

## COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MEETING NOTES SUMMARY SYDNEY HARBOUR FEDERATION TRUST CAC MEETING – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017

To provide updates on current Harbour Trust projects and the opportunity to comment on upcoming developments.

#### Recent Events and Activities

Members were briefed on a number of recent events and activities:

- 15 Ways to Celebrate 15 Years – marketing campaign celebrating Harbour Trust's first 15 years of operation
- Cockatoo Island Open House - public tours of accommodation
- Anzac Dawn Service
- Cockatoo Island New Year's Eve – Ticket launch
- Haunted History Night Tours
- TOKKOTAI Exhibition – held in T5 Camouflage Fuel Tank
- Twining's Media Launch – hire of Cockatoo Island
- Headland Park Signage – New signage at precinct
- Building 44 & 46 North Head – EOI

#### Planning Update

##### Georges Heights to Middle Head Walking Track

Members were provided an update on the new Georges Heights to Middle Head walking track. The walking track complements the existing track adjacent to Middle Head Rd, taking a scenic route through the bushland - it is expected to be finished in July 2017. The track will be constructed of concrete except in areas of tricky terrain where mesh panels will be used as we have used.

##### Chowder Bay Access Improvements – lift and ramp

Members were provided an overview of a concept for a lift and ramp at Chowder Bay to improve access to the site for elderly, disabled and families. Access at Chowder Bay is difficult for people with limited mobility as the site has four different levels – the Parade Ground/ SIMS – East Coast Lounge / Ripples / Foreshore.

Members discussed options for alternative locations, however, the proposed location is the only one able to provide access to all levels of site. Members were concerned about impacts on the views and the need for a design that is sympathetic to the site's sensitive heritage and visual values. Members raised the importance of providing equitable access.

#### Cockatoo Island Wharf Update

Members were provided an overview of the RMS wharf upgrade, due to be completed within six months.

#### Middle Head Management Plan

The plan was approved by the Board on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Members were provided an overview of the plan outlining the key priorities. An Interpretation Plan will now be developed in consultation with stakeholders to look at engaging ways of conveying the story of the site.

Members noted the importance of Indigenous heritage. Members discussed the potential relocation of the café; adaptive reuse of 10 Terminal and the design of the car parks. Members noted their opposition to Synthetic playing surface at Middle Head Oval.

#### **Platypus Update**

Members were provided a complete overview of the Platypus project and the upcoming staged program, including an overview of the remedial works undertaken and the plans for productive reuse.

Members discussed the importance of undertaking demolition work and removing wire and unwelcoming features as early as possible. The importance of the submarine and military history of the site was noted.

The committee discussed the leasing process, upgrades to Kesterton Park and required local road upgrades.

#### **Other Matters**

The group noted that the Sydney Institute of Marine Science (SIMS) had been awarded a \$100,000 grant to develop a business case for its growth. Harbour Trust will work with SIMS on any upgrade, which would be consistent with the Management for Middle Head.