

SYDNEY HARBOUR FEDERATION TRUST

49<sup>th</sup> MEETING

Georges Heights – Public Meeting

23 April 2007

MINUTES

True & Correct Record of the 49<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the  
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust

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Chair

Minutes of the 49<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust held at Georges Heights at 10am on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2007.

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 Kate Stuart	Secretariat

The meeting opened at 10:05am

**1. Introduction - Agenda Item 1**

a. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed the members of the public to the meeting.

b. Declarations of Interest

Clr. Hoopmann declared an interest in her capacity as Mayor of Hunters Hill Council in relation to Agenda Item 5 – Woolwich Management Plan amendment.

Mr McCann advised the Trust that he had recently been appointed to the NSW Council of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

**2. Minutes from 13 February, 27 March and the Special Resolution of 2 March - Agenda Item 2**

The Trust RESOLVED to accept the minutes.

Moved: K. McCann, Seconded: P. Lowry

Amendments were suggested to the Minutes from the Trust Strategic Planning Day on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2007, as follows:

- Action points to include timeframes;
- Action points to be separated into varying levels of importance;
- Indigenous interpretation outcomes to be listed as an action point;
- Liaison with National Parks and Wildlife is to be added to the Minutes; and
- SHFT to review its operating policies.

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

#### Item 48.1 North Head Title

It was confirmed at the meeting that the vesting of land at North Head was gazetted on 2 January 2007 and from that date the Trust has had legal title in accordance with Section 22 of the Trust Act.

### **4. Draft Macquarie Lightstation Management Plan - Agenda Item 4**

The plan was discussed and the following issues raised:

- a. The likely duration of continued use as a working lightstation needs to be established from the Australian Maritime Safety Authority.
- b. The specific clauses of the leases need to be considered in relation to plantings and permissions.
- c. The Trust should consider producing a small monograph on the history of the site.
- d. Members of the public should be encouraged to enter the site from the adjacent walking track. It was suggested that SHFT work in conjunction with Woollahra Council to make this possible; production of a joint publication/brochure was also suggested.

The Trust RESOLVED to place the draft Macquarie Lightstation Management Plan on public exhibition.

Moved by P. Lowry, seconded B. O'Keefe.

### **5. Woolwich Management Plan amendment - Agenda Item 5**

The amendment to the Plan was discussed. Mr Conroy recommended checking that the amendment does not contravene the Sydney Harbour Regional Environmental Plan. Mr O'Keefe raised the issue that the SHFT tendered the leasing of the site based on a one storey building, and the amendment changes the size of the building. Clr Hoopmann raised the issues of traffic, noise, parking, retention of trees and the ultimate height of the building.

The Trust RESOLVED to place the plan on exhibition subject to the following:

- a. A probity adviser is engaged to review and advise on the Trust's actions in relation to the amendment of the plan; and
- b. The amendment is consistent with the Sydney Harbour Regional Environmental Plan

Mr Bailey will report to the Chairman that there are no issues; or alternately report to the Trust if there are any areas of concern.

### **6. Dogs in the Marine Biological Park – Agenda Item 6**

Mr Menadue's letter was noted. The Trust RESOLVED to take no action at this time.

Moved: B. O'Keefe; Seconded: P. Lowry.

**7. Statements of Expectation and Intent – Agenda Item 7**

The Statements were noted. The Chairman requested the use of plain English in relation to 'site access' in the 'Public Information' section.

**8. Occupational Health and Safety – Agenda Item 8**

The report was noted. Additional information was requested for further reports, including: further detail when serious accidents occur, e.g. the age of the victim; whether claims have been made; whether incidents have been reported to Comcare; and what actions have been taken in light of the incident(s).

**9. Executive Director's Report – Agenda Item 9**

The report was noted. The following comments were made:

- a. The environmental sustainability section within the SHFT annual report needs to be enhanced.
- b. The SHFT should investigate appropriate opportunities to showcase environmental initiatives used on Trust sites.
- c. The environmental activities of the SHFT need to be formally audited
- d. 'Green clauses' need to be built into leases with tenants on Trust sites. Ms Talty offered to provide examples from the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority.
- e. Updates on the ESD Committee's progress are to be provided.
- f. The official opening of the lookout is to be discussed by Mr McCann, Mr Bailey and Mr Fletcher. A suggested date is mid-June.
- g. Members of the Trust would like to inspect the works currently in progress on Cockatoo Island. A meeting, followed by an inspection, was suggested.
- h. Members of the Trust would like to visit the Former Marine Biological Station at Watson's Bay. Mr Bailey will organise a suitable date.

**10. Upcoming Events – Agenda Item 10**

Members of the Trust would like to attend events at the Sydney Writers' Festival. Ms Stuart to co-ordinate arrangements.

A schedule of coming events is to be circulated to Board members by e-mail. Brochures/invitations for events will continue to be sent to all Board members.

**11. Other business**

Brig. O'Brien confirmed that the History Sub-Committee would meet in early June. Topics of discussion will include:

- a. An update on the tunnel restoration at Georges Heights;
- b. Progress on the hospital ward; and
- c. A presentation by the North Fort volunteers, detailing their plans.

Minutes from this meeting will be circulated to the Board.

A researcher has been engaged to detail the lives of former patients at the hospital at Georges Heights. Mr Bailey will follow up on the status of this research with Patrick Fletcher.

The meeting closed at 11:45 am.