

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



MINUTES

DATE

Tuesday 11th August 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, Candice Murphy, Antony Bekker, Ling Yoong, Mary Moloney, Margaret Bishop

ATTENDEES

Visitors

Susan Lee and Adam Shumack - Place Management NSW

Mark Ayto, Katya Morozow – Infrastructure NSW

Jono Perry – Wharf Theatre Renewal

Anne Diwell – City of Sydney

Residents

John Dunn, Anne Warr, Yasmina Bonnet, Bernard Kelly, John McInerney, Jim Warren, Bernard Kelly, Charley Kelly, Jan Powell, Anne Crabb, Caroline Pidcock, Heather Smith, Ashley Yields, Helen Meddings, Nicholas Wolff, Robert Hansen, Stuart Murray, John Brown, Natalie Stoianoff, Margaret Wright, John Brown, Jo Marchese, Alexander Weilsmann, Laurie and Tricia Brereton, Peter Andrews, Darren Gardner, Maria and Tourag (Windmill Street), Jason Kougelis

AGENDA ITEMS

<p>Meeting Opening Anne Warr</p>	Acknowledgement of Country
<p>Previous Minutes June 2020</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That previous minutes be adopted: Moved: Bernard Kelly Seconded: Jim Warren
<p>Mark Ayto Infrastructure NSW</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good progress being made and building, lighting and substructure areas. Currently taking roof off. Sydney Dance Company studio 5, Bangarra Dance Company and Choir foyers. • Presented slide show showing Sydney Theatre Company’s function area • Piers 3/4 scheduled to be completed end of November. Wharfs 4/5 to be completed 2021
<p>Jono Perry Wharf Theatre Company Renewal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jono spoke to the group about the Wharf Theatre Company’s ongoing requirement to use Pottinger Street a year when performances are shown interstate or internationally • Large trucks would ferry staging equipment and props up Pottinger Street (30 minutes per trip in total), right into Windmill and left into Kent Street. The Pottinger Street bollards would need to be removed during these trips • This would be for a maximum 12 times a year ... and has been occurring the past 20 years, with a break recently due to the Walsh Bay Arts precinct redevelopment • Pottinger and Windmill Street residents were very concerned about noise and safety issues and if the weight of the trucks would impact the membrane of the road and subsequent ceiling of Hickson Road retail tenancies such as IGA • One resident pointed out the Sydney Wharf Company had been using Pottinger Street several times a year for the same reason and he has never incurred a problem with noise or safety
<p>Susan Lee Adam Shumack Place Management NSW</p>	<p>George Street partial Road Closure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conclusion date not yet confirmed • Mixed views from Millers Point community but those in Walsh Bay and Pottinger Street strongly oppose it. The road closure is impacting access to Walsh Bay retailers, Pier One and Park Hyatt Hotels • Strong resident concern that current traffic data being recorded is not a true representative of what our area experiences in ‘normal times’. Traffic impacts of the Walsh Bay theatres, hotels in our area, general cruise and tourist traffic including the numerous coaches, cars and taxis is currently not being considered • A resident mentioned many of the George Street retailers were not happy with the road closure and felt they couldn’t complain as it would affect their lease • A resident suggested using other areas in The Rocks for retail activation such as Campbells Cove, instead of blocking off a key entry road into our area

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan Lee assured the group that the arrangement was temporary and would be removed once the cruise ships commence again • Adam Shumack said their current campaign was ‘Local Explorers’, reimagining The Rocks and individual stories. Burger campaign also running • John Dunn mentioned that heritage and authenticity is important for The Rocks’ marketing campaigns. Would like to bring residents down to The Rocks to enjoy the area
Nick Woolf Circular Quay Renewal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Government and Transport NSW is renewing Circular Quay for the first time in many decades • Ideas are being sought from retailers, local businesses, property owners and the community. www.yoursay.transport.nsw.gov.au
Anne Warr Public Spaces Ideas Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister of Planning and Public Spaces, Rob Stokes along with The Committee for Sydney is promoting the reimagining of public spaces via the inaugural Public Spaces Ideas Competition • MP CRAG are working on several entries for our area, which are due on Sunday 30th August 2020 • Our entries will be revealed at CRAG’s 8th September meeting
Local Updates	<p>Farmers Market - Heather Smith</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather would like to thank the community for its continuous support and emails of support for the markets which residents that have been sent to the City of Sydney • She is currently working with City of Sydney so she can have access to Transport of NSW’s land to hold the markets
Reports	<p>Treasurer’s Report - Jim Warren</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member’s funds at the end of June represented by cash at bank, were \$3495.60. • Income for the month comprised bank interest of 30 cents. • Income for the year ended 30 June 2020 was \$1074.62 expenditure was \$2420.84. • We had no liabilities at the end of the financial year and our member’s funds, as noted above, totalled \$3495.60. <p>Traffic Working Group Report – John Dunn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke about Council’s footpath works scheduled for Lower Fort Street and the level of the asphalt, which seems inappropriate. John has a meeting with Council representatives onsite next week • The bus shelters on Lower Fort Street are due to be removed in early 2021
Save Glebe Island Alexander Weilsmann	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alexander spoke to the group about the Port Authority of NSW’s self-approved the building of a 210m-long, 5-storey high, cement and bulk unloading ‘Multi-user Facility’ at Glebe Island on the Sydney Harbour foreshore.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Now planned is a new Hanson Cement facility, which will sit built between the Multi-user Facility and Glebe Island Bridge, posing serious health risks for neighbouring suburbs <p>He urges those concerned to write to the NSW Planning Minister at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.nsw.gov.au/nsw-government/ministers/minister-for-planning-and-public-spaces
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OTHER BUSINESS	
Annie Crabb	Concerned about an air conditioning unit on Kent Street terrace parapet which can be seen from Street. Will send Anne Diwell a photograph so it can be investigated
Anne Warr	Windmill Street Bridge is due to open late August 2020

Meeting closed	8.30 pm
Next Meeting	Tuesday 8th September 2020, 6.30pm, via ZOOM
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