

Board Meeting in Public – Community Questions

BUS SHELTER

Doug and Jane Rodgers

Does the Trust have any plans to erect bus stop shelters at bus stops in Headland Park along the 244 bus route, and in particular at the stop in the park opposite HMAS Penguin which services the naval base, the adjacent office complex, the oval, cafes and numerous visitors to the area. If so, could you please advise when the shelter is expected to be erected?

AND

Michael Mangold

What progress has been made on the installation of weather shelters at public transport bus stops on Middle Head Mosman?

The Harbour Trust is proposing to build a bus shelter at HMAS Penguin in the coming financial year.

FEDERAL FUNDING

Annabella Fletcher

The Mosman Daily (p.4) on 11 April 2019 reported - "... as part of the budget announced earlier this week the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust will receive \$21.4million." a) What plans has the Trust instigated so as to use those monies? b) Which parts of Trust land and which Trust projects are being targeted for the use of those monies? c) With those monies, will the Trust be implementing an education - interpretation visitor centre at 10 Terminal?

The Australian Government has allocated \$22.3 million in the Federal Budget for projects to support the work of the Harbour Trust. This includes \$21.4 million for the Harbour Trust to invest in capital upgrades including at Headland Park in Mosman and Sub base Platypus in North Sydney.

Eve Bagnall

Recently Tony Abbott announced \$10 million to be provided from the Budget to SHFT for Terminal 10 and bushwalks. Has that money been received by the Trust yet?

The proposed funding is allocated in the 2019/2020 Federal Budget and is subject to the outcome of the coming election.

RECREATION STRATEGY

Annabella Fletcher

In respect of Mosman Council's use and management of Middle Head and Georges Heights Ovals:

a) Currently, at what stage are the Trust's negotiations in respect of the proposed licence and the proposed new pavilion at Middle Head Oval?

Negotiations between Mosman Council and Harbour Trust regarding the proposed licence will be finalised in the coming months.

The proposed new pavilion at Middle Head is a Mosman Council project. The Harbour Trust is in discussions with Mosman Council regarding the design. When the design concept is further developed, it will be publicly exhibited for community comment.

b) Are these negotiations independent of the Trust making a decision on the Draft Recreational Strategy?

Yes – work on the draft Licence pre-dates the draft Recreation Strategy.

c) Who is the architect designing the new pavilion proposed to replace the western-most Barracks building?

This enquiry can be directed to Mosman Council.

Linda Bergin

Will (the Harbour) Trust provide the names of the stakeholders who were invited to make submissions on the Draft Recreational Strategy?

The Harbour Trust's notification of the public exhibition of the Draft Recreation Strategy included notices in the Sydney Morning Herald and six local newspapers, and the Harbour Trust's e-newsletter which is distributed to 3,500 email addresses.

In addition, approximately 300 stakeholders including relevant Australian and NSW Government agencies; councils adjoining Harbour Trust sites; NSW, Metropolitan and La Perouse Aboriginal Land Councils; CAC members; Certain local residents were directly notified (mail/email); sporting associations; NSW Office of Sport; and other interested individuals and groups were notified of the exhibition by email and/or letter. Sporting associations, councils and the NSW Office of Sport were invited to circulate information about the Draft Strategy to members/user groups. Notification emails were distributed on 29 March and 1 April 2019. Harbour Trust tenants were notified by email on 1 April 2019. Harbour Trust volunteers were also notified on 29 March 2019.

HARBOUR TRUST OPERATIONS

Michael Mangold

What are the criteria for Harbour Trust board member candidates, how are they nominated and appointed?

AND

Carolyn Pridham

What is the process for electing new directors to the board of the SHFT? Was there an open invitation to the public for nominations to the board before Tim James' appointment?"

The Department advises the Minister who makes appointments in accordance with the Sydney Harbour Federation Act of 2001.

Andrew Lumsden

Trust Lands provide some of the best orienteering terrain in Sydney – both for beginners and experienced orienteers. How is the Trust building on this amenity to maximise public access to Trust land?

The Harbour Trust is currently working with Orienteering NSW Inc (ONSW) to have an orienteering course installed at Headland Park. ONSW is a not-for-profit organisation which oversees and promotes the sport of orienteering within NSW. The Association is affiliated with Orienteering Australia Inc which is in turn affiliated with the International Orienteering Federation. The course will be open to the public and is hoped to be launched by end of 2019.

The course will be promoted by ONSW via their website, newsletters to members, on the Maprun App and through the Harbour Trust usual marketing channels.

Eve Bagnall

Please explain why there are different parking rates in different car parking areas within Headland Park? eg Georges Heights vs Burnt Orange

Paid parking is used to manage demand for limited parking spaces, by encouraging turnover of spaces and sustainable travel behaviour (such as walking, cycling or public transport), to maximise parking availability for all parkland users. The different parking restrictions and charges in different areas of the Headland Park reflect a carefully considered response to the particular circumstances of each of these areas. Chowder Bay has very constrained parking availability. The parking charges at Chowder Bay are generally aligned with those charged by Mosman Council at the adjacent Clifton Gardens, to encourage Chowder Bay / Clifton Gardens site users to park in their respective parking areas. The maximum daily charge at Middle Head is less than that at Chowder Bay, reflecting the greater availability of parking at Middle Head, its distance from Chowder Bay, and its close proximity to 'unmetered' parking at Georges Heights. High demand areas at Georges Heights, particularly closest to Middle Head, are managed through time limits.

The Harbour Trust undertakes regular reviews of its parking at Headland Park, to observe current conditions, review the efficacy of parking management measures, and – if needed - recommend changes to ensure measures continue to be effective. The Harbour Trust will undertake such a review over the course of the next 6 months.

Julie Goodsir

The proposed 80 kilometre walk from Bondi to Manly is a most exciting plan. It provides a great opportunity to showcase the harbour, the bushland, European military and indigenous history of early Australia to all the walkers. It is projected that this will become one of the great urban harbour walks of the world. However from studying the proposed route of this walk it appears it bypasses Middle Head.

Yet Middle Head is one of the three major headlands of the harbour, encompassing all the above features in a very compact area!! It should be a pivotal point in the route - either the middle, or the end or the beginning of a half way walk. Such a walk would be an injection of new life and interest in this whole area.

Is the Trust aware of this omission and if so what is the Trust doing to make sure that Middle Head, this unique part of Headland Park, is included in the route of the walk?

Bondi to Manly Supporter Volunteers developed a preliminary walking track in consultation with the Harbour Trust, NPWS and Mosman Council. The 80km track will evolve as new walking tracks become available, this includes changing the route once the new pathway is constructed next to Middle Head Rd leading visitors through this important precinct.

MOSMAN DRILL HALL

Vicki Albert- President, MNC

If the Harbour Trust is favourable to Mosman Netball Club's request to amend the management plan, then can they please explain the time and process for such an amendment?

The immediate installation of these lights would significantly benefit over 600 families in Mosman who play for the Club and importantly this initiative has been fully funded and endorsed by the NSW Sports Minister and Mosman Council.

The Board of Trustees has agreed to provide a decision after consultation with local residents, Mosman Council and Mosman Netball Club.

LEASING

Jill L'Estrange

Bearing in mind the uncommon style and remote location of many of the Trust properties on Headland Park, how does the Trust determine 'current market conditions' in determining rent as required under the Trust's current leasing policy?

The adaptive reuse of heritage buildings on Harbour Trust sites provide the revenue for remediation and maintenance of for heritage preservation and environmental management.

The Harbour Trust evaluates 'current marketing conditions' based on a number of factors including available parking, vista, accessibility and building condition. External and internal market comparisons are then undertaken by independent valuers to determine the appropriate leasing policy.

Does the Trust consider 'current market conditions', to be the appropriate mechanism by which to determine rental review in these circumstances?

Yes

Does the Trust put a value on the synergies that a tenant may bring to other tenancies on Headland Park? For example, how one tenant may attract customers / clients that benefit other tenants in the precinct?

The Harbour Trust works conscientiously to ensure there is an appropriate balance within the tenancy mix at all precincts to support visitor amenity.

Why the Sergeant Major's Cottage at Chowder Bay is still vacant after the prior tenant vacated at least 18 months ago, and Why the Landship also sits vacant after the last major tenant vacated a couple of years ago and the Trust's failure to attract an organic , or for that matter any produce market to, Headland Park since?

The Harbour Trust continues to seek tenants for the Sergeant Major's Cottage at Chowder Bay. Whilst it is a wonderful property, its layout and access means that only a small number of uses would be suitable for it.

The Landship Gallery has been the home to a variety of exhibitions, most recently the Serving Country exhibit which showcased the images and stories of Indigenous Defence service people. The Harbour Trust is exploring new opportunities for potential use of the space.