

# SYDNEY HARBOUR FEDERATION TRUST

## 127th MEETING

Boardroom Sydney Harbour Federation Trust Building 28, Best Avenue, Mosman

Meeting in Private

27 February 2019

**MINUTES** 

True & Correct Record of the 127<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust

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Chair



Minutes of the 127<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust held in the Boardroom, 28 Best Avenue, Cockatoo Island at 9.05am on 27 February 2019.

#### **Present**

Joseph Carrozzi Chair

Jean Hay AM

Garth Callender (teleconference)

Josephine Cashman (teleconference)

Jessica Keen (teleconference)

Sally Herman (teleconference)

Sandra Hook

Deputy Chair

Member

Member

Member

Member

#### In Attendance

Mary Darwell Executive Director

Daniel Sealey Senior Manager Planning & Environment

Rosemary Southcombe Secretariat

The meeting commenced at 9.05am on Wednesday 27 February 2019.

### The Board:-

RESOLVED to meet in private because of confidential cabinet and budget matters on the Agenda.

Moved: J. Carrozzi Seconded: J. Hay

## 1. Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.

## 2. Introduction

The Chair:-

NOTED there was a quorum, with all Members elected in attendance.

a) Apologies

There were no apologies.

b) Declarations of Interest

The Declarations of Interest were updated and NOTED.

# 3. Executive Director's Report (verbal)

The Executive Director reported on discussions with the Department.

# 4. Cockatoo Island Vision Refresh (Agenda Item 2)

Mary Darwell introduced the topic with reference to the agreement at the Board meeting in December 2018 that the Harbour Trust needed to clarify the vision for Cockatoo Island and engage in a wider process of community testing and consultation.

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Simon Konecny, Deputy General Counsel Commercial, from Australian Government Solicitor joined the meeting (via teleconference at 9.20am) and spoke to his advice in relation to the plan making functions of the Harbour Trust.

Following discussion with Board members, Mr Konecny left the meeting.

Mary Darwell discussed the proposed approach in relation to consultation and engagement for the Cockatoo Island vision refresh and associated Management Plan review.

During their discussions, the Board agreed Cockatoo Island has enormous potential to be a significant place for Sydney and Australia, building on the achievements to date. The Board noted that there are many stakeholders and proponents who have ideas which need to be considered. A range of engagement strategies would be necessary to ensure input.

In relation to the consultation process, the Board discussed the importance of ensuring the information to stakeholders sets out what the Harbour Trust has achieved on Cockatoo Island and the continuing challenging financial issues related to the maintenance of the high heritage value building and services to the site.

#### The Board:-

- AGREED that the Harbour Trust will lead a refresh of the approach to Cockatoo Island within the requirements of the Comprehensive Plan.
- NOTED the importance of an inclusive and transparent consultation process to provide input to the Harbour Trust's work on refreshing the Cockatoo Island Management Plan and vision.
- AGREED that the process required a broad range of stakeholders including 1:1 and targeted workshops/brainstorming sessions, including engagement with State and Commonwealth Governments.
- AGREED that a targeted First Nations engagement was necessary and Management would discuss this with Josephine Cashman.
- AGREED to the consultation process outlined by management for the refresh of the vision for Cockatoo Island and the communication strategy.
- NOTED the continued financial challenges facing the Harbour Trust in meeting its legislative obligations.
- RESOLVED that the Board will write to the Department concerning the financial and other challenges faced by the Harbour Trust.

The meeting closed at 10.20am.

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