



MEETING NOTES HARBOUR TRUST COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CAC MEETING – 6 NOVEMBER 2019

Time: 6:00 – 8:30pm
Venue: Harbour Trust Offices, Mosman

Present:

Committee members

Beth Lawsen
Paul Forward
Julie Goodsir
Geoffrey Lambert
Jill L'Estrange
Sarah Dinning
Kate Eccles
Colleen Godsell AM
John Tropman
Stuart Sprott
Robyn Lewis
Kate Evers
Malcolm Moir
Mayor Carolyn Corrigan
Peta Garrett (Representing Zali Steggall MP)
Carolyn McNally (Harbour Trust Reviewer)

Harbour Trust Staff

Mary Darwell
Kathryn Roberts
Daniel Sealey
Rebecca Hage
Michael Brennan

Apologies:

Cdr Bernadette Alexander
Trent Zimmerman MP
Zali Steggall MP
Mayor Peter Cavanagh
Mayor Mark Bennett
Mayor Michael Regan
Matthew Rafferty
Roy MacLeod
Mayor Michael Regan
Mayor Jilly Gibson
Rob Crawford
Rita Chowdhury
Flynn McDermott
Roy Macleod

Executive Director – Welcome and update

Mary Darwell (MD) welcomed the committee and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land. MD notified the committee of the recent appointment of Board member Michael Rose AM. Michael is the Chair of the Committee of Sydney.

MD also provided an update on works at Sub Base Platypus. The site is on track for practical completion at the end of November. Recent additions to the site include historical interpretation as well as the installation of the clifftop walk and elevator connecting all levels of the site.

MD provided a brief overview of the Independent Review of the Harbour Trust, introducing Carolyn McNally, Lead Reviewer for the project.

Harbour Trust Review

Carolyn McNally (CM) provided an in-depth overview of the Independent Harbour Trust Review, expressing the importance of the project is to ensure the Harbour Trust's arrangements are fit for the future. CM outlined the Review will assess the whole organisation.

The review will take place from October 2019 until March 2020, and will involve three public consultation forums for community input. The public also have the opportunity to submit feedback outside of these forums through the Department's website. CM highlighted the importance of community feedback to the process. CM further noted that the intention of the Review is to provide the Government with a number of potential options, not one definitive position.

The Committee were overall supportive of the review. However, they felt that the request for community submissions is premature given that they do not yet have a clear idea of what outcomes are being proposed. The Committee highlighted the Review team should identify a more realistic timeframe for consultation and that the closing date for submissions does not provide adequate time to coordinate a response. The Committee felt that the March 2020 date would be more appropriate for the release of an interim report for the community to provide feedback. The Committee also noted the review should incorporate a broad cross section of community engagement.

The Committee also requested CM and Erin Flattery, NSW appointed reviewer, meet with the group to consult further. The Harbour Trust advised this will be coordinated with the Department.

ACTION – Harbour Trust to facilitate additional meeting between Reviewers and CAC.

Marketing and Visitor Experience

The Harbour Trust provided a brief overview of Marketing and Visitor Experience. The Harbour Trust completed the successful execution of the Sydney Open tours at North Fort in North Head and Sub Base Platypus and welcomed the addition of Torpedoes Pop-up café at Sub Base Platypus as well as the Studio A *Home* exhibition.

The Harbour Trust launched the Middle Head Markets in October and has received positive feedback from the community. The Markets operate every Wednesday from 8am until 2pm.

The Harbour Trust also provided an overview of visitation numbers at three key sites; Cockatoo Island, North Head Sanctuary and Headland Park. Key takeaways include an increase of younger and international visitors to Cockatoo Island but a slightly lower satisfaction rating. There is a high interest in nature walks at North Head Sanctuary, although less visitors are arriving via public transport. Headland Park remains the most visited site of the Harbour Trust sites, noting exercise as the main reason for visiting the precinct.

ACTION – Harbour Trust to circulate visitor profiles to Committee.

Mosman Drill Hall Precinct – Consultation Item

The Harbour Trust provided an overview of the Draft Drill Hall Management Plan Amendment and Development Application provided by Mosman Council.

Committee feedback included:

Jill L'Estrange- the Harbour Trust has provided an inadequate environmental report regarding the impact of light at the Mosman Drill Hall. The report was conducted too early in the day to warrant adequate information surrounding impact to flora and fauna. The proposed directional lighting will attract an increase in bird life to the area in the evening. Similar issues have been raised with directional lighting at the MCG Stadium. The Harbour Trust has not accurately assessed the increase of traffic to the area; the carpark outside the Drill Hall will not cater to the increase in occupancy.

Beth Lawsen- to mitigate light spill The Harbour Trust can ensure the lighting on the netball courts is controlled electronically and automatically. Many sporting fields use timed lights which automatically defuse following completion of training.

Kate Eccles- the HPG are concerned that if the netball courts at the Drill Hall are not lit, netball clubs will seek training facilities at other open park lands in the Mosman, threatening green space availability in the area.

The Committee are encouraged to provide submissions prior to the closing date of 7 November.

Parking Review: Headland Park – Consultation Item

The Harbour Trust is currently reviewing parking within the Headland Park precinct. The Committee were provided with a briefing paper prior to the meeting, outlining the current parking measures in place.

The Parking Review will analyse parking supply, management measures and surrounding context, trends in parking demand, the effectiveness of current measures such as paid parking and time restrictions, opportunities to further support sustainable travel behaviour and the provision of accessible parking

The Committee noted that the parking outside Frenchy's Café is free and parking outside Middle Head Café and Burnt Orange requires payment. The Harbour Trust identified this will be included in the overall analysis of parking in the precinct.