

MILLERS POINT RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP INC.

AGM plus AOB

MINUTES

DATE

Tuesday 14th November, 2023
6.30pm
Harry Jensen Centre

COMMITTEE

President Annie Crabb
Vice President Cormac Champion
Treasurer Jim Warren
Secretary Candice Murphy

Public Officer Rodger Muir

Committee Jane Heynes
Martin Crabb
Melanie Tate
Rob Carrick

ATTENDEES

Visitors

Adam Worling, City of Sydney

Residents Candice Murphy, Emma Crundall, Jim Warren, Jan Powell, Margaret Wright, Eric Hamilton, Cormac Champion, Clelia Paino, Melanie Tait, Annie Crabb, Stuart Murray, Judith Martin, Jaz Stephens, Annette Muir, Roger Muir, Martin Crabb, Ian Bennett, Tony Murray, Shirley Murray, Sheldon Jacomb, Michael Neary, Margaret Bishop, Peter Knight, Katrina Lawrence, Frank Maurizi, Xander Weilsman, John Dunn

Apologies Kerr Neilson, Bernard Kelly, Elaine Suit, Rod Pomroy,

AGENDA ITEMS	
Meeting Opened 6:30 Annie Crabb	Acknowledgement of Country Cormac Champion
Confirmation of Minutes SGM 2023	Moved: Rodger Muir Seconded: Jim Warren
President's Report	President's Report 2023

Annie Crabb

I want to start by thanking the Executive Committee and the sub-committees for the hundreds of hours they have volunteered working for our community. I know for some it is almost a full- time job.

We have spent the year **building crucial relationships** across government departments, with the City of Sydney and our Local MP Alex Greenwich, key authorities and other community groups. In particular, I would like to thank Jane Heynes for strengthening our relationships with the Walsh Bay Precinct. By working closely with Walsh Bay, we have managed to have a ‘whole of peninsula’ approach to events in our area. Jane will be stepping down from the Executive tonight and we thank her for her service to the community.

One such event was **Vivid** this year. Residents and visitor feedback has been very positive with them reporting the level of angst on the streets significantly reduced. We have already started our consultations with the organisers for next year.

Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for the arrangements for **New Years Eve** with the Minns Government declaring it will be a non-ticked event this year with public spaces being opened up at 9 am with a ‘first in’ and ‘no pass out’ system in place. Barangaroo Park (Stargazers Lawn) will be a licenced venue with visitor’s bags checked via the Cutaway.

With the Hickson Road footpath closed, visitors will have to access the Cutaway from the Barangaroo foreshore or as we are concerned, getting lost down Kent Street. We continue to work with the City of Sydney, PlaceMaking NSW and Transport for NSW as to manage crowds and the visitor experience of our historic area. As always, make sure you check out road closures and clearways if you plan to be here for New Years Eve.

– And as an update, we met with this afternoon CoS to raise our concerns with the council staff and they have agreed to some changes but have limited options. They have offered to debrief after the event to improve next year’s celebrations – so your feedback will be important.

On a positive note, after much lobbying from our residents, the then Minister, Rob Stokes and our local MP Alex Greenwich opened our local **swimming hole** at Marrinawi Cove in January, for the enjoyment of our public open spaces for locals and visitors alike – I love seeing people getting off the 311 bus in Argyle Street with the towels around the necks on the way to our pool. We have to thank the efforts of Yasmina, Candice, Caro and co for their excellent 3 year campaign and we continue to negotiate around the opening of Moore’s Wharf to the public.

As you all know, there has been a substantial **traffic study** conducted in our area with potential long- term impacts on our area. We are due to meet with the consultants on the 24th of this month to get an update – the Executive will insist that they continue to consult with the community before any changes are instigated.

This year our **Heritage** sub-committee continued to work with the department and the Heritage Council to re-write the guidelines for the renovations of our historic homes. We have to thank those involved for their commitment to preserving Sydney's historic homes whilst ensuring modern living can coexist. Heritage preservation remains one of the MPCRAG's important remits. We have to thank Anne, Kate, John and David to name a few.

We remain concerned as to the future of the **Community Centre** with representatives of the City of Sydney suggesting that the MPCRAG take over the management. We have requested that the City representatives brief us so we can keep you informed.

I have to say I find Mel Tait's energy amazing! And a bit scary! She has convinced the Council, Transport for NSW (which is not easy) and the electricity providers to install three new **Electric Vehicle** charging stations in Trinity Place and on Kent Street. We need to use them to keep them and have more installed.

It is with sadness that we have learnt that several families are leaving our neighbourhood as their rental homes have been reverted to **Airbnb's** by the owner. At our recent Lord Mayor roundtable consultation, we asked the City to enforce the current 180-day policy be enforced and suggested the City look at limiting rental days such they are doing in the Byron Shire. We also encourage the Minns Government to monitor the many uninhabited houses in our area so they can be rented by those who need homes to address the current housing crisis.

As a community we embrace change. The Executive are looking forward to the opening of the newly developed **Fort Street Primary School and Barangaroo Metro** next year. It's is great that our kids can walk to school, catch the light rail or Metro. Having said that, the community remain concerned about bikes commuting via Kent Steet and the apparent lack of commitment from Transport for NSW to reinstate and fund the bike path on Observatory Hill. This must be done for the safety of pedestrians on Kent Street, the kids walking to school on Upper Fort Street and cyclist trying to get to work.

Make sure you book you time at to visit the open day Metro on the 26th of November!

We wait with baited breath to see what will happen at **Central Barangaroo!** We continue to keep our key stakeholders informed and expect INSW to release their revised plans soon. On behalf of the Executive, can I thank Bernard Kelly for his continued leadership on this important issue for our community and Sydney.

The MPCRAG was recognised for their 'Don't Block the Rocks' campaign being awarded the **National Trust Heritage Award for Advocacy**.

	<p>On a negative note, we were very disappointed to see an ‘unsigned’ flyer called the ‘Millers Point Chronical’ letter boxed last week – can I make it very clear that this was not from the MPCRAG.</p> <p>On a lighter note, it was fantastic to see local resident Professor Georgina along with her colleague, Professor Richard Scolyer being nominated as NSW’s 2024 Australians of the Year. This is in recognition of their partnership that has saved thousands of people from dying from melanoma. In our view they have won already.</p> <p>It has been a fantastic experience working with the people of Millers Point for the last year, what a great community!</p> <p>As I said at the start, we have spread the load with many members joining our sub-committees which means we have many voices representing our community. I have to say this community is so democratic – it makes me proud. We don’t always agree but I have to say the respect amongst us is to be commended.</p> <p>I congratulate the incoming Millers Point Community Resident Action Group inc. Executive for 2023/24</p> <p>Annie Crabb President Millers Point Community Resident Action Group inc. president@millerspoint.org.au</p>
<p>Item 3 Election Of Committee</p>	<p>The Public Officer, Rodger Muir accepted the resignation of all committee members and appointed the new committee (unopposed) for 2023/2024.</p> <p>Annie Crabb, President.</p> <p>Melanie Tate, Vice President</p> <p>Candice Murphy, Secretary</p> <p>Jim Warren, Treasurer</p> <p>Cormac Champion, Robert Carrick, Martin Crabb, Katrina Lawrence.</p>
<p>AOB</p>	<p>Adam Worling updated the meeting on E.V. Chargers, HarbourView Hotel compliance, AirBnB legislation.</p>
<p>Amendments to Minutes</p>	<p>Send amendments to: Candice Murphy, MPCRAG Secretary Secretary@millerspoint.org.au</p>

Items for next meeting's Agenda	Send agenda items to Candice Murphy Secretary@millerspoint.org.au
Meeting Closed	6:44pm
Next Meeting	6:30pm. 12th December, 2023 Harry Jensen Centre