



**SYDNEY HARBOUR FEDERATION TRUST
PLATYPUS COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
5 JUNE 2018**

Time: 6:00 – 7:25pm

Venue: Platypus Site, Gatehouse Building, 118 High Street, North Sydney

Present:

Flynn McDermont
Mayor Jilly Gibson
Chris Staplton
Ken Williams
Tammy Dodd
Paul Forward

Stephen Alborough (Harbour Trust)
Kathryn Roberts (Harbour Trust)
Mary Darwell (Harbour Trust)
Rebecca Hage (Harbour Trust)
Libby Bennett (Harbour Trust)

Apologies:

Neil Schafer
Trent Zimmerman MP
Chris Skinner

Executive Director – Welcome and update

Mary Darwell (MD) provided a brief update on recent board meetings.

MD also advised on the endorsement and launch of the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) at the Board Meeting in Public also being held on 29 June. The Platypus CAC are invited to attend the meeting and they will receive a formal invitation to the RAP launch. The RAP will seek input and advice from its confirmed advisory body, made of leaders and contributors with Indigenous backgrounds. Finally, MD provided a brief overview of the corporate plan which will be released in July.

Community Day & Media Call

The Harbour Trust provided an overview of the media call and community day held at Sub Base Platypus (SBP) on the 16th and 19th of May respectively. The Media call garnered significant national and metro attention as well as substantial coverage in metro papers.

The Committee highlighted the event had been received well by the community. Trent Zimmerman MP had also echoed the positive sentiment of the upgraded area as well as those a part of the Submariners Association of Australia reporting similar.

The Committee enquired as to the data management of the site and if counters had been installed to measure the influx of people to SBP. The Harbour Trust provided that people counters have been installed at the entrance ways to count pedestrians entering the site.

The Committee conveyed their concern of tourist buses entering Kiara Close, noting that Kiara Close is a public access road and this may cause congestion. The Harbour Trust advised Rangers will observe the site.

Finally, the Committee enquired as to procedures for traffic management to and around the site, noting since the opening of SBP and the upgraded Kesterton Park, parking on High Street has become increasingly difficult with traffic congestion blocking access to the cul-de-sac. It was noted higher rates may be due to the opening of the site and will settle down. The Harbour Trust advised the parking and land is a part of North Sydney Council and is managed as such, North Sydney Council Mayor will review parking. The Harbour Trust informed the Committee, messages of public transport have been re-iterated through all communication channels.

Stage 1A Overview

The Harbour Trust provided an overview of completed works on Kesterton Park Link, Northern Park and Northern stairs with minor aesthetic elements to be added.

The Committee enquired whether the fencing which was part of the old structure at the upper carpark could be removed and if the lighting on the Kesterton Park Link could be switched off at night with the Committee suggesting the lighting be on a timer as an energy saver. Concerns were raised regarding the lighting on the Northern Stairs and the necessity to have two tall light polls as opposed to lighting the staircase from the first landing down.

The Harbour Trust consulted IORA resident to address their lighting concerns and will adjust one light to sit horizontally. An electrical engineer has assessed safety results in addition, light needs to be installed over the northern stair landing.

Stage 1B Update

The Harbour Trust provided an update on the upgrades to the Stage 1B. The tender assessment process is underway with a contractor to be chosen to start shortly. The Harbour Trust noted IORA residents will be informed at the commencement of construction.

EOI Update

The Harbour Trust provided an update on the EOI process and potential uses for all leasable stock. The Torpedo Factory, Retort House and Exhauster House have not been included in Stage 1B works.

North Sydney Council

The Harbour Trust provided an update on results by North Sydney Council who will provide support to Kiara Close works (\$110k). The Committee discussed that it was appropriate for North Sydney Council to undertake the works given its obligation for community consultation. Public exhibition of proposed works would be necessary. Meeting to be between IORA residents, Harbour Trust and North Sydney Council to discuss the impacts.

Other Business

The Committee has requested use of the Northern Park in September for a commemorative service as part of the Submariners Association of Australia. Agreed participation by the Harbour Trust.

As well as this, the Committee enquired as the school programs for the site and if school groups would be brought to the site to learn about the site history. The Harbour Trust noted this.

Meeting closed at 7:25pm.