



MEETING NOTES HARBOUR TRUST COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CAC MEETING – 7 AUGUST 2019

Time: 6:00 – 8:30pm
Venue: Deckhouse, Woolwich Dock

Present:

Committee members

Cdr Bernadette Alexander
Beth Lawsen
Paul Forward
Julie Goodsir
Geoffrey Lambert
Rob Crawford
Sarah Dinning
Kate Eccles
Darrell Felch (HMAS Penguin)
John Tropman
Rita Chowdhury
Robyn Lewis
Kate Evers (Phone)
Malcolm Moir
Flynn McDermott (Phone)

Apologies:

Trent Zimmerman MP
Zali Steggall MP
Mayor Carolyn Corrigan
Mayor Peter Cavanagh
Mayor Mark Bennett
Mayor Michael Regan
Matthew Rafferty
Roy MacLeod
Mayor Michael Regan
Mayor Jilly Gibson
Stuart Sprott
Jill L'Estrange
Colleen Godsell AM

Harbour Trust Staff

Mary Darwell
Kathryn Roberts
Justin Bock
Rebecca Hage

Apologies:

Libby Bennett
Stephen Alborough
Daniel Sealey

Executive Director – Welcome and update

Mary Darwell (MD) welcomed the CAC members to the meeting, acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land.

MD provided an overview of the Harbour Trust's Year in Review (2018-19), highlighting key achievements and challenges from the last financial year. This included strategy and organisational reform, community engagement and key milestones and visitor numbers across all sites.

Mosman Drill Hall Lighting and Recreation Strategy

MD provided an update on the Recreation Strategy and Mosman Drill Hall lighting, highlighting both matters were discussed at the private Board meeting held 22 July.

The Harbour Trust Board of Trustees confirmed its decision to accept lodgment of a development application from Mosman Council for its proposal to install lighting on the three outdoor netball courts at the Mosman Drill Hall Precinct. The Harbour Trust will provide information regarding the Recreation Strategy when a resolution is finalised.

The Committee enquired whether there will be ecological/environmental studies completed as part of the Mosman Council Drill Hall lighting Development Application. The Harbour Trust advised that information on the environmental impact on fauna has been requested from Mosman Council as part of its DA to install lights.

The Committee enquired about the relationship between Mosman Council and the Harbour Trust, noting the signage at the perimeter of the site has no mention of the Harbour Trust. Mosman Council lease the Mosman Drill Hall from the Harbour Trust and have done since 2006.

The Committee also enquired whether HMAS Penguin have arrangements in relations to parts of Harbour Trust land besides Middle Head oval. The Harbour Trust advised they do not.

Corporate Plan

MD provided information on the Corporate Plan 2019-2023, noting the major projects for the next financial year include the realisation of Sub Base Platypus Stage 1, commencing planning work on 10 Terminal and Sub Base Platypus Stage 2 and the Harbour Trust Review.

The Harbour Trust are interested in visiting Spectacle Island in the coming weeks to inspect relics from HMAS Success, HMAS Platypus as well as an investigation of the 10 Terminal plaque and anchor.

Sub Base Platypus – Stage 1B

MD provided an overview of the Stage 1B works at Sub Base Platypus, noting construction is tracking well for completion in late 2019.

The Committee enquired about the installation of the seagull netting at Sub Base Platypus. The Harbour Trust advised that all required netting has been installed across the site with further anchor points necessary for maximum affect. The Harbour Trust is working to the Seagull Management Plan, which will be reviewed in September 2019.

Cockatoo Island Dialogue

The Harbour Trust presented the outcomes of the Cockatoo Island Dialogue, thanking the committee for their participation in the engagement process. Overall the dialogue was successful, providing the Harbour Trust with key community insights of the island.

The Committee commented that accommodation on Cockatoo Island is expensive and enquired whether this would be assessed following the completed dialogue process. As well as this, they noted that the island would benefit from a dedicated ferry that took visitors from one Harbour Trust site to another. The Committee noted the importance of the review and including the complimentary nature of Harbour Trust sites with each other, in particular, Cockatoo Island as the “crown jewel” of Harbour Trust lands.

The Harbour Trust advised that all feedback would be considered in both the Cockatoo Island Dialogue’s next steps as well as the Harbour Trust Review.

Federal Funding: Sub Base Platypus Stage 2

The Harbour Trust provided the Committee with a high level roadmap of the stages of development for Sub Base Platypus Stage 2. The strategic roadmap outlines a two year strategic plan for the site and highlights key points of community engagement.

The Committee enquired whether key interest groups such as submariners were to be engaged in the process. The Harbour Trust assured the committee there has been significant engagement with the submariners to date through the Platypus CAC and other community consultation.

The Committee noted that native flora and fauna is thriving at Sub Base Platypus and encouraged the Harbour Trust to promote the gardens as a “must see” at the site.

The Committee also enquired whether the Harbour Trust has considered sustainable energy on site ie solar panels along the saw tooth roof. The Harbour Trust noted this will be explored as a possibility.

Federal Funding: 10 Terminal

The Harbour Trust provided a high level roadmap of the stages of planning for works at 10 Terminal. The planning works for the site will take place over the next year with major capital works to begin late 2020.

The Committee enquired whether it is likely Committee members will be taken on a tour of the 10 Terminal, if there will be ample interpretation of the site and whether the site will be allocated to a government funded organization. As part of the process, the Harbour Trust will gather feedback from the Committee regarding the EOI Assessment Criteria of potential tenants; this is a criteria to assess community, commercial and social benefit of applicants.

The Committee also noted a possible use of the 10 Terminal space is by local schools for educational purposes. The Trust re-iterated that the EOI process will define the ultimate use(s) for the site, and would welcome any organization to submit a proposal at the appropriate time.

Harbour Trust Review

MD updated the committee on progress of the Harbour Trust review, noting it will commence shortly.

Other business

The Committee requested an update on the current Philanthropy strategy underway. Work on the philanthropy strategy is still in progress; The Harbour Trust has made some important changes to its existing structures, and will continue to invest in the foundational ability to accept tax deductible donations. Developing and launching the strategy is a priority for the next 12 months.

The Committee discussed the merits of various aspects of philanthropy.