

SYDNEY HARBOUR FEDERATION TRUST

99<sup>th</sup> MEETING

Success Room, Conference Centre, Building 30, Cockatoo Island  
Meeting in Public

14 July 2015

MINUTES

True & Correct Record of the 99<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the  
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust

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*Jean Day*  
Chair

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Minutes of the 99<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust held in the Success Room, Conference Centre, Building 30, Cockatoo Island at 3.50pm on 14 July 2015.

**Present**

Mr Kevin McCann	Chair
Mr Rohan Jeffs	Member
The Hon Leo McLeay	Member
Ms Paula Braxton-Smith	Member
Ms Josephine Cashman	Member

**In attendance**

Mr Geoff Bailey	Executive Director
Dr Susan Culverston	Chief Financial Officer
Mr Mark Billham	Executive Office
Ms Eliza Beashel	Director, Marketing, Communications and Visitor Experience
Mr Jamie Lonie	Director, Asset Management and Operations
Mr Tim McKay	Director, Property and Business Development
Mr Daniel Sealey	Manager, Planning
Clr Jean Hay	
Mrs Jane Page	Secretariat

There were 48 members of the public and staff (in addition to those named above) in attendance.

The meeting commenced at 3.50pm on Tuesday 14 July 2015.

The Executive Director thanked members of the public for coming to the meeting and apologised for the later than expected start to the meeting.

**1) Introduction**

The newly re-appointed Chair, Mr Kevin McCann welcomed all to the meeting and thanked members of the public for coming.

Ms Josephine Cashman, the newly appointed Trustee was introduced to the meeting. The Chair introduced other Trustees to the meeting.

The meeting was being held on Cockatoo Island as Trustees were considering a Development Application on the Island and a site tour had been conducted earlier in the day.

The Chair reiterated that in accordance with the *Sydney Harbour Federation Trust Act*, this was a Trust meeting in public. It was not a public meeting. The meeting would be conducted and there would be a public Q & A session after the Trust meeting had closed.

The Chair explicitly advised that the nursing home proposal at Middle Head would not be discussed at this meeting as it was subject to two pieces of litigation. One brought by the proponent and the other brought against the Trust by the Headland Preservation Group, some of whom were present at the meeting. As the matters were before the Court, it was not appropriate to discuss.

**2) Update of Harbour Trust sites and news**

Ms Beashel, Director, Marketing, Communications and Visitor Experience gave a presentation on the work the Harbour Trust had been undertaking in recent times. Mr Daniel Sealey, Manager, Planning and Mr Jamie Lonie, Director, Asset Management and Operations presented briefly. Matters covered included:

*North Head Sanctuary, Manly*

The North Head Sanctuary (NHS) Visitor Centre was officially opened by the Hon Bob Baldwin MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment in May. Also

in attendance were Clr Jean Hay AM, Mayor of Manly and acting Chair of the Harbour Trust, Major General (Rtd) Tim Ford AO, Chairman, Royal Australian Artillery Historical Company as well as over 140 guests. The Defence of Sydney Artillery Display along with the Royal Australian Artillery Historical Company's archives was also officially opened. The Defence of Sydney display is the first outcome of the Harbour Trust's Defence Heritage Subcommittee.

New signage around NHS has been updated. A new brochure which includes an updated map of NHS is now available at the NHS Visitor Centre and the Hello Manly Visitor Centre.

#### *Headland Park*

Headland Park incorporates Chowder Bay, Georges Heights and Middle Head. An interpretation trail around Georges Heights Hospital buildings was installed in April, funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs '100 Years of ANZAC Grant'. The maintenance program of painting buildings in Georges Heights is well underway.

In Chowder Bay, a new Harbour Trust interpretation room was completed in Building 11A. This is part of the state-of-the-art Discovery Centre in development by SIMS. Chowder Bay Wharf repairs will open the wharf for use by the public by the end of August to coincide with the SIMS Harbour Hike event.

#### *Woolwich Dock*

New walkways, bush regeneration and signage have been undertaken.

#### *HMAS Platypus site*

Mr Sealey spoke of the public exhibition that is currently underway in regard to landscaping works of this site. The exhibition closes on 15 July at 5.00pm. The proposed landscaping interprets the heritage of the park and is the last step in the decontamination process.

#### *Cockatoo Island*

The new visitor centre was opened at the end of 2014. This is a space for volunteers as well as the accommodation office for the island. The Conference Centre in Building 30 has been opened and improvements have been made to the camping area and accommodation generally. A number of important cultural and heritage partnerships have been formed for events on Cockatoo Island.

Mr Lonie spoke of the maintenance program on Cockatoo - the water mains for Cockatoo Island from the mainland have been recently updated. A major task which required some abstract thinking. The chimney has been inspected and requires some maintenance work to be undertaken.

The Harbour Trust was awarded the Research and Investigation Award at the 2015 National Trust NSW Heritage Festival Awards. The award was presented for the Excavation, Conservation, Reconstruction and Interpretation of the Cockatoo Island Solitary Confinement Cells and Cookhouse.

#### *Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)*

The Harbour Trust is committed to reconciliation. A number of projects have been undertaken – Nula Nura, Performance Space, Bangarra Dance Company SPEAR feature film, Bungaree's Farm exhibition in conjunction with Mosman Council Art Gallery and the opening of Bungaree's Walkway at Headland Park.

Two major grants have been awarded from the Department of the Environment to allow the Harbour Trust to undertake works to the Convict Workshops on Cockatoo Island and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarantine Cemetery at North Head Sanctuary.

The meeting closed at 4.30pm