

SYDNEY HARBOUR FEDERATION TRUST

102nd MEETING

Boardroom, SHFT Offices, Building 28 Best Ave, Georges Heights
Meeting in Public

9 December 2015

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Sydney Harbour Federation Trust



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Minutes of the 102nd meeting of the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust held in the Boardroom at SHFT offices, Building 28 Best Avenue, Georges Heights at 4.05pm on 9 December 2015.

Present

Mr Kevin McCann AM	Chair
Clr Jean Hay	Member
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	Deputy Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer
Ms Eliza Beashel	Director, Marketing, Communications and Visitor Experience
Mrs Jane Page	Secretariat

There were 37 members of the public in attendance.

The meeting commenced at 4.05pm on Wednesday 9 December 2015.

1) Introduction

The Chairman thanked members of the public for coming to the meeting and introduced Trustees to the meeting.

There were no apologies.

There were no declarations of interest.

2) Overview of Corporate Plan

Dr Susan Culverston gave a presentation to the Board on the Corporate Plan.

The Harbour Trust's previous corporate strategic plan expired in June 2015. In February work commenced on a new corporate strategic plan based on the requirements of the Public Governance, Performance & Accountability Act. This plan is a business plan required under the PGPA Act and differs from the Harbour Trust's Comprehensive Plan and management plans.

The Corporate Plan was reviewed by the Trust's Audit Risk and Compliance Committee, the Board and the Department of Finance and submitted to the Minister for the Environment. The Plan covers the period 2015-2019.

The Vision and Mission of the Harbour Trust remain unchanged from previous plans. The objectives are those from the Harbour Trust's legislation.

The Trust's new Financial Information System is operational and we are finalising report outcomes.

3) Chairman's Report

Mr McCann advised that the Harbour Trust had a new Minister, Mr Jamie Briggs, Minister for Cities and the Built Environment. He is a Minister in his own right and not a delegate of the Minister of the Environment.

The Government has announced it is giving the Harbour Trust \$20m towards the Platypus site. Over \$40m has already been spent on the remediation of the site. Further funds will be required for the total restoration of the site.

4) Planning

Mr Bailey spoke about the review of the Trust's management plans. The Comprehensive Plan is a high level plan covering all sites. The management plans are more detailed and each site/precinct has a plan except Platypus.

Priority is to be given to:

- The preparation of an HMAS Platypus Management Plan. This site does not have a Management Plan. Following the Federal Government's funding announcement for the site on 23 November 2015, the Trust is accelerating the preparation of a Management Plan for HMAS Platypus.
- A review of the Middle Head Management Plan. This plan review coincides with the review by NPWS of their plan for Middle Head. Whilst SHFT and NPWS operate under completely different legislation, the Harbour Trust plan and the NPWS plan will complement each other.
- A review of the Cockatoo Island Management Plan as a requirement under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

5) Harbour Trust Achievements

Commercial Venue hire

- Justin Beiber concert on Cockatoo Island.
- Education providers – Wesley Mission camp out and UTS 1st Year Design camp.
- Tudor watches launch
- Catwalk Fashion event
- MKR
- Mel Gibson has been filming at North Head Sanctuary

Partnership Events

- Underbelly Arts Festival returned to Cockatoo Island for a third time.
- Harbour Sculpture at Woolwich for a third time.
- Harbour Hike at Chowder Bay in partnership with SIMS.

Projects

- Restoration of 2 cranes at Cockatoo Island
- Repairs to the Power Station Chimney on Cockatoo Island is near completion
- Harbour Trust tours – North Fort tours being run on Saturdays during summer
- At North Head Sanctuary, in conjunction with the RAAHC, the Sir Roden Cutler VC Research Centre has been opened
- Refurbishment of various buildings at North Head Sanctuary
- Headland Park saw the arrival of a third prize winning sculpture from Sculpture by the Sea and donated by the Macquarie Group
- The walking track at Georges Heights is near completion.
- Sydney Gold honey can be purchased from Harbour Trust office.

Media coverage

There has been extensive media coverage in a range of media over the last few months.

Upcoming events

- NIDA summer workshop on Cockatoo Island
- Biennale of Sydney will be return to Cockatoo Island in 2016 for the fourth time.
- An App on the Girls Reformatory on Cockatoo Island will be available shortly.
- An ANZAC ceremonial area is being installed at Headland Park with improvements to outside audio equipment as well.
- National Trust Heritage Festival – the Harbour Trust will run tours in keeping with the theme of this festival.

6) Seoul, South Korea

Mr Bailey was recently invited to present at a symposium in Korea. Yongsan in the centre of Seoul is a US military base covering 2 square kilometres and is planned to be converted to parkland. A brief overview was given of this project.

7) Secondment

Mr Bailey has accepted a secondment to Parks Australia for 6 months commencing in January 2016. Dr Susan Culverston will be acting Executive Director during his absence.

The meeting closed at 4.40pm.