**MILLERS POINT COMMUNITY RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP (INC)**

**Community Meeting**

**11th Feb, 2025**

**MINUTES**

**President** Annie Crabb (AC)**, Vice President** Yasmina Bonnet (YB), **Secretary** Candice Murphy (CM)**, Treasurer** Jim Warren (JW)

**Ordinary Committee:** Martin Crabb (MC) Cormac Champion (CC) Melanie Tait (MT) Robert Carrick (RC)

**Public Officer**: Rodger Muir

**GUESTS**

**Placemaking NSW**

Adam Schumack

**City of Sydney**

Emily Woolridge

Adam Worling

Kelly Noble

**ATTENDEES**: Annie Crabb, Martin Crabb, Melanie Tait, Candice Murphy, Jim Warren, Cormac Champion, Janette Powell, Yasmina Bonnet, Graham Wilson, Nick Wolff, Robert Hansen, Laurie Brereton, Richard Dale, Bernard Kelly, Anita Meshram, Malcolm Steingold, Suzanne Steingold, Margaret Wright, Eric Hamilton, Alice Cawte, Richard Dale, Justin Moffatt, Lucy Osborn, Kelvin Lister

Meeting Opened 6:31pm

1. **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY:** (MC)
2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES** (October 2023) Accepted- Jim Warren Seconded -Graham Wilson
3. **APOLOGIES:** Robert Carrick, Candice Murphy, Jaz Stephens, Rodger Muir, Cheryl Murray, Rod Pomroy
4. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION/ DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

No response

1. **CORRESPONDENCE (MT)**

Out- Mayor, Clover Moore re SEP/DCP proposals

**PLACEMAKING NSW PRESENTATION**

**Adam Schumack, Placemaking NSW**

Capital works activity:

* Playfair street – new fit outs
* The old Rockpool site – new fit out for incoming tenant, Grappa.
* Orient Hotel – general refurb
* Fortune of War and Russell hotel refurb incorporating new tenancies in between the two hotels to make one large pub.

Events:

* Friday lunch time music, Thursday evening Jazz, Anzac Day (standard stuff in the pubs), Vivid, Xmas in July (10-20 July), Bastille Festival (17-20 July), Forage in the Rocks, Art and Culture Month ((1-30 Sept), Ghost Festival (October leading up to Halloween)

Q from the floor re Observer Hotel status – still issues with current operator (Hickson House operator). Mid 2026 likely reopening. Note: has been closed since at least 2021.

Barangaroo – Mother’s Day event, Pier Pavillion opening 30 April.

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1. INSW Quarterly meeting

MPCRAG introduced to new management at Aqualand. MPCRAG emphasised key outcomes from our perspective are design excellence, staging of works, supermarket, bridge from High St over Hickson to be built early and not be linked to a building to ensure 24/7 access.

Lord Mayors roundtable: an opportunity for all community groups to complain and present their issues: such as share bikes, new EV charging stations, MP traffic plan, school bike path, etc.

Adam Worling – spoke about two notices of motion just presented and unanimously endorsed by all councillors at last Council meeting. 1) Walsh bay ferry service 2) cruise ships issues on ship to shore power at OPT, integrated public transport ticketing. AW also said there was imminent action on Observatory Hill trees on the western side growing out of the cliff face representing a danger to residents below and damaging the sandstone and iron fence.

1. **VIVID**

Vivid – roads will be closed at 3pm, at least two hours earlier than last year. Residents encouraged to get your VAP.

1. **Marrinawi Cove**

Ports have still not given up their carpark to enable more people to use the pool. Shark Net extension, additional shower and new steps to better enable access to be installed over winter.

1. **TREASURERS REPORT FOR MARCH 2025**

Member’s funds at the end of March 2025, represented by cash at bank, were

$5973.29.

There was no income or expenditure in March.

There is no income in the current financial year and expenditure totals

$793.27.

**AOB**

* Corner shop - slow progress.
* Anzac Day (6am start) at Walsh Bay. All are invited. Jim is providing drinks afterwards.
* Mel is looking at the potential to install our own air monitoring stations (reasonably inexpensive apparently) re cruise ships after Minister Sharpe rejected all requests. Eric Hamilton will assist Mel in the procurement assessment process (i.e. what’s the best gear).

Meeting finished at 7.40pm.

Next Meeting: May 13th 2025 @ Harry Jensen