
**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TRUST ADVISORY GROUP OF THE
SYDNEY CRICKET AND SPORTS GROUND TRUST
HELD AT THE IMPERIAL HOTEL, 252 OXFORD STREET, PADDINGTON
ON WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2017 COMMENCING AT 4.30PM**

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Phil Waugh – Trustee (Chairman)
Mr David Gilbert – Trustee
Mr Anthony Brooks – Cricket NSW, AMPS
Mr Hugh Clarke – Aust Leisure Group
Mr Sacha Coles – Aspect Studios
Ms Julie Osborne – Centennial Park Residents Association
Ms Colleen Psarros - Cochlear
Ms Jo Topfer (Facilitator) – JT Catalyst
Mr Peter Tzannes - Centennial Park Residents Association
Mr Michael Waterhouse – Saving Moore Park Inc
Mr Phillip Heads – GM, Media, Comms and Govt Relations
Ms Deborah Kelly – GM, Strategy & Projects
Ms Katrina Harvey - Minutes

APOLOGY: Mr Sam Shepherd – Bellringer Property Group

1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

2 SYDNEY SEVENS AND MAJOR EVENT REVIEW

2.1 Coldplay

Mr Heads noted the high number of events recently held. He noted traffic congestion was an issue especially with hire cars dropping off and picking up. The number of noise complaints was standard, with one recorded prior to the sound check. There were complaints received on the first night of the concert, but not the second.

Ms Osborne asked what can be done about the hire car drop off and pick up issues raised in correspondence. Ms Kelly said that the Moore Park Transport Group would devise specific taxi and Uber drop off zones.

The Moore Park Transport Group is the responsibility of the Sydney CBD Coordination Authority. It also involves the SCG Trust, Transport for NSW, the Entertainment Quarter, Randwick Racecourse, Centennial Park, Roads and Maritime Services and events in the areas. The transport group has previously arranged dedicated staff at Central to direct patrons to the grounds. Mr Waterhouse questioned if the Moore Park Transport Group have a focus on parking areas and general issues with events.

2.2 Double derby

Mr Heads noted that the January 14 BBL and A-League double derby, while busy, went well. One post-match incident underlined the need for additional public lighting near Kippax Lake. The Group also noted poor lighting near

Devonshire Street from the Tibby Cotter Walkway. It is anticipated that this will be improved when the light rail project is complete.

2.3 World Rugby Sevens

Mr Heads noted the three-day event was very busy which included the women's tournaments being played at the Sydney Roosters training field near Kippax Lake. There were 79 matches played over three days. He noted improved behaviour by spectators travelling to and from the ground, but asked if TAG members had a view on the impact on the local community of the tournament.

Ms Psarros noted that a number of revellers hosted a makeshift party in a derelict house during the event. Mr Clarke confirmed he had no issues at the Imperial Hotel however he had employed extra security for the event.

Mr Heads noted the crowds, starting with roughly 8000 on the Friday. He also pointed out revised use of the SCG's Noble Bradman stand as a break out area for Sevens patrons, with up to 2500 using the seating bowl and facilities at various times of the weekend. Mr Waterhouse noted many other people were utilising the public car park grassed areas in Moore Park East, either as meeting areas or for lunch.

Ms Psarros noted her recent conversations with neighbours and the problem with park areas near Regent Street. She mentioned that local residents felt unsafe with the congregation of people within that area. She noted parties on the street near Martin Street with no police presence. The TAG resolved to pass on the feedback to Trust security and, ultimately, NSW Police and the ARU.

3 WEBSITE UPDATE

Mr Heads provided an update on the Trust's new website project.

4 PRECINCT UPDATE

4.1 Australian Rugby Development Centre

Mr Heads noted the external scaffolding surrounding the ARDC was being removed and the project remained on time and on budget. It is due to be complete in September.

4.2 Other Works to Note

Ms Kelly updated the TAG on progress of the Trust concept plan, with a focus on the next stages of development at the SCG. Work on the future of Allianz Stadium will be guided by the NSW Government's intentions.

Ms Kelly noted that the NSW Government strategy was to invest in rectangular facilities at Parramatta (Western Sydney Stadium), Sydney Olympic Park (ANZ Stadium) and Moore Park (Allianz Stadium). The goal would be to provide a world-class collection of purpose-built rectangular stadiums, capable of catering to different sized crowds.

She noted that the Western Sydney Stadium project was under way, with the project team focused on creating the same sort of pre- and post-match offerings (restaurants/retail etc) that Moore Park/Paddington/Surry Hills already boasts.

4.3 CPMPT and precinct partners

Ms Kelly updated the TAG on consultation and engagement with precinct partners on planning issues and future works. The SCG Trust has worked closely with Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust on its Moore Park Master Plan project. She noted the need for a mix of community and elite sport facilities in the precinct.

An overarching goal of the initial concept plan work is to bring the parklands into the SCG precinct and make it a much more pleasant, safe and enjoyable experience to arrive at Moore Park, regardless of whether you were headed to the sporting grounds.

Mr Coles observed that riding a bike to the grounds for events was a very good option for those able. He asked if more bicycle-specific facilities would be incorporated into future planning.

5 Major and Regular Season Event Planning

5.1 AFL, NRL and Super rugby

Mr Heads noted the winter football seasons will start in two weeks.

He confirmed Sydney FC would host a semi-final after their successful performances to date, and hopefully host the grand final.

5.2 Socceroos v United Arab Emirates

It was noted that ticket sales were slower than first thought, with an expected crowd of 20,000.

5.3 Wallabies v Scotland

The game is expected to be a near sell-out and the precinct will have a similar operational and event overlay as the Sydney Sevens.

5.4 College Football (Rice v Stanford)

Mr Heads confirmed the College Football game had been moved to Allianz Stadium from ANZ at Sydney Olympic Park. Tickets went on sale this week. He noted the length of the event, with matches running for up to four hours.

The match will have a similar operational and event overlay to the Sydney Sevens.

6 NSW SPORTING AUTHORITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Ms Kelly noted Venue NSW will manage the development of Parramatta Stadium under the Sporting Authorities Act and will merge with ANZ Stadium.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Members Advisory Group (MAG) Formation

Mr Heads explained the new group formation which Ms Jane Coles, GM – Membership and Marketing is looking after this. He noted that Messrs Phil Waugh and David Gilbert are also in this committee. It will be based on principles established for the TAG.

7.2 Any other business

Parking

Mr Waterhouse noted the issue of transport flow and parking in the precinct. Ms Osborne noted it should be the responsibility of the City of Sydney.

Mr Waugh requested that 'parking' be noted as a significant concern. He questioned if rangers should be present at every single game and the possibility of encouraging ranger presence through the council.

Mr Brooks noted the Greater Sydney Commission have plans currently on display regarding such issues and have taken a multi-agency approach and are seeking feedback from various stakeholders.

Country Members

Mr Clarke explained that the City of Sydney and Destination NSW has partnerships in regional areas which would benefit from input and involvement with the SCG Trust. Mr Clarke suggested the Trust tap into the country membership. He also recommended offering packages with accommodation to our biggest customers, including overseas tourists. This could include visiting the Bradman Museum or other regional areas for distinctly Australian experiences, such as farm stays. Mr Heads and Mr Clarke agreed to work on the opportunity together.

8 NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 17 May, 2017 at 4.30pm-6.00pm in the 1876 Room, Level 2, Sheridan Building.

Meeting closed at 5.50pm.

Confirmed

Phil Waugh
TAG Chairman