



**HARBOUR TRUST**  
**SUB BASE PLATYPUS COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE**  
16 November 2022  
**MEETING NOTES**

**Time:** 6:00pm – 7:15pm

**Venue:** Zoom Video Conferencing and in person at the Harbour Trust offices

**Present – In person**

Paul Forward  
Phil Burfurd  
Matthew Lorimer

**Apologies**

Janet Carding, *Executive Director (Harbour Trust)*  
Michael Pender, *Development Advisor (Harbour Trust)*

**Present – Online**

Jessica Keen  
Ken Williams  
Neil Schafer  
Miles Lockwood  
Tammy Dodd

**Harbour Trust Attendance – In person**

Susan Thompson, *Head of Engagement & Experience*  
Ruth Kotevich, *Communications and Engagement Manager*  
Madeleine Treacy-Maclean, *Stakeholder Engagement Officer*

**Harbour Trust Attendance – Online**

Kathryn Roberts, *Director - Marketing & Visitor Experience*  
Libby Bennett, *Director - Projects*  
Graham Izod, *Director Assets and Parklands*  
Patrick Lee, *Project Manager*  
Peter Salib, *Taylor Construction, Contractor – Torpedo Factory Renewal Project*

**1. Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country**

The Harbour Trust's (HT) Susan Thompson (ST), Head of Engagement & Experience opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country.



## 2. Project status and program update

Patrick Lee (PL) and Peter Salib (PS) updated the committee on the project status of the Torpedo Factory at Sub Base Platypus. The project is transitioning from stage 2 (demolition works) to stage 3 (construction works). The weather effects of La Nina and the Indian Ocean Dipole IOD continue to place pressure on the site works.

PL noted that the High Street facing portion of the Torpedo factory is now demolished and the remaining slab of to the foreshore portion of the multi-level building is now partially demolished. PL played a video to demonstrate site progress and noted the footage was taken during the previous months ending on the 10 November 2022. The project aims to complete demolition by end of November 2022.

### **Committee Feedback**

- Paul Forward (PF) asked if the cut line of the sandstone wall will be straight?

PL responded that the sandstone wall will be straight. Currently engineering assessments are being undertaken and temporary measures in place to ensure the structural integrity of the wall is not compromised during the works. However, when finalised the cut line of the wall/the slab at car park level will be straight.

- Phil Burfurd (PB) asked if there will be electric vehicle charging stations within the car park?

PL noted that yes there will be provisions for four electric vehicle charging spots in the redeveloped car park.

- PF commented on the clear eastern vistas that have been revealed when community members look through from High Street
- Tammy Dodd (TD) commented on the positive community feedback she has been hearing about the work to date and how the site is transforming

## 4. Interpretation update

Libby Bennett (LB) provided an update on the interpretation plans and First Nations artist brief for Sub Base Platypus Torpedo Factory.

- PB asked will there be any screens/audio/technology involved in the onsite interpretation?
- Kathryn Roberts (KR) responded there will be no fixed technology, however, the HT are exploring interactive walking tours at other HT sites and Sub Base Platypus provides an opportunity to scale such an option up. The Harbour Trust is also in the early stages of creating an Events and Activations Strategy across all sites. This strategy will identify the intensity and nature of events that are best suited to the site and its visitors. The HT will continue to look for considered opportunities and effective partnerships to activate Sub Base Platypus.
- Neil Schafer (NS) asked if the building always known as the Royal Australian Navy Torpedo Maintenance Establishment was now to be renamed the Torpedo Factory (as per suggested signage)?
- The HT clarified that the building would remain named Sub Base Platypus Torpedo Factory.



#### 4. Communications and Engagement update

Ruth Kotevich (RK) provided an update on communications and engagement approach for the project. The update included information provided to key stakeholders about the progress of the project to date. There is a presence of onsite signage which has been effective as well as clear communications to all stakeholders. There has been seven complaints and eight enquiries to date regarding the Torpedo Factory Renewal Project. The majority of these complaints were relating to noise.

- PF asked if the HT has identified the addresses of where noise concerns have come from?

RK answered that no, the HT have not asked for the addresses of the people who have shared concerns about noise.

#### 4. Questions

- ML asked if there be additional security given the changed nature of the site (with more public space/parkland). Will there be need for more maintenance?

Graham Izod (GI) noted the site already features a CCTV and 24/7 security, there will be no marked change to the need for security. The continuing maintenance of the new space is being managed through the HT existing program of ongoing maintenance.

- TD asked what percent of the retained torpedo factory is car park?

PL noted that it is difficult to quantify on the spot, but it was estimated that the car park is 60 per cent of the space, while the arrival walk is 20 per cent and the terrace garden is 20 per cent.

- TD: What is the update on a food and beverage option at Sub Base Platypus?

GI discussed the potential of the former torpedo factory space activation through its 'plug and play' features, whereby power and services have been arranged in a way that allows temporary food and beverage events, such as festivals and pop ups. A permanent provision of onsite food and beverage is in the strategy for the site and options will be explored further following the completion of onsite construction works.

- PF asked what is the update on the plans for the Retort House?

LB discussed initial scoping work that has been commenced on the Retort House. Within the envelope of funding, it is anticipated these works will tread lightly – with a focus on lead paint removal, ensuring its watertight, updating services within the space and potentially opening the eastern facade.

**Meeting closed- 7:11PM**