



SYDNEY HARBOUR FEDERATION TRUST

154nd MEETING OF THE TRUST

Meeting in Private (urgent)
via videoconference

Tuesday 21 December 2021 at 3.00pm

MINUTES

True & Correct Record of the 154th Meeting of the Trust

Chair

Minutes of the 154th meeting of the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust held on Tuesday 21 December 2021.

Present

Mr Joseph Carrozzi AM	Chair
Mrs Tanya Denning-Orman	Member
Mr Bradley Manera	Member
Mr Michael Rose AM	Member
Mr Steven Issa	Member

In Attendance

Ms Janet Carding	Executive Director
Mr Nick Lawry	Chief Financial & Commercial Officer
Mr Daniel Sealey	Director Planning
Ms Rosemary Southcombe	Secretariat

Apologies

Ms Sandra Hook	Member
Mr Tim James	Member
Ms Carolyn McNally	Member

An urgent meeting of the Trust was called as a decision was required in relation to allowing a temporary drive-in COVID-19 testing clinic to be set up on Harbour Trust land.

The meeting commenced at 3.00pm and was held in private due to the confidential matter to be discussed.

1. Meeting Opening (Agenda Item 1)

The Chair opened the meeting with an acknowledgement of the Traditional Custodians and Owners of the Harbour Trust lands and paid respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Attendees were welcomed, in particular Mrs Denning-Orman who was attending her first meeting as a Member of the Trust.

a) Apologies: Sandra Hook, Tim James, Carolyn McNally

2. Request to establish a temporary COVID-19 drive-in testing clinic on Harbour Trust land at Headland Park

Ms Carding reported that the Harbour Trust has been approached by Mosman Council and Douglass Hanly Moir Pathology (DHM) to set up a temporary COVID-19 drive-in testing clinic on Harbour Trust land. The drive-in clinic previously in operation in Melrose Street, Mosman had been closed because of public safety concerns due to the large number of cars queuing on the street.

Demand for a drive-in testing clinic in Mosman is currently high due to the spike in COVID-19 cases, the need to be tested for travel purposes and the evolving situation in relation to the Omicron variant.

Ms Carding, Mr Sealey, Mr Frank Thompson (Head Ranger), Mosman Council staff (including the General Manager) and representatives from DHM met on site at Georges Heights Oval to consider the options.

The leading option was to close the car park to the west of Georges Heights Oval (at the end of Dominion Crescent) and use it to set up a drive-in COVID-19 testing clinic.

Mr Sealey spoke to the site map included in the papers for this meeting and described how cars would queue down Dominion Crescent and then park in a bay, reverse out and leave. There would be traffic marshals to guide traffic from Middle Head Road. This would minimise disruption to Middle Head, Chowder Bay and Suakin Drive so the Farmers Market could still operate on Wednesdays (DHM also offered to close the clinic on Wednesdays so as not to cause disruption to the weekly market).

At busy times, options for overflow queuing would be on Georges Heights Oval (in good weather), along Middle Head Road, or along Best Avenue. These options are being reviewed as part of a detailed traffic management plan DHM is preparing for Mosman Council and the Harbour Trust.

Mosman Council maintains the oval at Georges Heights and they would be required to remediate the oval if there were damage as a result of cars driving/queuing on the oval. Mosman Council would close the oval to all other activities while the temporary clinic is in operation (i.e. until the end of January) and DHM staff would have use of the change rooms.

There are two residential properties that would be impacted by this option. The tenants have not yet been contacted about this issue.

Ms Carding reported that the Minister's office has been advised of this issue and is supportive of the proposal.

Following discussion, the Members of the Trust agreed that due to the current health emergency, it was appropriate for the Harbour Trust to allow the short-term use of Georges Heights Oval for a drive-in COVID-19 testing clinic, and that Management should proceed with finalising the necessary arrangements.

The Members of the Trust:-

- APPROVED the proposal for a temporary drive-in COVID-19 testing clinic be set up on Harbour Trust land at Georges Heights.

The meeting closed at 3.20pm