



PLATYPUS COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING NOTES SUMMARY SYDNEY HARBOUR FEDERATION TRUST PLATYPUS CAC MEETING – 5 SEPTEMBER 2016

The Platypus CAC met on 5 September 2016 to discuss the Draft Management Plan, Revitalisation Priorities, plans for the 50th anniversary and concepts for the submariner memorial.

Consultation Update

- CAC Members were provided an overview of the feedback received during the “Plan Possibilities” phase of consultation for the Draft Management Plan.
- One member asked if there was feedback specific to different areas of the site, such as RANTME. Members were informed that during the “Plan Possibilities” phase of consultation, more people indicated a desire to see RANTME adaptively re-used than demolished.
- Members were informed that the Draft Plan would be placed on an extended-six week public exhibition period and that the Harbour Trust would host a Drop-In Session for the public to attend and discuss questions and feedback with the Planning Team.

Management Plan Update

- Members were given an overview of the key aims and outcomes for the Draft Management Plan.
- Members discussed possibilities to best provide access to the site and there was strong support for an over-water walkway link to Kesterton Park.
- Members were briefed on the results of a traffic and access study and potential opportunities to improve connections between the levels of the site.
- Members discussed potential demolition of the 3-storey administration building to create additional open space and members who were former workers agreed it did not have significant heritage.

Revitalisation Priorities Update

- Members were provided an update on recent works to fulfil the Harbour Trust’s Revitalisation Priorities for Platypus, which will guide the allocation of the \$20 million in funding.
- Members were informed that concept designs and costings are being worked through and this will inform plans to revitalise the site in stages.
- Members were keen to see permanent public access to the site established as a high priority.

50th Anniversary Commemoration Plans & Submariner Memorial

- A CAC Member who is part of the Submariners Institute of Australia (SIA) provided an overview of plans to commemorate the site's 50th anniversary of its commissioning as Australia's first purpose-built submarine base in 2017.
- Members from the Submariners Association of Australia (SAA) discussed plans for the submariner memorial planned for the site.