

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING NOTES SUMMARY SYDNEY HARBOUR FEDERATION TRUST CAC MEETING – 15 August 2016

The CAC met on 15 August 2016 to discuss recent and upcoming events, partnerships, Management Plans for Cockatoo Island, HMAS Platypus and Middle Head and proposed works at North Head, Cockatoo Island and Macquarie Lightstation.

North Head Sanctuary – Access Improvements

- CAC Members were briefed on possibilities for improving pedestrian and cyclist access to the NHS Gatehouse.
- Members discussed possibilities for improving wayfinding signage.
- Members discussed historic, current and potential access to the Gatehouse and parade ground.

Macquarie Lightstation – Fence Options

- Members were briefed on the storm damage that knocked down fencing and possibilities for replacement with fencing or bollards.
- Members preferred a more open view of the site. Bollards were preferred and considered more aesthetically pleasing.

Cockatoo Island – Wharf Upgrade and Management Plan Update

- Members were provided an overview of the proposed wharf improvements at Cockatoo Island.
- Members were provided a progress report on the *Cockatoo Island Management Plan* and were informed that it was approved by the Board and was awaiting consideration by the Minister.

Headland Park – Parking Review

- Members were briefed on the current parking review across all Headland Park precincts (Georges Heights, Middle Head, Chowder Bay).
- Members discussed the difference between periodic CPI increases and potential price changes as the result of the review.
- Members discussed parking concerns including: a desire not to implement paid parking at Georges Heights, managing traffic through introduction of time restrictions near cafes, a desire for fee reductions at Middle Head and discussions with HMAS Penguin regarding parking near MH Oval.

Middle Head – Management Plan Update

- Members were provided an overview of emerging themes from the consultation and a progress report on the *Middle Head Management Plan* review. They were advised that a Drop-In Session would be planned for when the Draft Plan is on public exhibition.
- Members were provided a concept sketch of a proposal for a barracks building being adaptively re-used. Members supported opening up the views and appreciated not increasing the existing footprint. There was strong desire to ensure heritage was respected.
- Members had questions about pedestrian access and amenity for sporting groups (including possibilities for seating.)

Platypus – Management Plan Update

- Members were provided an overview of themes from the consultation and a progress report on the *Platypus Management Plan* drafting and current public exhibition and plans for an additional drop-in session.
- Members discussed opportunities for heritage interpretation of the submariner history on the site.

Other Matters

- A member mentioned that they heard that a tenant had not received communication from the Trust following the Tenant Survey.