



**HARBOUR TRUST
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
19 MAY 2021**

Time: 6:00pm – 7:20pm

Venue: Mosman/Zoom Video Conference

Present

Sue Heath – *Representing The Hon. Anthony Albanese MP, Member for Grayndler*
Bronwen Regan, *Representing Zali Steggall, Member for Warringah*
Michael Regan - *Mayor of Northern Beaches Council*
Mary-Lou Jervis - *Representing Susan Wynne, Mayor for Woollahra*
Sarah Dinning
Kate Eccles
Kate Evers
Paul Forward
Colleen Godsell
Julie Goodsir
Geoff Lambert
Peter Lawrence
Beth Lawsen
Robyn Lewis
Jill L'Estrange
Malcolm Moir
John Tropman

Apologies

The Hon. Anthony Albanese MP – *Member for Grayndler*
Zali Steggall MP - *Member for Warringah*
Dave Sharma MP – *Member for Wentworth*
Trent Zimmerman MP - *Member for North Sydney*
Cdr Bernadette Alexander - *HMAS Penguin*
Cr Carolyn Corrigan - *Mayor of Mosman Council*
Cr Jilly Gibson - *Mayor of North Sydney Council*
Cr Susan Wynne - *(Mayor of Woollahra Council)*
Stuart Spratt
Matthew Rafferty

In Attendance

Joseph Carrozzi, *Chair*
Linda Ward, *Interim Executive Director*
Kathryn Roberts, *Director, Marketing & Visitor Experience*
Michael Brennan, *Head of Reform Program*
Rebecca Hage, *Media & Stakeholder Engagement Officer*
Michael Pender, *Development Advisor*



The meeting commenced at 6:00pm on Wednesday 19 May.

1. Welcome and update

Linda Ward (LW), Interim Executive Director of the Harbour Trust opened the meeting by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land. LW introduced herself to the General CAC members (CAC) and CAC members then introduced themselves. LW welcomed Joseph Carrozzi (JC), Chair of the Harbour Trust.

2. Communications and Engagement

LW conveyed her apologies to the CAC for the lack engagement prior to the launch of the North Head Sanctuary and Cockatoo Island Draft Concepts. The Harbour Trust is planning to facilitate further community engagement opportunities in the coming weeks.

Committee feedback:

- Kate Evers (KEv) queried the objectives of the Draft Concepts, highlighting the community feels pressured to agree to the plans within the short period of consultation, limited opportunities to provide feedback and lack of detail provided within the concepts.
 - o Harbour Trust (HT): The Harbour Trust is looking to the community to provide feedback on the direction of the two concepts. Following feedback on an ideal outcome, options will be presented to Government. The next stage will then be detailed in the Master Plans for both sites and during this stage, community will be engaged with further detailed plans.
- Jill L'Estrange (JL) queried the contribution of First Nations voices within the North Head Sanctuary Draft Concept as they were not present at the workshop. JL also noted that at Cockatoo Island, it is important that this First Nations history is captured accurately as there are differing opinions on the site's origins.
 - o HT: The Harbour Trust has engaged First Nations consultants, Two Point Co. to conduct consultation for both concepts with the First Nations community. Further, the Harbour Trust is looking at how the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Group and CAC collaborate in the future. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Group have been invited to upcoming General CAC and 10 Terminal Project meetings and have been offered remuneration, reflecting their specialist skills.
- Geoff Lambert (GL) queried the composition of the consultation report.
 - o HT: The consultants engaged for each site as well as Two Point Co. will compose reports of survey data as well as comprehensive information provided by key stakeholders ascertained from workshops and pop-up sessions. JC also highlighted it is important to have meaningful support from the CAC to ensure plans are aligned with the community.



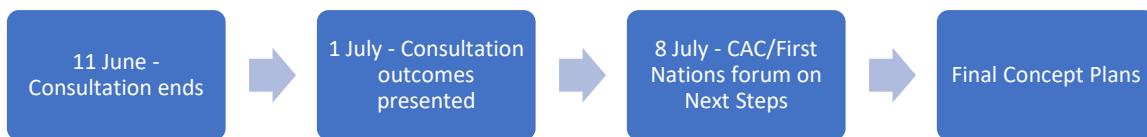
- Mayor Michael Regan (MR) highlighted that Northern Beaches Council has made a commitment to engage the local Traditional Owners to ensure their feedback is captured.
- Robyn Lewis (RL) highlighted the importance of reflecting the military heritage appropriately across the entirety of North Head Sanctuary. An example of this, is the Memorial Walk; its purpose is to acknowledge the contribution of the Armed Forces to the defence of Sydney. This could be included in the proposed Interpretative Centre.
- JL noted the Harbour Trust's Oral Histories project is a great example of interpretation, this could be incorporated into proposed Interpretation Centre at North Head Sanctuary. The Jewish Museum is another example of successful interpretation.
- Peter Lawrence (PL) highlighted there are some members of the Royal Australian Artillery Historical Company (RAAHC) who would be willing to provide the Harbour Trust with further Oral Histories.
- KEv queried whether the Harbour Trust is able to produce video content of these Oral History stories without any additional funding from Government.
 - o HT: The Harbour Trust produces a DigiTalk series which explores the layers of history across the Harbour Trust. Additionally the Harbour Trust has started putting recorded oral histories to video with accompanying images and can be found on our website <https://www.harbourtrust.gov.au/en/community/oral-history-project/>
- PF noted The Albany Museum was another example where interpretation and been successfully executed.
- Sarah Dinning (SD) queried the traffic management plan for the North Head Sanctuary Draft Concept; the concept proposes an increase in visitors to the site and the suggestion of concerts sets a precedent around revenue, parking, and traffic management at the site.
- JL noted that concerts may consume space for long periods of time. The Harbour Trust needs to consider a sympathetic balance of uses for the Parade Ground due to its history and heritage value to the site.
- SD highlighted that Centennial Parklands in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs have established a precinct framework for each of the precincts within the park that assesses the potential uses of the differing spaces. This could be considered for North Head Sanctuary.
- Malcolm Moir (MM) noted that there are few places in Sydney that recognise the genocide of First Nations people. Cockatoo Island could be an ideal place to recognise this history.
- John Tropman (JT) highlighted all Harbour Trust sites should be treated as a collective as opposed to individually. Ultimately, the Harbour Trust should be conceptualising sites as a whole, with an underlying concept that flows through all Harbour Trust sites.
- PF noted that the Harbour Trust needs to find a balance between ensuring ideas of the community are captured and allowing the Harbour Trust to work towards a reasonable timeline as specified by Government to spends funds allocated.
 - o HT: The Harbour Trust is aiming to present the Draft Concepts to Government in the third quarter of this 2021.



- JL queried a heritage report that was completed for North Head Sanctuary, and if this was available to the CAC.
 - o HT: The Harbour Trust will distribute the Heritage Report with the General CAC meeting notes.
- JL noted that the North Head Sanctuary Draft Concept does not address the artist precinct, or the area situated near the Montessori Pre-School and queried whether this was an oversight.
 - o HT: This is not the focus of the current Draft Concept Plan.

LW confirmed the consultants working on each of the Draft Concepts will engage the CAC with consultation results.

ACTION: Harbour Trust to provide a flow chart on next steps for consultation with the CAC for the Draft Concepts at North Head and Cockatoo Island



Two sessions will be held with the General Community Advisory Group and First Nation Advisory Group to hear the outcomes of the community consultation and then to discuss and review the next steps, prior the development of a Final Concept Plan. Diary appointments for the below times to be sent imminently:

1 July: North Head / Cockatoo Island Consultation Outcomes

8 July: North Head / Cockatoo Island forum on next steps

3. Reform Update

LW provided a brief overview of the Reform Program, noting that the legislation for the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust will be put toward Parliament in the week commencing 24 May. Concurrently, the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust Regulations will also be reviewed. Although the look and feel of the Regulations is different as it has been modernised, the intent is largely the same.

Committee Feedback:

- PL queried the availability of an engineering solution for the No. 2 Gun Emplacement restoration, particularly the structure of the Gun Position, scheduled to take place over the coming weeks. A theoretical approach has been put forward but no reports for implementation.



- HT: Works to the observation posts, searchlight generators and Gun Emplacement are being carried out on the basis of preserving the heritage aspects of the buildings, while addressing issues of concrete spalling caused by rebar corrosion which are likely to impact on the long-term durability of the buildings:
 - Concrete repair to the internal and external concrete elements of the four buildings and the application of a protective coating to the external walls of all four buildings
 - Removal of corroded steel plates from the Searchlight Engine Rooms 25 & 26 with rectification of the concrete surface.
 - Alteration to Observation Post roof to stop water ponding.
 - New Handrail to upper deck of Gun Emplacement No.2 to allow safe public access.
 - This initiative is a combination of Sub contractor works and Harbour Trust Heritage restoration volunteers.
 - New Windows to be reconstructed.
 - Removal and replacement of the window supports.
 - A plan for the restoration of Gun Position 2 is being developed by the HT
- Julie Goodsir (JG) queried whether it is possible to obtain the original guns used at North Head Sanctuary to use to interpretation.

ACTION: Harbour Trust to further liaise with volunteer restoration team on the Gun Emplacement and works needed to the structure of the Gun Position.

4. Other Business

LW provided a brief update on the 10 Terminal and Parklands Renewal Project and the Sub Base Platypus Torpedo Factory Renewal Project.

Committee Feedback:

- PF noted that Harbour Trust team have done a terrific job on the communication and implementation of the project. However, he is concerned about the Crown Land located at the foot of the Torpedo Factory; this space is currently unkempt and if included in the Harbour Trust remit of the project, could provide further accessibility to the Torpedo Factory.
 - HT noted that the current Design for the Torpedo Factory doesn't preclude the inclusion of this potential access area but in efforts not to hold up the design process, it has not been included in this stage. This will be included in the next phase of the project, subject to funding and partnership with the NSW Government.
- KEV noted the community would like to see something tangible at Sub Base Platypus as in its current state, there is nothing to draw the community to the site.

LW closed the meeting concluded at 7:20pm.