
**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TRUST ADVISORY GROUP OF THE
SYDNEY CRICKET AND SPORTS GROUND TRUST
HELD AT THE RUGBY AUSTRALIA HOUSE BOARDROOM
THURSDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2018, COMMENCING AT 4.30PM**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr David Gilbert – Trustee
Ms Jo Topfer (Facilitator) – JT Catalyst
Mr Anthony Brooks – AFL NSW, AMPS
Mr Hugh Clarke – Aust Leisure Group
Ms Colleen Psarros – Cochlear
Mr Sam Shepherd – Bellringer Property Group
Mr Peter Tzannes – proxy for Ms Julie Osborne (CPRA)
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 Phil Waugh – Trustee (Chairman)
Ms Julie Osborne – Centennial Park Residents Association
(CPRA)

Members of the TAG were escorted on a tour of the new Rugby Australia House prior to the meeting in order to showcase the new facilities.

Mr Gilbert declared the meeting open at 4.30pm.

Members thanked Phil Heads for the tour of Rugby Australia House and agreed it was very worthwhile exercise.

1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1.1 Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

2 PRECINCT MASTER PLANNING

2.1 SYDNEY STADIUM STRATEGY

Ms Kelly provide an update on the Sydney Football Stadium redevelopment:

- The NSW Government conducted a preliminary assessment which included security compliance of the existing venue. It was determined that a new 45,000 seat venue at Moore Park was the best option
- The Trust consulted with its sports partners to ensure various requirements were included in the project brief
- It's expected that demolition of the existing facility will commence late in 2018
- The Trust has been advised that the construction zone will be expanded to encompass the existing Cricket NSW administration office (exluding Indoor Cricket Centre), Venue Services, NSW Waratahs, Sydney Roosters and the Sheridan Building (SCG Trust, Sydney FC, AFL NSW/ACT and the PRP Imaging and Stadium Medicine Centre facilities). The Trust is working with all displaced parties to manage interim accommodation arrangements
- The NRL and Rugby House buildings, and the Indoor Cricket Centre and outdoor practice wickets will not be affected.
- The Trust is also working through the relocation of the sports content played at Allianz Stadium, with the aim of most content to be accommodated at the adjacent Sydney Cricket Ground
- The new stadium is expected to move slightly west and south to ease up congestion along the Moore Park road/Paddington Lane pedestrian pinch points
- The new stadium will be built entirely on SCG Trust land
- The current Stadium Club member facilities will also be demolished. The Trust is researching alternative options for its members

Mr Shepherd enquired if the project will meet Urban Design Guidelines.

Mr Coles said the SFS redevelopment presented the opportunity to reprogram the entire precinct, with a view to improving connectivity for patrons as well as the dirty paddocks of Moore Park.

Mr Waterhouse agreed, noting integrated signage and tracks will be required.

Mr Coles agreed that wayfinding needed to be considered. He noted that the new design (moving new stadium slightly west and south) would open up the area behind the existing design, providing an opportunity to create a west and east entry door. He suggested that the stadium might have two personalities – west door to be 'city' themed, and an east door being 'local/Paddington' themed.

Ms Kelly hoped the architects may incorporate something like this in their design and noted that it was important that components such as sports played, heritage links, membership and the various demographics were considered.

Mr Waterhouse suggested that Infrastructure NSW needed to consider the interest of nearby residents and understand that they are required to communicate to the community. He questioned when the NSW Government would announce Infrastructure NSW was managing the project.

Mr Heads confirmed that the NSW Government was on record as part of their [announcement](#) in April 2016 that Infrastructure NSW would deliver Western Sydney Stadium, Allianz Stadium and ANZ Stadium.

Mr Heads noted that Infrastructure NSW is aware of the Trust Advisory Group but would be managing a thorough consultation and communication process with all stakeholders, nearby residents included.

Mr Coles questioned if it was the Trust's ambition that the TAG acts as a voice for the project and if the TAG required a different mandate. Ms Kelly responded that the TAG, while an important body, would not replace or override any consultation processes managed by Infrastructure NSW.

Ms Kelly suggested that the TAG should take comfort that the Government had appointed Infrastructure NSW as an independent and professional entity with expert people in all disciplines and that it will set up the process for stakeholders.

Ms Psarros enquired as to whether Infrastructure NSW would be responsible for the relocation of infrastructure of the stadium.

Ms Kelly advised the Trust will manage the relocation of its current infrastructure including IPTV screens, super screens, kitchen equipment to the Sydney Cricket Ground during the last quarter of 2018.

Mr Shepherd questioned if there were any heritage items that needed to be preserved.

Ms Kelly confirmed that the Trust had identified a few items of historical significance.

Mr Gilbert enquired as to the location of the old SCG Scoreboard.

Ms Kelly confirmed the old SCG Scoreboard was in storage at Wetherill Park.

Mr Coles suggested the information on the order process of demolition should be circulated and highlighted opportunity for local schools.

Mr Gilbert questioned where the sports administration offices will be relocated.

Ms Kelly noted that all sports were involved in relocation discussions with the Trust.

3 MAJOR EVENT REVIEW

3.2 Summer of Cricket

Mr Heads noted that a record crowd attended the five-day 2018 Ashes Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground. There were no major issues.

3.2 Sydney 7's

Mr Heads noted that the 2018 event would be the last Sevens tournament held at Allianz Stadium for a while as it was expected the tournament will relocate to another city based on a three-year cycle of staging the event.

Mr Heads reported that crowd attendances for the 2018 event were lower given it was scheduled over the Australia Day long weekend.

Mr Clarke praised the introduction of the collaborative approach of local publicans, the Trust and Sevens event managers, who identified patrons who had been evicted from the tournament and passed on descriptions and likely destinations – allowing nearby venues to deny entry.

Mr Gilbert questioned if there were any security issues during the Test match.

Mr Heads confirmed that there was some media focus on security on day one following the Daily Telegraph's new story on the facial recognition scanners, however that there were no major incidents at the event.

Mr Brooks noted that the Test match was a great result for the McGrath Foundation which raised over \$1.4 million.

Mr Clarke noted that the patrons were very well behaved and all dispersed by 11.30pm at the very latest.

4 PRECINT WORKS

4.1 MP1 Operations

Mr Heads advised that given the impending demolition of Allianz Stadium, the Trust would not be proceeding with the intended introduction of the boom gates at the MP1 car park.

5 MAJOR EVENT PLANNING

5.1 Sydney FC vs Western Sydney Wanderers – Sunday 25 February

Mr Heads reported that the Sydney FC vs Western Sydney Wanderers game on Sunday 25 February would be the last derby to be held at Allianz Stadium. It was expected that about 30,000 patrons would attend.

Mr Heads advised that normal game-day operations would apply including Western Sydney Wanderers fans arriving via Gate A, Sydney FC fans will arrive via the Tibby Cotter Bridge and via the forecourt, and that facial technology will be in operation.

Mr Heads noted that fans had been well behaved at the last few derbies.

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Precinct Parking

Nothing to discuss

6.2 Any Other Business

Nothing raised.

6.2.2 Minutes of meetings

Mr Waterhouse noted it was agreed at previous meetings that the minutes would be circulated to TAG members within one week of the meeting.

6.2.3 Evacuation Alarms

Ms Psarros sought clarification of the constant evacuation alarms sounding within Trust lands.

Ms Kelly confirmed that these alarms were emanating from the Victoria Barracks.

6.2.4 Next Meeting

Ms Topfer requested that the dates for 2018 TAG meetings be circulated.

Action: Mr Heads to circulate proposed 2018 TAG meeting dates

Mr Gilbert asked Mr Heads to please pass on the TAG's thanks to Rugby Australia for the tour of the facility and use of the boardroom.

7 NEXT MEETING

Meeting closed at 6.06pm.

Confirmed

DAVID GILBERT
Acting TAG Chairman