



SYDNEY HARBOUR FEDERATION TRUST

139<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE TRUST

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Sydney Harbour Federation Trust

Chair

Minutes of the 139<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust held in public via webinar on Tuesday 16 June 2020.

### Present

Mr Joseph Carrozzi	Chair
Ms Jean Hay AM	Deputy Chair
Mr Garth Callender	Member
Ms Sandra Hook	Member
Mr Tim James	Member
Ms Jessica Keen	Member
Mr Michael Rose AM	Member

### In attendance

Ms Mary Darwell	Executive Director
<i>Ms Rosemary Southcombe</i>	<i>Secretariat</i>

Members of the public and staff were also present to observe the meeting.

### Apologies

Ms Josephine Cashman	Member
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The meeting commenced at 3.20pm on Tuesday 16 June 2020.

### 1. Welcome to Country

The Chair opened the meeting and introduced Aunty Ann Weldon from the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council who gave her Welcome to Country.

### 2. Chair Introduction

The Chair thanked Aunty Anne for her Welcome to Country.

The Chair welcomed all attendees and thanked the members of the public for their interest in the Harbour Trust. There is much interest in the report on the Independent Review of the Harbour Trust and we are still awaiting its release.

### 3. Executive Director's update

A summary of Ms Darwell's presentation during the webinar is as follows:

#### **COVID-19**

- Ms Darwell advised that the Minister for the Environment had announced that \$14m would be made available to enable the Harbour Trust to provide short term rent relief for commercial and residential tenants and to address other revenue shortfalls.  
A rent relief principles document has been developed to guide the process for assessing eligibility and administering rent relief. A sub-committee of the Trust has been established to assess applications and to monitor the program. The Harbour Trust will also be providing support to social service providers.
- The Harbour Trust's volunteer program has been suspended; visitor centres are closed; programs, education and tours suspended; and the Harbour Trust offices are closed, with the majority of staff working from home.

Harbour Trust parklands have remained open and visitation has been strong.

The Harbour Trust has endeavoured to stay engaged with the community through various means such as the use of digital platforms, the Harbour Trust website and a weekly newsletter for volunteers.

- With the relaxing of some COVID-19 restrictions in NSW, the Biennale of Sydney's exhibition on Cockatoo Island reopened today (however, no tours, programs or events); accommodation on Cockatoo Island has reopened, with the campground operating at reduced capacity; tenants are beginning to return; and staff will make a phased return to the office. Volunteers will also make a phased return, depending on their roles.

#### ***Key Business Focus Areas***

- The current key focus areas for the Harbour Trust are the two major capital works projects – Sub Base Platypus Stage 2 and 10 Terminal

In 2019, funding was announced for Sub Base Platypus Stage 2 (\$11.4m) and 10 Terminal (\$10m). The first tranche of funding has been received. A Project Control Group is looking at the options for both projects, acting in accordance with statutes. The second tranche of funding will be received towards the end of this year. There will be more communication about both projects shortly.

#### **4. Other Business**

The Chair raised the observation that there has been some media attention in the last month or so, not just in relation to the Review, but also in relation to particular views expressed by organisations and local councils as to what they would like to do or work with the Harbour Trust on. The Chair, on behalf of the Members of the Trust, expressed the wish to emphasise that the Harbour Trust is not a political organisation, nor does it wish to be. The Harbour Trust will continue to engage with Federal, State and Local governments to work towards meeting the objects of the Harbour Trust as prescribed in the legislation.

#### **5. Meeting Closure**

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 3.55pm.

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