

**The Millers Point Community  
Resident Action Group (MPCRAG)**



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## MINUTES

### DATE

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
6.30pm  
Harry Jensen Centre  
Millers Point

### 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, Margaret Bishop

### ATTENDEES

#### Visitors

Alex Greenwich - Independent Member for Sydney  
Darren Tan – Lend Lease  
Anne Diwell - City of Sydney

#### Residents

John Dunn, Anne Warr, Yasmina Bonnet, Bernard Kelly, John Dunn, Anita Meshram,  
John McInerney, Jim Warren, Jan Powell, Anne Crabb, Caroline Pidcock, Heather Smith,  
Mary Moloney, Ashley Yields, Jenny Abraham, Marjorie Sutcliffe, David Wilson, Helen  
Meddings, John Sidoti, Mareen Sidoti, Philip Bruce, Judy Bruce, Candice Murphy, Isabel  
Silva, Nicholas Wolff, John Brown

<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>	
<b>Meeting Opening</b> <i>John McInerney</i>	Acknowledgement of Country
<b>Previous Minutes</b> February 2019	That previous minutes be adopted: <b>Moved:</b> Yasmina Bonnet <b>Seconded:</b> Jim Warren
<b>Barangaroo Update</b> Darren Tan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Darren has sent renders of Public Domain and Hickson Park (ATTACHED TO MINUTES)</li> <li>• Has been in talks with Heather Smith to establish a farmer's market at Barangaroo by the end of the year. These will be possibly be located on Hickson Road, under cover</li> </ul>
<b>Sydney Metro Design Update</b> Anne Warr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anne Warr has been in contact with Caroline St Clair from Sydney Metro who will be attend our May meeting to update the community regarding Sydney Metro Station's design</li> </ul>
<b>2020 Vision Planning Workshop for Millers Point</b> <i>Bernard Kelly</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshop very successful on all fronts</li> <li>• Workshop summary document completed by Bernard will be distributed and is open for debate until next CRAG meeting (14<sup>th</sup> April). Please send any comments or suggestion to Bernard Kelly</li> </ul>
<b>Traffic working party update</b> Mary Moloney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The group has expanded objectives from traffic calming to shared zones</li> <li>• Discussion on giving pedestrians priority over cars</li> <li>• Have reached out to traffic engineer who is recognised by council and will be holding meeting with group shortly</li> </ul>
<b>Greening &amp; Streetscape working group</b> <i>Bernard Kelly</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus on indigenous and native species</li> <li>• Improve level of green renewal of streetscape – footpaths</li> <li>• Will put together a page one summary document to send around for feedback and comments</li> <li>• Using Barangaroo Reserve planting scheme role model</li> <li>• Need a broader perspective of green sustainability/ walkability</li> <li>• Needs to integrate with traffic group's objectives too</li> </ul>
<b>Billabong Group</b> <i>Anne Warr</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maiden swims and reconnaissance at Marrinawi Cove and Nawi Coves, Barangaroo by the Billabong Group. Shark net has been taken away from Nawi Cove for cleaning but no-one's toes got nibbled by sharks.</li> </ul>
<b>After-hours Community Activities Group</b> <i>Heather Smith</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More of a recruitment drive. Margaret Bishop and Heather would love more community members to join their working group.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liaising with Harry Jensen Centre/ Abraham Mott Hall and to ascertain what additional activities may be offered to the community after hours</li> <li>• Anne Diwell (CoS), who used to manage Pine Street Centre Chippendale has access to some amazing tutors. Is happy to help</li> </ul>
<b>Sustainability Working group</b> <i>Caroline Pidcock</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggested a biophilic workshop, which would be held outdoors and help the community get in touch with nature</li> <li>• Would at essence and energy of our place/ Millers Point</li> </ul>
<b>Jim Warren</b> <i>Treasurer's Report</i>	<b>MILLERS POINT RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP</b> <b>TREASURERS REPORT FEBRUARY 2020</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member's funds, represented by cash at bank, at the end of February were \$3731.25.</li> <li>• Income for the month comprised bank interest of 35 cents. Expenditure, comprising facilitation and catering costs in respect of the 2020 Vision Workshop, totalled \$1474.</li> <li>• Year-to-date income is \$1073.73 and year-to-date expenditure is \$2187.</li> </ul>
<b>Possible new working group – Fund raising</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed ways to raise funds to be used by MP CRAG for further community initiatives. These included grants, holding a heritage home tour in the area (potentially partnering with Historic Houses Association), organising a fund raiser whilst showing a movie which has been shot in Millers Point ie Playing Beatie Bow or Peter Rabbit 2, walking tours of Millers Point laneways (Anne Warr)</li> </ul>
<b>ALEX GREENWICH</b> <b>Independent Member for Sydney update</b>	<u><b>Ship to Shore Power</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alex has asked Minister to expand the review of feasibility to include all cruise wharves so it can cover Overseas Passenger Terminal as well, and to include environmental and health impacts, not just look at technological changes.</li> <li>• Alex will follow up air quality monitoring, noise monitoring, traffic/trucks movements and code of conduct for us</li> </ul> <u><b>Fort Street Primary School Redevelopment Traffic Impacts:</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alex has asked the Education Minister to make sure that traffic concerns are covered in the plans for the Fort Street Primary School Redevelopment.</li> </ul> <u><b>Short-Term Letting</b></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is still up in the air, awaiting government.</li> <li>• The Laws passed to enable by-laws by special resolution to ban short term letting in a buildings where the premise is not the host's principal place of residence. The rules expressly</li> </ul>

prohibit by-laws that control or limit short term renting where the premise *is* the host's principal place of residence. Laws not yet in effect because the government is working through details for regulations.

- The government is developing a code of conduct that it says will help stop party houses and Alex was able to move amendments to allow the code to also include a registration system. The government called for submissions on a registration system late last year however it wants the scheme to be run by the industry, so it is not clear how effective it will be to verify occupancy.
- Unfortunately, there are no updates since the release of the draft planning rules last year. Your submission raised concerns about the lack of protections for apartment communities and neighbourhoods. You've asked ministers for information but it is unclear what is happening or whether promised reforms will be improved following feedback. You got changes to include registration system, which has the potential to help ensure enforcement of any rules – the devil will be in the detail.
- Strengthening protections against short term letting remains a priority and you've been personally following up with relevant ministers.

#### **Barangaroo Central**

- Alex understands we have concerns about building heights blocking views from Kent Street, traffic impacts particularly on Hickson Road, the lack of community consultation to date and facilities for children on central Barangaroo.
- There has been a long history of poor local engagement in the planning of Barangaroo and this has resulted in overdevelopment of South Barangaroo. He understands people are worried that history will repeat itself with Central Barangaroo and when Parliament resumes, he will ask the Premier to consult with local residential communities before any development applications are submitted. If the government engages with the community early on, we will get the best public outcome.
- Alex will also ask her to commit to protecting the vistas of Kent Street residents, to ensure Hickson Road traffic is not further impacted by plans and to assess the need for children's facilities like playgrounds. He knows these issues are important to us and they should be addressed early in the planning process.

	<p><b><u>Building and Design Bill</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alex has worked with the minister to make the new statutory duty of care provisions, which ensure owners can sue for negligence would be extended to existing apartment owners.</li> <li>• He moved a number of amendments that passed with bipartisan support:</li> <li>• A more inclusive definition of regulated designs is now in the bill, ensuring fundamental design and construction will be subject to the new regime regardless of the regulations.</li> <li>• There will be greater transparency through new oversight of contractors and subcontractors doing work on an apartment that was previously outside the remit of the bill.</li> <li>• Importantly one of my amendments will require the principal certifying officer to receive all compliance declarations and consider any declared non-compliances before issuing an occupation certificate, ensuring that occupation certificates will only be issued for buildings that comply with the new regime.</li> <li>• Loopholes still need to be removed from the statutory warranty regime that currently allow developers to escape responsibility through crafty contracts. While the government did not support my amendments to achieve this last year, I plan to work further with the minister to get these vital changes through.</li> <li>• The bill remains in the Legislative Council but he expects it to pass at the end of the month.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Urban Planning</b> John McInerney</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John and Anne Warr had a constructive meeting on site with Tony Smith, Head of Planning and Heritage from the City of Sydney, regarding design solutions for integrating traffic and pedestrian safety with heritage conservation concerns. The meeting focussed on the Windmill Street / Lower Fort Street intersection and the Kent Street / Argyle Place intersection. A number of potential ways forward were discussed, to be followed up by Tony Smith.</li> </ul>

**MATTERS ARISING**

<p><b>Anne Diwell</b> <i>City of Sydney</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Palisades Hotel location of air-conditioning plant on roof issue is coming to ‘pointy end’.</li> <li>• Group discussed inviting Clover Moore to our May meeting</li> <li>• If you have any issues relating to garbage bins – please go to City of Sydney website/ and report the issue/ record and upload photographs. Goes direct to City of Sydney Rangers. Nick Woolf confirmed that the system works very well</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Meeting closed</b></p>	<p>8.00 pm</p>
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<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2020, 6.30pm, Harry Jensen Centre.</b>
<b>Corrections to Minutes</b>	Send corrections to: Yasmina Bonnet <a href="mailto:yasmina@ybconsulting.com.au">yasmina@ybconsulting.com.au</a>
<b>Items for next meeting's Agenda</b>	Send agenda items to Anne Warr warr.anne@gmail.com