

**Minutes of the 24th meeting
of the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust
Chowder Bay Mosman on 1 March 2004**

Present

Mr K McCann	Chair
Clr Susan Hoopmann	Member
Mr Justice Barry O'Keefe	Member
Brigadier Kevin O'Brien (ret'd)	Member
Dr John Moriarty	Member

In attendance

Mr Geoff Bailey	Executive Director
Mr Nick Hollo	Director, Planning, Architecture and Environment
Mr Ron Mason	Manager Planning
Ms Alex Magarey	Senior Planner
Ms Robyn Ephgrave	Secretariat

The meeting opened at 8:05am.

1. Introduction

a) Welcome

The Chair welcomed Ms R. Ephgrave to the meeting.

b) Apologies

Dr Deborah Dearing
Mr Peter Lowry
Mr Bob Conroy

c) The Trust RESOLVED to meet in private because of the need for discussions regarding submissions received about the draft Management Plans for Georges Head and Woollahra No. 1 Former Marine Biological Station. Moved K McCann, seconded B O'Keefe.

d) Declarations or Interest

None

2. Confirmation of the minutes of previous meetings – Agenda Item 2

The Trust RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting on 9 December 2003. Moved by Barry O' Keefe, seconded K. O'Brien.

3. Matters Arising from the Action List - Agenda Item 3

Item 18.2 Deferred until the next meeting.

Item 22.1 Deferred until the next meeting

Item 22.2 Deferred until the next meeting

Item 23.1 A question and answer sheet to be included in the information documents relating to the sale of Markham Close has been prepared by Colliers, reviewed by SHFT and Sparke Helmore, solicitors. The marketing campaign is due to commence. The Chair requested a briefing by Colliers on the marketing campaign.

4. Management Plan – Marine Biology Station Camp Cove - Agenda Item 4.

Mr Mason gave a presentation on the draft Management Plan for the Marine Biology Station Camp Cove.

Issues relating to landscaping, access and car parking were discussed.

B.O'Keefe commented that the aims as expressed in the draft were not clearly consistent with the outcomes proposed and requested that revision be made to clarify that.

K. O'Brien requested that the plan be revised to place more emphasis on the military history of the property in particular its use as a representational residence.

The Trust RESOLVED to:

1. Approve the Management Plan – Marine Biology Station Camp Cove subject to K. McCann and K.O'Brien settling its final form.

Moved K. McCann, seconded B O'Keefe

5. Management Plan Georges Head - Agenda Item 5

Ms Alex Magarey summarised the comments received from the public exhibition of the draft Management Plan.

In general submissions were supportive of the Plan and the outcomes proposed. Most noteworthy was support for the use of the Officer's Mess as a restaurant/function centre, retention of the cottages to be used for residential purposes in the park, removal of the Officer's accommodation building, development of the viewing platform over the gun emplacements and removal of intrusive elements such as overhead powerlines fences and signs.

Mosman Council raised a number of issues in their submission. The Trust noted Mosman Council's objection to the use of buildings on Trust lands for commercial use and more specifically the use of cottages for ongoing residential use.

The Chair requested that G. Bailey write to Mosman Council reiterating the Trust's position and its charter.

The Chair requested that:

a visual inspection by boat to be arranged for the Board; and

a digital representation of how the site will look be prepared.

K. O'Brien requested that instead of referring to the Barnet designed building as the Officers' Mess the naming convention be changed to Gunners' Barracks (later the Officers' Mess) to reflect the original use of the building.

The Trust RESOLVED to:

1. Approve the Georges Head Management Plan subject to the adopting K. O'Brien's naming convention for the Gunners' Barracks.

Moved K O'Brien, seconded S. Hoopmann

The meeting closed at 9:50am.