MEETING NOTES
HARBOUR TRUST
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CAC MEETING – 12 JUNE 2019

Time: 6:05 – 8:10pm
Venue: Harbour Trust offices, Mosman

Present:
Committee members
Cdr Bernadette Alexander
Colleen Godsell AM
Paul Forward
Julie Goodsir
Geoffrey Lambert
Rob Crawford
Jill L’Estrange
Mayor Carolyn Corrigan
Mayor Michael Regan
John Tropman
Rita Chowdhury
Robyn Lewis
Kate Evers
Malcolm Moir

Harbour Trust Staff
Mary Darwell
Libby Bennett
Kathryn Roberts
Daniel Sealey
Rebecca Hage
Eve Le Gall
Elyse Jeffress
Stephen Alborough

Apologies:
Trent Zimmerman MP
Zali Steggall MP
Mayor Peter Cavanagh
Mayor Mark Bennett
Matthew Rafferty
Roy MacLeod
Michael Regan
Mayor Jilly Gibson
Sarah Dinning
Kate Eccles
Stuart Sprott

Apologies:
Justin Bock (Harbour Trust)
A. GENERAL CAC MEETING (6:05-6:40PM)

Executive Update

Mary Darwell (MD) welcomed the new and returning CAC members to the meeting, allowing each attendee the opportunity to introduce themselves to the group. Directors and key internal stakeholders of the Harbour Trust were also introduced to the committee.

MD provided a brief overview of the Harbour Trust and the proposed funding from the Australian Federal Government Budget 2019/2020. The Harbour Trust is set to receive $11.4 million for Sub Base Platypus, $10 million for 10 Terminal in Headland Park and the remaining $0.9 million will be distributed by the Department of Environment to conduct a formal Review of the Harbour Trust.

A review of the Harbour Trust will be completed by the Department of the Environment, and the Harbour Trust has been advised there will be opportunities for community input and consultation.

Corporate Plan

MD provided an overview of the Corporate Plan 2019/2023 which will incorporate the themes; Steward our Parklands, Welcome Everyone, Build Partnerships, A Robust Business, Strengthen our Capabilities and Risk Oversight and Management.

The Committee enquired about the Harbour Trust’s plan for philanthropy. It was noted that this was a priority for future work in the 19/20 financial year.

Draft Recreation Strategy – Feedback

The Harbour Trust exhibited the draft Recreation Strategy for public comment between the periods of Friday 29 March 2019 to Friday 10 May 2019 (six weeks). The Harbour Trust received 48 submissions in relation to the exhibition. Key outcomes include:

- Preference to reuse/adapt existing facilities where possible
- Support opportunities for low impact recreation or short term events
- Construction of new fields or high impact purpose-built buildings not supported
- Acknowledgement of the need for third party involvement generally essential to fund/manage facilities
- Proposal to review Recreation strategy within 5 years

Some Committee members commented that the Draft Recreation Strategy didn’t provide for enough high impact recreation across sites managed by the Harbour Trust.

The draft strategy expressed a preference for making better use of existing active sports facilities, where recreation can be achieved without causing unreasonable impacts, rather than considering new facilities for active sports, and where the uses are in line with the objects of the Harbour Trust as well as the Comprehensive Plan.

The Harbour Trust is carefully considering submissions from the community. This will be discussed at the next Board Meeting on 22 July.

B. COCKATOO ISLAND DIALOGUE – COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORKSHOP (6:40-8:10PM)

Elton Consulting led a workshop with the CAC as part of the Harbour Trust broader Cockatoo Island Dialogue.