

SYDNEY HARBOUR FEDERATION TRUST

47<sup>th</sup> MEETING

Georges Heights – Public Meeting

8 December 2006

MINUTES

True & Correct Record of the 47<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the  
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust

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Chair

Minutes of the 47<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust held at Georges Heights at 3:30pm on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2006.

Present

Mr Kevin McCann	Chair
Mr Robert Conroy	Member
Clr Susan Hoopmann	Member
Mr Peter Lowry	Member
Dr John Moriarty	Member
Brig. Kevin O'Brien	Member
The Hon Barry O'Keefe	Member
Ms Di Talty	Member

In attendance

Mr Geoff Bailey	Executive Director
Mr Nick Hollo	Deputy Executive Director
Ms Libby Bennett	Director Projects & Planning (for Agenda Item 7)
Mr Craig Watson	Director Cockatoo Island (for Agenda Item 7)
Ms Robyn Ephgrave	Secretariat
Ms Kate Stuart	Secretariat

The meeting, which was held in public, opened at 3:35 pm.

**1. Introduction - Agenda Item 1**

a) Apologies

Nil

b) Declarations of Interest

Nil

c) The Chair declared the meeting open and advised attendees that the Trust had resolved to meet in public on this occasion. He introduced the members of the Board and attendees.

**2. Minutes from 13th November 2006 - Agenda Item 2**

The Board RESOLVED to accept the minutes.

Moved: B. Conroy, Seconded: S. Hoopmann

**3. Matters Arising - Agenda Item 3**

Item 43.2 Bradley Bushland Reserve  
The Trust's proposal to lease Bradley Bushland Reserve from Mosman Council will be discussed by Council at its next meeting.

- Item 45.1      Signage  
A report on the roll-out of the signage program will be presented in the new year.
- Item 46.2      Progress Report on Works  
The Chair has met with Mr Bailey, Mr Kearney and Mr Woodmansey.

**4. Community Advisory Committee - Agenda Item 4**

The changes to membership were discussed.

The Board RESOLVED to

- a)            Approve the appointment of the 2 new nominations: Mr T Moore and Mr P Smith;
- b)            Approve the appointment of Mr Gary Sawyer as a representative of Canada Bay Council;
- c)            Approve the appointment of Cmdr Roger Dobson as representative of HMAS Penguin; and
- d)            Approve the Executive Director writing to each person nominated and specifying, in accordance with S57 (5) of the SHFT Act, that the period of appointment is up to three years with a review occurring annually.

Moved: P. Lowry, Seconded: S. Hoopmann

**5. HMAS Platypus Comprehensive Plan Amendment - Agenda Item 5**

Mr Nick Hollo presented a report on submissions received in connection with the proposal to prepare a draft amendment to the Comprehensive Plan to cover the former HMAS Platypus site.

In general, the consultation and submissions supported:

- providing public access to site and waterfront including pedestrian access links with Kesterton Park and Adderstone Avenue;
- interpreting the various phases of the history of the site;
- retaining and reusing buildings, especially those of historical significance, re-activating the waterfront; and
- providing foreshore open space.

The main concerns were how contamination of the site would be managed, lack of parking and the potential amenity impacts of activities on the site.

Mr Bailey commented that there was strong support among the local and wider community for retaining the buildings and maximising public access.

The draft amendment to the Comprehensive Plan was discussed and it was agreed that:

- rehabilitation and remediation costs be detailed separately in the Plan.

The Board RESOLVED to:

- place the plan on public exhibition for a period of two months, subject to those minor amendments discussed in the meeting being included in the plan;

Moved: P. Lowry, Seconded K. McCann.

**6. Occupational Health and Safety Arrangements - Agenda Item 6**

The Board noted the Occupational Health and Safety Management Arrangements and the Occupational Health and Safety incident report.

B. O'Keefe suggested that:

- all Trust staff sign the Arrangements and agree to adhere to them; and
- minor amendments be made to define or clarify some terms, and where relevant, what OH&S legislation (Federal or State) applied.

The Chair asked that future incident reports be presented in accordance with the Australian Standards and include a column giving the management response for each incident. Incident reports are to be supplied quarterly.

**7. Projects Update and Environmental Report – Agenda Item 7**

Mr Craig Watson and Ms Libby Bennett presented an update on current projects and on the Trust's commitment to environmentally sustainable design. It was suggested that future environmental reports take into consideration the Green Star environmental rating system for buildings. Project and environmental reports are to be prepared quarterly.

**8. Indigenous Program for 2007 – Agenda Item 8**

Dr John Moriarty and Mr Nick Hollo presented a report on the Trust's Aboriginal Heritage program. It is proposed that the program cover the following themes:

- Aboriginal life and culture, pre-European contact (all sites);
- early contact between Aboriginal people and the Europeans (all sites, with reference to particular, site specific historical events, for example at Middle Head and Manly; and
- the involvement of Aboriginal people in the activities on Trust sites since European settlement.

Three events are planned for 2007 including the naming of the Bungaree lookout, a NAIDOC week exhibition, site tours and performances and a Trust stall at the Moocooboola fair, Woolwich.

**9. Executive Directors Report – Agenda Item 9**

The report was noted.

The meeting closed at 5:50 pm.