is kept informed of the project. The key communications channels used will be:

- Platypus newsletter – letterbox dropped to local residents – two per year or as needed
- Introduction of a Platypus e.newsletter distributed quarterly
- Launch of a Facebook page – allow us to connect to a new audience and have an active online community prior to site opening
- Launch of a mini website dedicated to the site
- Program of media releases for the local and specialist media

### **HMAS Platypus – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event**

Members were provided an overview of the upcoming event. The event commemorates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the commissioning of HMAS Platypus and the arrival of HMAS OXLEY, first of six OBERON class submarines forming the Australian Submarine Squadron [AUSSUBRON].

The event is being run by the Submarine Institute of Australia and the NSW Branch of the Submarines Association of Australia and the ceremony will comprise invited and keynote addresses followed by the dedication of the Submariners' Memorial.

Key participants from the operational period from 1967 until 1999 are expected to attend and speak of their appreciation for what has been achieved and local and national invited audience are expected to travel to the event by their own means, except for VIPs who will arrive by cars entering via High Street gate, or by VIP barge / ferry to Neutral Bay wharf on High Street.

### **Submariner Memorial Installation**

Members were provided an update on the Submariner Memorial Installation to be located in the northern park.