
**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TRUST ADVISORY GROUP OF THE
SYDNEY CRICKET AND SPORTS GROUND TRUST
HELD AT THE SCG TRUST ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
LEVEL 2, SHERIDAN BUILDING
ON MONDAY 28 AUGUST 2017 COMMENCING AT 4.30PM**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Phil Waugh – Trustee (Chairman)
Mr Anthony Brooks – AFL, AMPS
Mr Sacha Coles – Aspect Studios
Ms Julie Osborne – Centennial Park Residents Association
Ms Colleen Psarros – Cochlear
Mr Sam Shepherd – Bellringer Property Group
Mr Michael Waterhouse – Saving Moore Park Inc
Mr Phillip Heads – GM, Comms, Heritage and Govt Relations
Ms Deborah Kelly – GM, Strategy & Projects
Ms Caron Lefever - Minutes

APOLOGY:

Mr David Gilbert – Trustee
Ms Jo Topfer (Facilitator) – JT Catalyst
Mr Hugh Clarke – Aust Leisure Group

Mr Waugh declared the meeting open at 4.30pm.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Previous Meeting were noted as read and approved.

2. SCG Precinct master planning

Ms Kelly provided an update to her report following media speculation with respect to the NSW stadium investment and allocation of capital.

Mr Waterhouse noted that there was an article in the Sydney Morning Herald on Monday August 28, quoting the Trust that any stadium would be built on Trust lands.

Mr Heads confirmed that he provided the quote and that it was correct.

2.1 SCG Stage III and IV – Churchill Brewongle Stand and Bill O’Reilly Stand

Ms Kelly advised that the Trust was asked by the Minister to prepare a redevelopment and business case of the Churchill Brewongle stand to be included in the Twenty20 2020 World Cup bid.

Mr Heads confirmed that the Trust has no plans for the permanent closure of Driver Ave, noting that it was already closed to traffic on the advice of authorities for the roughly 100 event days each year.

Ms Osborne questioned if there was any benefit of the closing of the car parks given the security risks.

Mr Osborne requested clarification of 'pedestrianisation' and referred to an issue with servicing of Entertainment Quarter, and that there was no reference to the full closure of Driver Avenue in the CPMPT Master Plan.

Mr Coles noted that the CPMPT Master Plan was an ambition for 2040 and that it was not a binding document. He suggested that cars would still need to access Driver Avenue, similar to a boulevard to service the area.

The Chairman agreed, noting that the roadway could become similar to Manly Corso – servicing vehicles when required and pedestrians.

Ms Osborne noted that there will be issues for the closure of Driver Avenue with the continued operation of the car parks and that dispersed car parking should be looked into.

Ms Kelly noted that there will be a good opportunity to encourage people to leave the cars at home once light rail begins in the precinct.

The Chairman agreed, drawing comparison to Sydney Airport; if you let people park they will continue to drive.

Mr Brooks noted that the purpose would only be the closure of the middle spine, allowing cars to still access Fox Studios and MP1 car park. Car parking on EP2 and EP3 to then be dispersed to the golf course and Royal Randwick to allow those spaces to become green sports fields as per the CPMPT Master Plan.

Mr Coles questioned if there was a discussion of the Randwick Racecourse parking with a shuttle bus back to the sports precinct.

Ms Kelly confirmed that the CPMPT Master Plan included dispersed parking stations at Royal Randwick, Golf Club, ES Marks, which shuttle buses or light rail on event days could easily service.

Action: Mr Heads confirmed that parking would be added to the agenda as a regular item.

3. Allianz Stadium Conditional Certificate of Occupancy

Ms Kelly provided an outline of the feasibility analysis conducted in 2012-14 and subsequent independent audits conducted on Allianz Stadium which resulted in a risk register and works.

Ms Kelly noted that the Trust holds an Occupancy Certificate for three years, which is required to be reviewed every six months.

The Trust's current position is that the stadium operates under an Occupational Certificate with mandated requirements in place, including police and fire brigade services.

Ms Kelly noted that the Trust spends nearly \$10-\$20M in capital works per year across the two venues, with the total maintenance/upgrade spend at the venues totally more than \$300m in the past three decades.

Ms Kelly noted that Parramatta Stadium was the same age as Allianz Stadium and the government knocked it down. Similarly to Allianz, it did not have fire sprinklers and amenities.

4 Precinct Works Update

4.1 Australian Rugby Development Centre

Mr Heads advised construction of the ARDC was on schedule.

Action: Mr Heads confirmed that a tour of the ARDC building will be held prior to the first meeting of 2018.

4.2 Allianz Stadium and SCG turf renovations

Nothing further to report.

4.3 SCG precinct security update

Mr Heads reported the new security control room is now operating. The Trust is also upgrading to 800 secure CCTV cameras onsite, with features like airports including facial recognition, identify vehicles or bags that are left unattended. The technology was first tested at the Sydney FC v Western Sydney Wanderers Grand Final, and it identified six fans on the FFA banned list.

4.4 Clear Bag Policy

Mr Heads reported that the Trust will introduce a Clear Bag Policy to be rolled out in December, similar to policies in place for NFL games in the USA. The first step is to provide SCG members with an approved clear bag at the 2018 New Year's Test match and encourage them to use it at future events. The policy does not immediately ban other forms of bags.

The Chairman supported Mr Heads and stated that the Trust takes security very seriously and Trustees spend quite some time at their meetings to discuss security matters.

4.5 Parking

Mr Heads reported that the operation of the MP1 car park would be taken over by a private contractor in 2018, with new entry mechanisms installed.

Mr Shepherd noted that there were some issues with agreements of onsite tenants and stakeholders.

Mr Shepherd noted that the parking spaces in front of the medical imaging were not used on weekends or before 8am and after 6pm for the Stadium Medicine Centre, and suggested that there needed to be a time limit on these spaces.

Action: Mr Heads agreed to raise the idea of time-limits to be imposed on the spaces

in front of the Stadium Medicine Centre.

Mr Brooks noted that there were some 35,000 children that use the Indoor Cricket Centre at night each year and would need parking. Mr Heads confirmed there was a workable solution for that issue.

Mr Coles noted that there would be more cycling infrastructure to be introduced in the precinct and encouraged some 'end-of-trip' facilities to be added.

5 Major Event Review

5.1 A-League Grand Final – Sydney FC vs Melbourne Victory

Nothing further to report.

5.2 Rugby International – Wallabies vs Scotland

Nothing further to report.

6 Major Event Planning

6.1 College Football Cup – Rice vs Stanford – August 27

Mr Heads reported that more than 33,000 attended the event at Allianz Stadium on August 27. It was one of the first events where the perimeter entry point was the black gates in the forecourt which provided additional areas for activations, food and beverage pop-ups, and improved the customer experience, entry and exit points and security of the venue.

Ms Psarros noted there was no impact to residents from the event.

6.2 NRL and AFL Finals

Mr Heads advised the SCG would host the Sydney Swans v Essendon Bombers final on September 9, with a capacity crowd expected. NRL Finals were to be scheduled, with Allianz Stadium to possibly host two to three finals.

6.3 A-League Season 2017/18

Nothing further to report.

6.4 Wallabies v Barbarians – October 28

Nothing further to report.

6.5 Resident feedback

The Chairman asked the group if there were any impacts experienced in the neighbourhood from the recent events.

Ms Psarros advised there were no concerns as the Swans do not really impact the local residents.

Mr Waterhouse noted that he had a meeting with Council regarding ranger parking patrol other area at every game.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 New TAG Member

Mr Heads suggested that consideration be given to appoint Ms Prue Brown of the Paddington-Darlinghurst Community Working Group to the Trust Advisory Group.

Following a lengthy discussion, members of the TAG agreed to postpone the decision pending further investigation into the background of the group in line with the TAG Terms of Reference.

7.2 Naming of Moore Park Light Rail stop

Mr Heads advised the Trust had drafted a submission for the light rail stop opposite the Hordern Pavilion to be named the 'Sydney Cricket Ground', rather than the proposed 'Moore Park'. The original tram stops in the precinct were "Sports Ground", "Cricket Ground" and "Show Ground" providing a historical precedent to consider.

Mr Waterhouse suggested that the electronic signage on the front of the trams could be changed on event days to reflect the major destinations.

Mr Shepherd suggested that electronic changing of signage would not be suitable for international and interstate tourists and wayfinding principles such as highlighting iconic structures needed to be embraced.

Mr Coles agreed that wayfinding is the best way to improve the visitor experience.

7.3 Newsletter

Mr Waterhouse advised that he would be sending out another newsletter and that he would talk to Mr Heads about the contents, including Brewongle Stand and the Light Rail Stop. He confirmed he would distribute the newsletter to the group for their information.

Meeting closed at 6.15pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, 15 November 2017 at 4pm (will include tour of ARDC)

Confirmed.

PHIL WAUGH

Chairman
Trust Advisory Group