

# Millers Point Community Resident Action Group

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## MINUTES

### DATE

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 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

Anne Warr, Suzan Clear, Candice Murphy, Antony Bekker, Ling Yoong, Mary Moloney,  
Margaret Bishop

### ATTENDEES

#### Visitors

Adam Shumack - Place Management NSW  
Darren Tan - Lend Lease  
Jono Perry - Wharf Theatre Renewal  
Anne Diwell - City of Sydney

#### Residents

John Dunn, Yasmina Bonnet, Bernard Kelly, John McInerney, Jim Warren, Bernard Kelly,  
Jan Powell, Anne Crabb, Caroline Pidcock, Heather Smith, Ashley Yields, Helen Meddings,  
Nicholas Wolff, Robert Hansen, Jo Marchese, Peter Andrews, Katrina Coulson, Greg Incoll

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AGENDA ITEMS	
<b>Meeting Opening</b> John McInerney	Acknowledgement of Country
<b>Previous Minutes</b> July 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That previous minutes be adopted:  <b>Moved:</b> Bernard Kelly  <b>Seconded:</b> Jim Warren</li> </ul>
<b>Darren Tan</b> Lend Lease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good progress being made on along foreshore</li> <li>The foreshore of Waterman's Cove will be open by the end of September 2020</li> <li>Practical completion of Crown will be completed by 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020</li> <li>Darren was questioned about the traffic impacts once Barangaroo South is completed. He will send the latest traffic management plan associated with One Sydney Harbour's modification 10 for Yasmina to distribute to residents</li> </ul>
<b>Jono Perry</b> Wharf Theatre Company Renewal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following discussion and Jono's presentation, MPCRAG gave WTC approval to use Pottinger Street up to an absolute maximum 12 times a year when performances are shown interstate or internationally</li> <li>Jono assured the group that residents will be given notice prior to each time Pottinger is used by the STC, which would be for a maximum of 30 minutes each time</li> <li>MPCRAG has sent a formal approval</li> </ul>
<b>Adam Shumack</b> Place Management NSW	<b>George Street partial Road Closure</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was strong resident concern that the traffic data being recorded and presented is not truly reflective of the traffic impacts our community will endure in 'normal times' due to the road closure</li> <li>The road closure is impacting access to Walsh Bay retailers, Pier One and Park Hyatt Hotels</li> <li>The future traffic impacts of the future cruise-related traffic and general tourism traffic including coaches and taxis, Walsh Bay theatres, hotels in our area is currently not being considered</li> <li>Many residents complained that area set aside by the partial road closure not being used</li> <li>John McInerney suggested to PMNSW that rather than the partial closing of the street, the parking could be taken away and footpath further extended for al fresco dining</li> <li>Greg Incoll called out PMNSW for neither notifying nor consulting with the local community prior to partially closing off George Street as a measure to help their own 'tenants'. This could be seen as a clear conflict of interest</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Katrina Coulson Secretary, speaking on behalf of the Walsh Bay Precinct Committee (WBPC) fully supported the concerns raised by the Millers Point Residents Action Group and by Greg Incoll (also a WBPC member) regarding the George St Closure.</li> <li>• They have grave concerns and have members from different Strata's who also share these concerns</li> </ul>
<b>John Dunn/ Nigel Dickson/ Yasmina Bonnet</b> Public Spaces Ideas Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MP CRAG submitted seven entries into the inaugural Public Spaces Ideas Competition</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• John Dunn presented the Archway/ George Street North and Extinction Lane competition entries, Yasmina presented the Marrinawi Cove swimming hole entry and Nigel Dickson presented a four panel set which looked at gradually turning the Cahill Expressway into Sydney's version of the High Lane, and transforming Observatory Hill into Sydney's Foremost Education Precinct</li> <li>• The jury panel is currently reviewing all entries with category winners to be awarded in October 2020</li> <li>• A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our wonderful design entries</li> </ul>
<b>Local Updates</b>	<b>Farmers Market - Heather Smith</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The markets would like to expand but are limited in their growth capacity as they can only use the concrete paved area around the Harry Jensen Centre.</li> <li>• Heather is still working on a solution to be able to use the grass area in front of the Harry Jensen Centre</li> <li>• Heather has been in touch with Place Management NSW about their Sunday Picnic markets about cross-promotional ideas and opportunity between the markets</li> </ul>
<b>Reports</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report - Jim Warren</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member's funds at the end of July represented by cash at bank, were \$3496.18</li> <li>• Income for the month comprised bank interest of 29 cents. There was no expenditure</li> <li>• Income for the financial year to date is 58 cents and there is no expenditure</li> <li>• AGM is approaching – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Yasmina will send membership forms to the MPCRAG database (no membership fees applicable)</li> <li>• Jim and Annie Crabb have been working on revising the current MPCRAG constitution, so it's fit for purpose</li> </ul>

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	<p><b>Traffic Working Group Report – Yasmina Bonnet on behalf of TG</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Traffic Committee have been busy looking at viable solutions for the temporary cycle way, which will be sending 10,000 cycles down Watson , Argyle and then Kent Streets for a period of 2-3 years whilst the Fort Street School redevelopment is under construction</li> </ul>
<p><b>City of Sydney</b> Anne Diwell</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anne Diwell has been helping our community in relation to the new footpaths being layed and if there is an opportunity for any greening/landscaping</li> <li>Anne put Bernard Kelly in touch with Sarah Pearce, Contract Coordinator Parks, City Greening and Leisure at the City of Sydney and has organized a walk around the area with a few residents to talk about a greening/landscaping strategy for the area</li> <li>Yasmina asked Anne to follow up the City of Sydney’s Homeless team who she requested visit our area and speak with our homeless community, who haven’t been able to shower or wash their clothes at the Harry Jensen Centre since it’s been closed for the past six months</li> <li>Yasmina asked the Homeless team to help our rough sleepers get to the closest community centre with showers and laundry facilities – and assist them in any way they require</li> </ul>

OTHER BUSINESS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Windmill Street Bridge is closed as lighting was a major issue. City of Sydney is responsible for maintaining the bridge. Walsh Bay Precinct will have their security team check the bridge on a regular basis</li> </ul>
Robert Hansen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The opening of Pottinger Street has again been brought up by some Walsh Bay residents, who have requested its put on the next Walsh Bay Precinct meeting agenda. The City of Sydney opposed a similar proposal 4 years ago.</li> </ul>

<b>Meeting closed</b>	8.30 pm
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020, 6.30pm, via ZOOM</b>
<b>Amendments to Minutes</b>	Send amendments 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

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