

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



MINUTES

DATE

Tuesday 11th February 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, Heather Smith, Leanne Abbott, Sage Saegenschmitter, Cade family

ATTENDEES

Visitors

Liz Gemmill - President, Society of Arts & Crafts NSW
Mark Dowsing - Sydney Metro Construction
Mark Ayto – Infrastructure NSW
Laurie Foy – Richard Crookes Constructions
Anne Diwell - City of Sydney

Residents

John Dunn, Anne Warr, Yasmina Bonnet, Bernard Kelly, Margaret Bishop, Andrew Johnson, Anita Meshram, John McInerney, Robert Hansen, Jim Warren, Jan Powell, Anne Crabb, Caroline Pidcock, Jaz Stephens, Ashley Yields, Jenny Abraham, Marjorie Sutcliffe, John McInerney, Rod Pomroy

AGENDA ITEMS	
Meeting Opening <i>Anne Warr</i>	Acknowledgement of Country
Previous Minutes December 2019	That previous minutes be adopted: Moved: Anne Warr Seconded: John McInerney
Walsh Bay Update <i>Mark Ayto – Infrastructure NSW</i> <i>Laurie Foy – Richard Crookes Constructions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wharf 4/5 progress is pleasing. Sydney Theatre Company space upstairs has finishes on walls, kms of cabling are being laid, all plants delivered and installed. Ground floor progress not as advanced. Estimated completion end of year with soft openings end of year • Pier 2/3 – piles not quite right, confident in retaining timber floors, most activity off site. This will ramp up March/ April. Estimated completion 20/21. • 120 staff onsite at the moment • Solar panels are being installed on rooftop of Wharf 4/5
Sydney Metro Construction Update Mark Dowsing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All excavation is now complete at the Barangaroo Station site. • Current and upcoming work involves building the permanent concrete structure of the station and underground crossover cavern, including waterproofing, steel fixing and concreting activities. There will be occasional out-of-hours work, notifications will be distributed as necessary. • Both tunnel boring machines from the south (TBM Nancy and Mum Shirl) have completed tunnelling and arrived at the southern end of Barangaroo Station. The retrievals will take place 24/7 over the next two months. • The second under-harbour metro tunnel is about 40 per cent complete and is expected to finish in April 2020. Under-harbour sediments are being removed from the Barangaroo Station site 24/7 over the next two weeks. • A site visit will be planned in April / May (pending progress in the crossover cavern) for MPCRAG.
Craft NSW gallery, Argyle place <i>Liz Gemmell (37th President of Craft NSW)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craft NSW commenced in 1906 Mosman as a society • Past presidents include Lady Fairfax, Lady MacMillan, who raised money for ambulances used during WW1 • Dame Marie Bashir’s mother gathered the craft NSW ladies together to sew camouflage gear during the war • Key focus is to keep Craft Alive, as an artform ... • Every piece of clothing, jewellery and woodwork in Argyle Place gallery in hand-crafted by one of their artists • Invitation extended for Gallery Drinks and meet the artists – 11th March 6-8pm

<p>2020 Vision Planning Workshop for Millers Point <i>Bernard Kelly, Anne Warr</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be now held at the Harry Jensen Centre 15th February midday-4pm due to larger rsvp numbers • The workshop will be facilitated by independent Amanda Phillips to achieve the best outcome on the day
<p>Change of Name – from Resident Action Group to Resident Advocacy Group <i>Anne Warr</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several residents have said they don't like the 'Action' in our name ... ie Millers Point Community resident action group • Several residents prefer the use of 'advocacy' ie resident advocacy group • Jim Warren said he'd be attending RAG meetings for 17 years and it WAS a resident action group • John Dunn suggested the name could be changed to Rocks Resident Group • Much discussion was had and it was resolved to keep as is, for the time being
<p>Fort Street Public School school expansion update <i>Anne Warr, Bernard Kelly</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anne, Bernard and Nigel Dickson attended a meeting held by School Infrastructure, Department of Education on the 30th January with representative of the schools and key stakeholders such as Lend Lease, infrastructure engineers • The school will be expanding from 250 to 600 students following the \$70 million upgrade • The school itself will relocate (in 2021) during the construction programme (Ultimo has been suggested) for a two-year period PLEASE SEE ATTACHED MINUTES OF THIS MEETING
<p>Jim Warren <i>Treasurer's Report</i></p>	<p>MILLERS POINT RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP TREASURERS REPORT JANUARY 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member's funds, represented by cash at bank, at the end of January were \$5204.90. • Income for the month comprised bank interest of 44 cents and donations (being the sale of drinks left over from last year's BBQ) of \$61. Expenditure comprised lodgement fees of \$45 in respect of our Annual Return • Year to date income is \$1073.38 comprising bank interest of \$2.83, a grant of \$1000 from Sydney Water and the aforementioned drink sales. Year to date expenditure is the aforementioned lodgement fees, hall rental of \$588 and an \$80 lodgement fee in respect of the previous year
	<p>TREASURERS REPORT DECEMBER 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member's funds, represented by cash at bank, at the end of December were \$5188.46.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income for the month comprised bank interest of 47 cents and expenditure comprised rent for the Abraham Mott Hall of \$588. This was our contribution towards establishing the Farmers Market and I'm sure you will agree it has been money well spent • Year to date income is \$1001.94 comprising bank interest of \$2.39 and a grant of \$1000 from Sydney Water. Year to date expenditure is the aforementioned rent and an \$80 lodgement fee
<p>Farmers Market Update <i>Anne Crabb</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather away in the States – Ash, Heather's partner, and I are running the Market in her absence. • We continue to get very positive feedback from those attending the Market – one woman from the Walsh Bay apartments told us 'I have been trying to get something like this going for the last 12 years – it is fantastic to be able to get fresh produce weekly' • Numbers were down a little last night – we suspect that was due to the inclement weather over the weekend. Unfortunately, the lights did not come on last night – luckily we had our own festive lights – I have spoken to Jenna at the community centre and it appears the electrical contractors have turned off the wrong lights! Hopefully this will be resolved by next week. • We have a new vendor starting in the next few weeks providing environmentally friendly cleaning products. Joelle, our French Truffle Lady, will be selling crepes starting next week. Michael and his very helpful team from the Rubber Ducky café are now managing the BBQ with very positive feedback from all. • We have two vendors away next week – wine/cider man Ryan is at a staff weekend and Matt the bread man is on holiday – there will be gluten free options available. • We are very pleased that Peter Salt, aka Salty, and his partner Wendy will be entertaining us starting next week. Thanks for Bernard for the introduction. • Heather is working with the committee to articulate the values and aims of the Market – particularly in regard to building community co-adhesiveness while providing regular fresh produce for purchase and supporting our farmers. She is also working with the Millers Point Woman's Dinner group to provide food options and to include the community further at the Market.

Current DAs affecting our community – Barangaroo Central, Pier One	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has been no community consultation to date on Barangaroo Central. We want to be involved now, not when it's already approved! Write letter to residential developer, Aqualand who is looking at developing 770 apartments on the site. The recent increase in height limit allowed is a key concern for those living in Kent Street • Pier One's DA for more outdoor seating reduces harbourside walkway to only 1.5metres. Only the food trucks have approved DAs to date. Invite Pier One's hotel manager to an upcoming meeting – Kim McCarthy
Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Dunn's contact has provided a reduced quote of \$5,000 to develop and build a community website for MP CRAG. He will ask for more quotations.

MATTERS ARISING

Anne Diwell <i>City of Sydney</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palisades Hotel has been in contact with council. Palisades are now required to modify the location of air-conditioning plant on roof. • Sage would like to thank the MP CRAG for support of the Harry Jensen Centre's new café on Mondays • City of Sydney have archives dating back to 1842 which are now available digitally on their website – search 'archives'
Other Items	Heritage Council's delegation of functions to the City of Sydney is commencing in July 2020 – HERITAGE ACT DELEGATIONS INFORMATION ATTACHED

Meeting closed	8.30 pm
Next Meeting	Tuesday 10th March 2020, 6.30pm, Harry Jensen Centre.
Corrections to Minutes	Send corrections to: Yasmina Bonnet yasmina@ybconsulting.com.au
Items for next meeting's Agenda	Send agenda items to Anne Warr warr.anne@gmail.com

Heritage Act Delegations: City of Sydney Council

Excluded sites and State agency delegations



To cut red tape and reduce assessment timeframes, the Heritage Council of NSW has delegated a range of functions to City of Sydney Council. This delegation applies to most applications and State Heritage Register items under the *Heritage Act 1977* within the City of Sydney Local Government Area. Some sites are subject to existing State agency delegations and others are excluded; these FAQ will address these exclusions.

What is delegated authority?

The *Heritage Act 1977* (Heritage Act) provides the Heritage Council of NSW (Heritage Council), and the Minister with a range of functions. There are several delegations currently in place to enable more timely decision making. For example, senior officers within Heritage NSW, Place Management NSW, Sydney Living Museums and Sydney Water all currently exercise various delegations. The City of Sydney Council (Sydney Council) can now also carry out certain functions under the Heritage Act.

What sites do the State agency delegations cover?

Heritage Act delegations held by Sydney Water, Sydney Living Museums, and Place Management NSW relate to State Heritage Register (SHR) items that these agencies either own or manage. The delegations to these State agencies sit alongside the Sydney Council delegation. All three agencies will continue to exercise their delegation for SHR items that they own or manage within the Sydney Council Local Government Area. Information about which SHR items are covered by these State agency delegations can be obtained from either Heritage NSW or the agency.

What other State Heritage Register items have been excluded?

Seven SHR items have been excluded from the Heritage Act delegation to Sydney Council. All Heritage Act applications, exemptions and exceptions for these sites will continue to be assessed and determined by the Heritage Council of NSW or their Heritage NSW delegate. The seven excluded SHR items are:

1. Sydney Opera House (SHR 01685)
2. Sydney Harbour Bridge, approaches and viaducts (road and rail) (SHR 00781)
3. Glebe Island Bridge (SHR 01914)
4. Sydney Terminal and Central Railway Stations Group (SHR 01255)
5. Redfern Railway Station group (SHR 01234)
6. Eveleigh Railway Workshops (SHR 01140)
7. Eveleigh Railway Workshops machinery (SHR 01141)

Why have these State heritage items been excluded?

A dedicated team in Heritage NSW manages several high risk and sensitive projects which require a single point of contact to provide consistency of advice and decision making. In addition, the Heritage Council has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Transport for NSW (formerly Roads and Maritime Services) to manage applications and exemptions under the Heritage Act for the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Glebe Island Bridge.

Relevant SHR sites have therefore been excluded from the Heritage Act delegation to Sydney Council to enable Heritage NSW to continue to: deliver identified projects; collaborate with Government Agencies; meet the requirements of the MOU; and manage client relationships and engagement.

Where do I lodge my application?

Throughout the staged roll out of the Heritage Act delegations to Sydney Council, applications, exemptions or exceptions for works to SHR items covered by State agency delegations should continue to be lodged with the State agency.

Applications for the above listed excluded sites should continue to be lodged with the Heritage Council via heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au. (Note: Integrated Development Applications continue to be lodged directly with Sydney Council, as this is not a Heritage Act application).

Have the timeframes changed?

Application timeframes will remain the same for all application types for excluded sites and SHR items covered by State agency delegations.

For more information about the operation of Stage 1 of the Heritage Act delegations to Sydney Council, please refer to the Stage 1 FAQs.

Or contact ..

Heritage NSW on:

T: 02 9873 8500 or

E: heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au

FORT STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL

Notes from meeting with School Infrastructure,
30 January, 10:00-11:00am, Level 8, 259 George Street, Sydney

ATTENDANCE

Sheena Duggan	School Infrastructure Project Co-ordinator
Michael Gottsche	School Infrastructure
Andrew Hulse	Traffic Engineer, Arups
Clare	Lend Lease - Buildability
Dan Bourke	Project Architect, FJMT Architects
Natalie Vinton	Consultant Archaeologist & Director Curio Projects
Nigel Dickson	MP CRAG
Bernard Kelly	MP CRAG
Anne Warr	MP CRAG

NOTES

1.0 Process

- The schematic design phase for the school development has just been completed
- It includes a master plan for an increase in school capacity up to 600 students
- Because of the size of the project it will go through the SSD (State Significant Development) planning process, beginning with the lodgement of a DA.
- The NSW Government planning portal states: *'All State significant development applications (DA) have to go through a comprehensive assessment process with extensive community participation and are evaluated against the triple bottom line.'*
- This process includes opportunities for further community participation, and for examination by state design review panels.

2.0 The Detail – Architectural.

- The pedestrian bridge across the Cahill Expressway cutting will not be part of this stage of the works.
- The possibility of covering over the Cahill Expressway cutting to provide extra playing space for the school has been examined. The cost has been estimated at around \$30million, and NV has discussed the heritage implications with the NSW Heritage Division – who feel that the cut itself may have heritage significance, and this would need to be considered in any future planning.
- Extensive archaeological work has been undertaken on the site – to identify any archaeological remains of heritage significance and to ensure these archaeological remains are not disturbed by new works on the site.
- Architecturally, the new work will be subservient to the existing buildings, it will not be monolithic, but executed as smaller additions and will be no higher than the top of the former MET building.
- There will be a new hall building, to accommodate 250 students, with the ability to open up the walls for more accommodation.

3.0 Playground space

- Playground space will be accommodated in small pocket areas around the site, with the largest playground area located on the eastern side where it is now. Some roof areas will be available as landscaped outdoor space (e.g. the top of MET building and 2 other buildings), and the bitumen roadway currently dividing the site will become play space. Sporting facilities are available for use by the children at KGV.
- How will the children use the Observatory Hill grounds? Currently, the children use OH park by occasionally running a circuit of the park, as exercise. In addition, the school hires out the rotunda for music events.
- Observatory Hill park will not be used as a lunch area for the children.
- If needed, the children can have staggered lunch times, to ease the congestion of outdoor areas at the school.
- Sheena Duggan mentioned that the tennis court on Kent Street had been considered for additional open space.

4.0 Traffic issues

- Arups are conducting the Traffic study, which is not yet complete.
- There will be no staff parking on site.
- The existing road leading to the school entrance will be widened to allow for 2-way traffic and a footpath.
- There will be emergency vehicle access.
- The cycle-way that runs from the bridge next to the school will be interrupted during construction, with cyclists from the north re-routed down Watson Road to Kent Street, or from the city directly in to Kent Street. This has implications for cycle and pedestrian safety along Kent Street. The number of cyclists proceeding down Watson Road will be tripled.
- CRAG members asked if Arups had been liaising with the City traffic engineers and with RMS. They indicated that they had. But CRAG said they would like further discussions, particularly on the implications of re-routing the cycle path during construction, and the future conflicts between children arriving at the school and the cycle-path.
- CRAG also drew attention to the potential conflicts between Exercise groups who use the shared road zone leading to the school.

5.0 Construction issues

- The build will take place over 2 years
- It will not be a 'big build' with large cranes and numerous trucks. The size of equipment and truck movements will be kept down.
- Construction hours: 7am to 5pm.
- There is no large-scale excavation taking place.
- Much of the construction will be modular – taking place off site.
- The temporary school will be located at Ultimo (? Check)

6.0 Future follow-up on issues

CRAG would like to write to School Infrastructure to request the following:

- 1) That a Master Plan for the wider Observatory Hill area be undertaken – to include the National Trust buildings, Glover Cottages, Richmond Villa, MAAS and the cycle-pedestrian approaches to the Harbour Bridge. That covers future expansion of the area as an Education precinct, more

productive use of Glover cottages and Richmond Villa, and access to these areas from Barangaroo Metro station and ferry wharf.

- 2) A meeting with Arups Traffic engineers, RMS and CoS traffic engineers to look at the wider traffic issues of the area; - safety of children; cycle use; tourists; coaches.

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