

SYDNEY HARBOUR FEDERATION TRUST

33rd MEETING

Chowder Bay

17 May 2005 - 8 am public meeting

MINUTES

True & Correct Record of the 33rd Meeting of the
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust

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Chair

Minutes of the 33rd meeting of the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust held at Chowder Bay at 8 am on 17 May 2005.

Present

Mr Kevin McCann	Chair
Clr Susan Hoopmann	Member
Mr Peter Lowry	Member
Dr John Moriarty	Member
Brigadier Kevin O'Brien (ret'd)	Member
The Hon. Barry O'Keefe	Member

In attendance

Mr Geoff Bailey	Executive Director
Mr Andrew Woodmansey	Director, Business Development
Mr Nick Hollo	Director
Mr Craig Watson	Director
Ms Pamela Radford	Secretariat

The meeting opened at 8:04 am.

1. Introduction

a) Apologies

b) The Chair declared this public meeting open and advised attendees that Trust had resolved to meet in public on this occasion and that Trust representatives would be available for questions after the meeting.

c) Declarations of Interest

Nil

2. Cross Street Management Plan - Agenda Item 2.

Mr Nick Hollo presented on the Draft Management Plan for the Cross Street Drill Hall Precinct.

The key aims of this plan are to conserve and interpret the Commonwealth Heritage Values of the precinct relating to its military occupation, to maximise public access, to facilitate the adaptive re-use of the former Drill Hall to facilitate the relocation of existing netball courts from Rawson Park to the Cross Street Drill Hall precinct, and to integrate the precinct with adjoining lands as part of a unified Headland Park.

Two options were proposed;

Option 1 A facility comprising: three hard-surfaced outdoor courts and an indoor sports building (to house one multi-purpose court).

Option 2 Five all-weather outdoor courts and no new building.

In discussion on these options, it was noted that Barry O'Keefe would like to ensure that, in arrangement with Mosman Council we agreed that it would rehabilitate the grassed courts at Rawson Park, and that appropriate drainage would be provided to alleviate run off for Bradley's Bushland Reserve.

Brigadier Kevin O'Brien (ret) emphasised the importance of having the Defence History Steering Committee undertake some research into the history of the Drill Hall and to determine an appropriate name that reflects the building's military history.

The chair agreed that there was a need to ensure sites are presented in an historically accurate way.

It was agreed that issues that need to be considered in terms of their effect on neighbouring residents are

- a) time restrictions on the use of the outdoor courts; and
- b) provide that there would be no lighting for the outdoor courts.

Dr Moriarty emphasised the need to consider demographics when considering recreational activity on Trust sites.

The Trust RESOLVED to

1. Endorse the public exhibition of the draft Management Plan for the Cross Street Drill Hall Precinct ; and
2. place the plan on public exhibition.

Moved B O'Keefe, seconded J Moriarty.

3. Georges Head Final Management Plan – Childcare Centre - Agenda Item 3

The Trust RESOLVED to approve the Management Plan for Georges Head that includes the modifications made in response to submissions from the exhibition of this plan.

Moved K O'Brien, seconded S Hoopmann.

4. CAC Membership – Agenda item 4

The Community Advisory committee (CAC) has been formally operating for the 3 years, maximum period a member can hold office. Existing members will be invited to renominate for CAC membership. Any vacant positions are to be filled through advertising for members for the HMAS Platypus site.

The Chair noted that women are under represented on the CAC and asked that the Trust be proactive in encouraging women in the community to become members.

The Trust RESOLVED to approve the proposal recommended for the structure and membership of the CAC for 2005/2006.

Moved by P Lowry, seconded P Hoopmann.

5. **Cockatoo Island Festival** – Agenda Item 5

The chair advised of the inclusion of the Cockatoo Island Festival as an additional agenda item.

A video of the Cockatoo Island Festival was shown to attendees and a summary of the media content was circulated by Geoff Bailey.

Andrew Woodmansey gave a presentation on the Cockatoo Island Festival. The festival featured 138 acts on 10 different stages and there were no major incidents.

The Trust received free media coverage of the Festival to the value of \$1.6million, as established by Brand Advantage.

The Chair thanked Geoff Bailey and the Trust staff for their work in relation to this event.

6. **Contaminated Land Auditor's Report** - Agenda Item 6

A report on the Status of Contaminated Land Audits of Sydney Harbour Federation Trust Lands was noted and the full reports were tabled.

Mr O'Keefe suggested that a letter be sent to the Defence Minister with regard to statements attributed to the Commanding Officer of HMAS Penguin in which it appeared there were incorrect comments relating to the spread of *Phytophthora* on the site from Trust land, published in the *Mosman Daily* on 12 May 2005.

7. **Other Business** - Agenda Item 7

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 9.33 am.