



30 August 2023
Meeting Notes
Harbour Trust
Community Advisory Committee

Time: 5.00 pm – 7.30 pm

Venue: Harbour Trust Head Office (28 Best Avenue, Mosman/ Zoom Video Conference)

Present

Lori Callahan - *Representing Zali Steggall MP*
Sue Heins – *Mayor of The Northern Beaches*
Chido Mauwa
Glyn Evans
Anne Clarke
Sheila Foliaki
Cathy Griffin
Jeremy Kenna (online)
Lisa Trueman
Yolande Stone
Linda O'Malley
Michael Nipperess
Peter Doukas (online)
Rebecca Cardy

Apologies

Trudy Phelps
Mayor Carolyn Corrigan

In Attendance

Harbour Trust

Janet Carding, *Executive Director*
Kathryn Roberts, *Director, Marketing & Visitor Experience*
Daniel Sealey, *Director, Planning*
Libby Bennett, *Director Projects*
Michael Pender, *Development Advisor*
Susan Thompson, *Head of Engagement & Experience*
Alastair Fisher, *Community Engagement Officer*



1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

Janet Carding (JC) opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed attendees.

a) Executor Director's Update

JC advised that the North Head Master Plan will go on public exhibition in late September 2023, and the Cockatoo Island Master Plan, is expected to follow in November 2023.

The financial year has seen many visitors across all Harbour Trust sites, continuing the post-pandemic interest, with more local visitors and also educational visitors. The Harbour Trust has been able to raise an appropriate level of revenue, with favourable changes in terms of interest rates, and strong growth in rental income from property, this will be included in the Annual Report due to be finalised in October 2023. The Corporate Plan 2023-24 has been completed and is now with Minister Plibersek for noting.

It was noted that comments by the media regarding the new Ministerial Statement of Expectations is not always made with context, adding that the wording is similar to that used by previous Ministers for several years.

The Board (formally the Members of the Trust), which normally consists of 8 members, is temporarily four after terms have been completed and while new appointments are made. Carolyn McNally, Brad Manera and Michael Rose's terms are completed, and Alison Page replaces Joseph Carrozzi as Acting Chair. The NSW Government will nominate the appointment of two members to the Board. The quorum is attendance by the majority of appointed members so the Board continues to be able to make decisions.

b) Board Update – provided by Janet Carding, Executive Director

Board meetings were held in June and August 2023, with the Board receiving regular updates from Management. At the June meeting, the announcement of \$45 million funding from the Government, was well received, and will be spent over two years on several projects, including maritime work at Cockatoo Island and Woolwich Dock. Refurbishment of residential properties will be undertaken to enable these properties to be rented out, and these projects will employ a number of contractors, including First Nations organisations.

The Board discussed the North Head draft Master Plan prior to its public consultation. The Consultation Outcomes report for the draft master plans will be made early in the new year.

The Board meeting of 17 August 2023 was the first with 4 members, with some committees put on hold. The Tenant Selection Committee (TSC) will continue as normal, with Chantelle Fornari as Chair, and all actions/outcomes will be reported back to the Board. The Board approved the operating budget for 2023-24..

The initial design response to a proposed Cockatoo Island Draft Master Plan was discussed with the Board.

A First Nations Advisory Group draft terms of reference was endorsed by the Board. Alison Page will be sending invitations to potential First Nations Advisory Group members, and it is hoped that the First Nations group will be implemented in the next few months with Alison Page as Chair.



Jeremy Kenna expressed interest in how the First Nations Advisory Group appointment was progressing. As with the current CAC meetings, records will be kept and made publicly available.

Linda O'Malley asked if the CAC could be provided with the minutes from the Board Meeting in Public held on 15 June 2023. This was agreed by the Harbour Trust to be shared once ready for publication.

Matters for Discussion

1. North Head Sanctuary Draft Master Plan

Michael Pender (MP) reported that the North Head Sanctuary Draft Master Plan followed on from the earlier concept plan and the community feedback received on this.

The draft master plan is not a statutory document, but a plan to manage long term strategic decisions, with the design work to follow. A detailed analysis was undertaken to establish core values, and this involved a multi-disciplinary team including First Nations representatives with input on areas of national significance, experts in ecology, military history, traffic management, infrastructure planning and extensive knowledge of fire regulations and safety.

The draft master plan will be further refined after community consultation. It was noted that the community values the iconic space at North Head Sanctuary with its memories and solitude and the Harbour Trust must balance all aspects, including what is working and what is not. Improvements are needed to the roads and car parking to enable visitors to move more easily through North Head, whether by car or on foot. Long term ecological conservation analysis will be taken, with further study and action. Other matters for discussion/action include management of vehicle movements, with potential for a shuttle bus service, and liaison with the Q Station and NSW National Parks and Wildlife Services as neighbours, regarding mutually beneficial opportunities.

2. Cockatoo Island Draft Master Plan

MP provided an overview of the Cockatoo Draft Master Plan process and how it is evolving ahead of finalisation of the draft master plan for public consultation in November 2023.

JC thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 7:30 PM