



COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING NOTES SUMMARY SYDNEY HARBOUR FEDERATION TRUST CAC MEETING – 1 November 2016

To provide an update to the Board on the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) following the CAC's recent meeting on 1 November 2016 and the Platypus CAC's recent meeting on 15 November 2016.

Mosman Council Proposal for Middle Head

- The Harbour Trust Chair attended this presentation and discussion with the CAC.
- Mosman Council presented the three components of their proposal:
 - 1) Resurface Middle Head Oval with a synthetic material to allow for increased sports usage
 - 2) Relocate the Sports Pavilion to the Eastern side of the oval
 - 3) Provide a new children's playground on the Eastern side of the oval
- CAC members expressed concern about the impacts of synthetic turf, with an emphasis on the environmental impacts. Multiple members said this seemed contrary to the Aims of the Harbour Trust and the values of the site.
- Clarification was sought about whether the elements of the proposal were able to be separated.
- Council said that they believed a DA process would be the best way to assess the merit and suitability of the proposal.
- The Chair agreed to discuss this further with the Mayor of Mosman Council.
- Members were informed that the Harbour Trust would defer any decision on DAs for Middle Head Oval until after the Draft Management Plan has been considered by the Board.

Cockatoo Island Wharf Upgrades

- A representative from Roads and Maritime Services briefed the CAC about the proposed upgrade to Cockatoo Island wharf.
- Members asked about the suitability of the new wharf for larger vessels and crowd control for significant events. Members were given an overview of how the larger wharf could better accommodate both larger vessels and better control of crowds for events.

North Head Sanctuary – Access Improvements

- Members were provided an overview of some proposed improvements to the pedestrian and cyclist access to North Head including making the driveway pedestrian and cyclist access only, putting in a pram ramp and footpath and improving signage.

Macquarie Lightstation – New Bollards

- Members were shown a concept diagram of the proposed bollards for Macquarie Lightstation. Members commented that they liked the look of the bollards, but questioned whether chains would be necessary.

Cockatoo Island – Management Plan Update

- Members were informed that the Minister has approved the revised Management Plan and were told that once completed and registered, that it would be available on the Harbour Trust website.

Headland Park – Parking Review

- Members were updated on the proposed outcomes of the Car Parking Review including:
 - Chowder Bay – Buy 2 hours, get one free
 - 3 hour maximum in the Artists' Precinct
 - No CPI increases until the next review in 2019.
- Members were also informed about planned additional consultation in relation to these changes with Chowder Bay tenants.
- Members suggested designating a small number of car spaces at Chowder Bay as free, short-stay spaces, to allow visitors to pop into shops or pick up a coffee.
- A member commented that it is difficult to read the Chowder Bay meters in the evening.

Middle Head – Management Plan Update

- Members were informed that the Draft Management Plan is scheduled to be co-exhibited with the NPWS Middle Head Master Plan through 16 December 2016.
- Members were invited to attend a Drop-In Session on 17 November from 1pm – 7pm.
- Members were briefed on changes from the existing Management Plan, notably:
 - Possible demolition of three barracks buildings or retention or replacement of one for possible sports pavilion/cafe
 - Creation of an accessible pedestrian circuit around the site
 - Connecting the site with access to the Sydney Harbour Scenic Walk.

Platypus – Management Plan Update

- Members were provided a progress report on the Platypus Draft Management Plan submissions received through the public exhibition and petition sent after the public exhibition.
- Members were informed that based on feedback, possible changes to the Draft Plan include:
 - Looking at alternatives regarding public access along the southern end of RANTME
 - Full demolition of the 3-storey administration building
 - Changing the Gatehouse parking to a courtyard with some parking inside RANTME
- A member suggested moving car parking in the upper car park to give more desirable cliff-views to pedestrians.
- Members expressed support for the changes. One member recommended that the Draft Plan not be re-exhibited as the changes were minor and in keeping with feedback received.