



MEETING NOTES SYDNEY HARBOUR FEDERATION TRUST COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CAC MEETING – 9 OCTOBER 2018

Time: 6:00 – 8:01pm
Venue: Gatehouse Sub Base Platypus, North Sydney

Present:

Mayor Jilly Gibson (part)
Mathew Bradley
Rob Crawford
Paul Forward
Jill L'Estrange
Colleen Godsell
Matthew Rafferty
Kate Eccles
Adele Rancan
Mayor Carolyn Corrigan (prat)

Daniel Sealey (Harbour Trust)
Rebecca Hill (Harbour Trust)
Mary Darwell (Harbour Trust)
Rebecca Hage (Harbour Trust)
Libby Bennett (Harbour Trust)
Justin Bock (Harbour Trust)

Apologies:

Trent Zimmerman MP
Roy MacLeod
Flynn McDermott
Tony Abbott
Michael Regan
Julie Goodsir
Bob Smith
Beth Lawsen
Sarah Dining

Meeting note: This CAC meeting was rescheduled from 14 August.

Executive Director – Welcome and Update

Mary Darwell (MD) welcomed attendees to the meeting and acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land and elders past and present.

MD provided an update on the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), noting the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Group have met and endorsed the Working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Businesses Protocol Document. The Interpretation strategy was circulated for information.

MD also provided a performance overview of the 2017/2018 Annual Report.

The Committee suggested a social media site for Harbour Trust tenants to communicate and share ideas would be beneficial.

Actions:

- Harbour Trust to investigate options to create shared social media site for tenants.

MD provided an overview of the safety/restoration project planned for 7ⁱ large, unrestored cranes in the portfolio of 17 cranes on Cockatoo Island. For safety reasons, the jibs and operator's cabs from the cranes will be lowered, which will also facilitate a detailed assessment of their condition. These components will remain on the ground until further funding is available to restore the structures.

The committee enquired as to the possibility for commercial sponsorships or philanthropic donations to be utilised to fund the renovations. CAC endorsed idea of considering the funding of crane renovations using philanthropy and/or corporate sponsorship as part of an overall philanthropy strategy. Suggestions from the group included seeking donations on the website, and corporate sponsorship or focused fundraising for the cranes.

MD informed the committee that a philanthropy strategy is currently underway and will outline the possible philanthropic opportunities for the Harbour Trust.

Events, activations and visitor experience

The Harbour Trust provided an overview of the upcoming events due to take place across the sites. These include:

- Invictus Games – 20 October
- Launch of Cockatoo Island Ghostyard Paranormal Tour – 31 October
- Festival of Dangerous Ideas – 3 and 4 November
- Macquarie Lighthouse 200th Anniversary
- Annual NYE Celebrations – 30 December
- SailGP – 14 February

The Harbour Trust provided an overview of the current visitor profiles results across all sites. The data from the visitor profiles has been gathered across different areas of each sites, at differing times and through different measures of collection.

Platypus Renewal Project

The Harbour Trust provided an update on the Platypus Renewal Project, informing the Committee that the site was well into the construction of Stage 1B. This stage involves the refurbishment of Building 2, the Submarine School and Building 10, the old Fleet workshops as well functional aspects added to the site including a lift for disabled access, stairway, clifftop walkway and the creation of Gateway Plaza and Arrival Square. Stage 1B is scheduled for completion in late 2019 with tenancies commencing thereafter.

The Harbour Trust does not currently have funding for Stage 2 of the renewal project.

ITEMS FOR CONSULTATION

Harbour Trust Website

The Harbour Trust presented the results from the "Harbour Trust Website Revitalisation" survey distributed to the CAC prior to the meeting held 9 October. The feedback provided to the Harbour Trust will be incorporated into the aesthetics and functionality of the website

North Head Proposed Telecommunications Tower

The Harbour Trust presented a proposal from Telstra for a telecommunications tower at North Head Sanctuary. Existing telecoms facility must relocate from Manly Hospital which closes on 30 October 2018. The proposal is for a 30 metre tower behind residences on Artillery Drive which will provide mobile service to area around North Head as well as assist emergency services responding the distress calls in the area. This is being strongly supported by police and local council. The Harbour Trust has agreed to provide opportunity to accept a detailed DA, noting they were not endorsing the plan at this stage, merely reviewing a proposed application and will consult with the community prior to making a decision on the matter.

The Committee provided feedback which included:

- Concern around the height and visual impact
- Desirability of an alternative location- in particular the existing water tower
- Noting possible negative impacts to health, including tenants and the general public
- Noting possible negative impact on flora, fauna and wildlife
- Investigation required to assess long term impact on the surrounding environment
- Importance of adequate telecommunications and coverage for visitors, volunteers and to aid evacuation

Action:

- Harbour Trust to engage Community Safety Committee as part of community consultation process
- Harbour Trust to investigate fully the options for placement of the tower as part of the DA Assessment

CONSULTATION OUTCOMES

Mosman Council Proposal – Drill Hall

The Harbour Trust provided an update on the proposal for lighting at Mosman Drill Hall;

At the Harbour Trust Board meeting on 18 September 2018, the Harbour Trust Board considered the matter including feedback received from government and community stakeholders; the findings of technical reports that examined current and potential traffic, parking, noise and lighting; and the provisions of the Management Plan and site Lease, in relation to night time use of the outdoor netball courts.

The Board resolved to defer consideration of any amendment to the Mosman Drill Hall Precinct Management Plan to permit night time use of the outdoor netball courts, until Mosman Council provides and implements a Traffic Management Plan to improve traffic and safety in the area, and carries out a review in six months' time to ascertain the result of this work. The Traffic Management Plan should also examine scheduling of activities in the sport and recreation precinct. Until this is carried out, the Harbour Trust Board has determined that it cannot consider further intensification of use for this site.

The CAC discussed this decision and possible opportunities for improved/additional parking elsewhere. It was agreed traffic management and safety were important issues that required resolution.

Action:

- Noted the advice that the Harbour Trust would write to Mosman Council to advise Board decision and that decision and technical reports would be made available on the Harbour Trust website.

¹ Following the meeting the, the numbers of cranes requiring essential work was revised to six. Further details are available on the Harbour Trust website as the works progress.