



HARBOUR TRUST
SUB BASE PLATYPUS COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
3 JUNE 2020

Time: 6:00pm – 7:42pm
Venue: Zoom Video Conferencing

Present

Trent Zimmerman, *Member for North Sydney*
Cr Jilly Gibson, *Mayor North Sydney Council*
Melina Rohan (Representative of Trent Zimmerman)
Ken Williams
Matthew Lorrimer
Neil Schafer
Paul Forward
Phil Burfurd
Romi Hoffenberg
Tammy Dodd
Victoria Black

Apologies

Christopher Stapleton

In Attendance

Mary Darwell, *Executive Director*
Kathryn Roberts, *Director, Marketing & Visitor Experience*
Daniel Sealey, *Director of Planning*
Ben Treble, *Program Manager*
Rebecca Hage, *Media & Stakeholder Engagement Officer*

MEETING OPENING

1. Executive Director Update

Mary Darwell (MD) acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land. MD provided the committee a brief overview of engagement with the Harbour Trust First Nations Advisory Group, noting the meeting notes from the Advisory Group meetings will be circulated and members of the First Nations Advisory Group will be invited to CAC meetings moving forward.

Board Meeting Outcomes

MD provided an overview of the Board Meeting held on 27 March. Key agenda items included strategic approach to COVID-19, the Harbour Trust Review and capital works at Sub Base Platypus and 10 Terminal at Middle Head. The Members of the Trust decided to defer the decision to go to EOI at

North Head until the market is in a more stable period, post COVID-19 and review recommendations known.

COVID 19 Update

MD informed the Committee of the release of funds by the Federal Government to assist Harbour Trust deal with COVID-19 business impacts and provide rent relief to tenants. Cockatoo Island has commenced accommodation bookings and will reopen the Biennale of Sydney on 16 June.

The Harbour Trust provided an overview of visitation across all Harbour Trust sites. Sub Base Platypus has received high visitation during restrictions. In addition to high visitation, the Harbour Trust commenced a range of digital programming to ensure the community remain connected.

The Committee enquired about the location of the Sub Base Platypus visitor counters. The Harbour Trust highlighted they are at the Kesterton Park Overwater Link, Kiara Close carpark and at the Torpedo Factory.

Harbour Trust Review

MD provided a brief update on the Harbour Trust Review. The Harbour Trust is awaiting the outcomes of the Review report.

2. Capital Works: Stage 2 Sub Base Platypus

MD introduced Ben Treble who is the Program Manager of the two major capital works projects. MD provided a brief background of funding provided by Government to undertake the works at Sub Base Platypus, highlighting that the funding provided is less than needed for the completion of the works, and that new management was necessary. The timing of work on capital projects, including Sub Base Platypus Stage 2 has been affected by impact of COVID-19.

The Harbour Trust has established a series of project milestones/ gates that will track the progress of works going forward. MD introduced Ben Treble who is the Program Manager of the two major capital works projects.

The Harbour Trust provided the Committee an overview of the program of works for the site as well as the community engagement process and key decision points of Stage 2. The Committee supported the idea of being a sounding board for key stages, prior to formal statutory consultation.

Committee comments:

- *Enquired about the EOI process of Stage 2: The Harbour Trust highlighted the space beneath the Torpedo Factory will potentially be available for lease.*
- *Enquired about commencement of works onsite and noted the importance of proceeding in a timely manner: The Harbour Trust has not yet confirmed a start date of works, however, will receive the bulk of funding provided for the project in the 2020/2021 financial year.*

3. Corporate Plan – Planning Cycle

The Harbour Trust provided an overview of the planning cycle of the Harbour Trust Corporate Plan. The Harbour Trust will seek feedback on the Corporate Plan at the Out of Session CAC Meeting on 11 June.

4. Updates: Kiara Close, site lighting and seagull management

The Harbour Trust provided an overview of Kiara Close, noting the various traffic safety measures identified by North Sydney Council, some of which the Harbour Trust is proposing to implement, but

only with the agreement of Council and the landowner Iora. Council – as the local road authority - would be responsible for any formal public consultation and approval process.

Committee comments:

- *Speed humps are generally not supported*
- *Shared zone could be marked with threshold treatment (possibly a speed hump) on Kiara Close, at its junction with Hipwood St*
- *The Trust should aim to implement measures in staged approach if possible – i.e. separately implement the roundabout and the shared zone*

It was agreed, to implement the road marking and signage and to request council to undertake consultation for the Shared Zone.

The Harbour Trust provided an overview of lighting management at Sub Base Platypus. The Harbour Trust has commissioned a Lighting Management Plan (LMP) that assesses the impacts of lights onsite as well as to adjoining properties.

The Committee enquired as to the reason lights remain on in Oberon Park even during daylight hours. The Harbour Trust has been working to resolve technical issues and lights have now been reprogrammed.

The Harbour Trust provided an overview of seagull management. The Harbour Trust appointed a consultant to prepare a Seagull Management Plan (SMP) for various sites including Sub Base Platypus. The SMP identifies a range of measures to manage seagulls onsite, including netting and habitat management, which the Harbour Trust has been implementing at Sub Base Platypus. The Harbour Trust will continue to monitor the efficacy of the measures.

Meeting closed at 7:42pm.

SUMMARY OF OPEN ACTIONS

	ACTION ITEMS	STATUS	DUE DATE
1	Circulate First Nations Advisory Group meeting notes: Click here to view the First Nations Advisory Group Notes	Completed	15 June
2	Facilitate Sub Base Platypus Tour	Tour to be facilitated at next SBP CAC.	2 September
3	Harbour Trust to circulate Board Meeting minutes: https://www.harbourtrust.gov.au/media/2920/ht_bm_136.pdf	Completed	15 June
4	Harbour Trust to include dates on Stage 2 program of works.	In progress	2 September
5	Harbour Trust to circulate presentation slides	Completed	15 June
6	Harbour Trust to circulate Lighting management plan	Completed	15 June
7	HT follow up Council consultation on shared zone and speed humps	In progress. Daniel to provide update at next meeting	2 September
8	HT to put in road markings and signage	In progress. Daniel to provide an update	2 September