

Millers Point Community Resident Action Group

MINUTES

DATE

Tuesday 13th October 2020

6.30pm

Meeting held via ZOOM, in line with current
COVID-19 restrictions

COMMITTEE

President	Anne Warr
Vice President	John McInerney
Public Officer	John Dunn
Treasurer	Jim Warren
Secretary	Yasmina Bonnet
Committee	Margaret Bishop Bernard Kelly Anne Crabb Heather Smith

APOLOGIES

Suzan Clear, Antony Bekker, Ling Yoong, Mary Moloney, Anne Crabb, Anne Diwell - City of Sydney

ATTENDEES

Visitors

Susan Lee and Adam Shumack - Place Management NSW
Gwendy Arnot - President, Walsh Bay Precinct

Residents

John Dunn, Yasmina Bonnet, Bernard Kelly, John McInerney, Jim Warren, Bernard Kelly, Janette Powell, Caroline Pidcock, Heather Smith, Ashley Yields, Helen Meddings, Nicholas Wolff, Robert Hansen, Jo Marchese, Laurie Brereton, Tricia Kavanagh, Stuart Murray, Graham Wilson, Candice Murphy, Michael Hyde, Cassie Howse, John Sidoti, Maureen Sidoti, Isabel Silva

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AGENDA ITEMS	
Meeting Opening Anne Warr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledgement of Country Anne read poem, Full Moon, by indigenous poet Ellen van Neeren. Take the feather Over the bird Dream in song Make music From the land Sing in Dreams
Previous Minutes September 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That previous minutes be adopted: Moved: Bernard Kelly Seconded: Jim Warren
Welcome to New Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anne warmly welcomed MPCRAG's 29 new members, who had recently submitted application forms
Susan Lee and Adam Shumack Place Management NSW	George Street partial Road Closure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adam mentioned the new Alfresco Revolution across The Rocks precinct is a State Government directive led by Minister Rob Stokes and Minister Dominello, wanting to provide more outdoor space to struggling food retailers, pubs and cafes and more economic opportunities to recover Each venue will have two licenses – one by PMNSW and one from Liquor & Gaming Bernard asked if the additional outdoor space could be extended to include Millers Point businesses as well as purely those located in The Rocks Some residents noted that the additional seating/tables in the George St closure itself isn't well used, opposed to other new seating areas in The Rocks Adam mentioned the George St closure agreement is now month to month, with a possible twelve months duration (during of the alfresco dining trial) One resident called it a 'failed experiment', which has inconvenienced more people than it has benefited The Rocks Pharmacy objected to the partial road closure as its elderly patients are unable to be 'dropped off' outside the pharmacy to pick up their medicine Some corner Lower Fort Street/ George St residents thought the partial road closure had provided traffic calming to their area of the street Anne asked Susan Lee if PMNSW could assist our group in having a traffic plan created for the area

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gwendy Arnot asked Susan Lee which tenants she contacted at Walsh Bay in regards to the George Street closure and traffic impacts. PMNSW has only spoken to the Sydney Theatre Company (who contacted them) • Gwendy suggested PMNSW approach ALL Walsh Bay tenants and theatre groups, particularly with the number of tenants about to occupy Pier 2/3 in late November when the construction work is complete • Gwendy said Walsh Bay is anticipating 8,000-10,000 people entering and leaving Walsh Bay during peak performance times when the theatres are fully operational. Gwendy asked Susan how will all these people arrive and leave Walsh Bay with the George Street closure in place?
Windmill Street Bridge repairs Gwendy Arnott	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windmill Street Bridge opened in August 2020 after being closed to the public for a period of at least 15 years • After the initial announcement in August that the bridge was going to be open 24/7, residents may have noticed that the bridge had been closed during early September. This was due to the City of Sydney undertaking repair and maintenance works. • While the bridge is open again now, other works to the bridge will be carried out in the near future as part of a capital works program. These works include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - repair of the rusted balustrading across the bridge - New lighting, including heritage lamps in the breezeway - Temporary hoods to the current lighting to prevent glare into Windmill Street - Way finding signage • Gwendy also noted that she had been informed about concerns from Windmill Street residents such as cleaning of the roof lights needed, repairs to timber boarding to ceiling to prevent pigeons nesting there, and No Smoking signs • Gwendy and Joanne are currently looking at beautiful heritage lamps options to install on the bridge
Kent Street footpath repairs John McInerney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kent Street will have new footpath laid following many complaints of numerous holes being key safety issues for all residents in our area
Public Spaces Ideas Competition Anne Warr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPCRAG submitted seven entries into the inaugural Public Spaces Ideas Competition • Minister of Planning and Public Spaces, Rob Stokes along with The Committee for Sydney is promoting the reimaging of public spaces via the competition. 500 entries were received in total • The awards will be held online on the 4th November 2020
CRAG AGM Jim Warren	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th November, at the Hero of Waterloo • This is strictly a MPCRAG members only event

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Committee positions will be voted on
Local Reports	<p>Treasurer's Report - Jim Warren</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member's funds at the end of September represented by cash at bank, were \$3496.46 • Income for the month comprised bank interest of 28 cents. There was no expenditure • Income for the financial year to date is 86 cents and there is no expenditure <p>Farmers Market - Heather Smith</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26th October will be a special Halloween themed market! Come dressed up in your spookiest outfits and there will be prizes given to Best Dressed adults and children • The one-year anniversary of the markets is coming up in December so watch this space! • \$500 was raised and donated to the Mission to Seafarers from the farmers market BBQ <p>Community Garden – Yasmina Bonnet on behalf of Ling Yoong</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Community Garden is doing well • Lots of different kinds of tomatoes have been planted in the garden beds. There are some early blueberries and strawberries, Christmas lima beans are in bloom and ready to harvest. Do help yourself to the produce • Charley Kelly organized a Guerilla Gardening day for the gardens around The Harry Jensen Centre and playground. Several members of the Community Garden volunteered for a few hours on a Sunday, resulting in a huge improvement in the gardens • Community garden member Gerard Willem's pianoforte concert will be held on the 22th October. Some garden members will be listening to the concert on the Stargazer lawn with a picnic <p>Greening Committee – Bernard Kelly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Pearce has committed to a number of things already from the walk around the neighbourhood, including that all future plantings will be native vegetation
Observatory Hill Rubbish Update Yasmina Bonnet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been several complaints from residents about the bins on Observatory Hill being overflowing with rubbish at 6am in the mornings as a result of visitors picnicking on the Hill in the evenings • City of Sydney cleaning contractor, Skyline Contractors was contacted on behalf of our MPCRAG and they have implemented an additional pick-up of rubbish in the early afternoons in addition to bringing forward the morning pick-up. An additional two bins were also requested from the city of Sydney on our behalf. • Improvements have been seen on Observatory Hill since these changes have been implemented

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MPCRAG Christmas Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Christmas lunch/ picnic to be held in the Village Green/ Argyle Place Park on Sunday 6th December 2020 • Tables will be spaced out in line with COVID-19 requirements • Margaret Bishop is organizing an invitation with full details to be emailed out shortly
Thank you Millers Point Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gus Cockrell would like to thank everyone in the Millers Point Community who donated items for the 70 self-care packs which were made up for the City's rough sleepers and delivered to the Wayside Chapel

OTHER BUSINESS	

Meeting closed	8.30 pm
Next Meeting	Tuesday 10th November, 6.00pm arrival for a 6.30pm start at the Hero of Waterloo hotel
Amendments to Minutes	Send amendments to: Yasmina Bonnet yasmina@ybconsulting.com.au
Items for next meeting's Agenda	Send agenda items to Anne Warr warr.anne@gmail.com