

## MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting # 3

Glebe Island/White Bay Community Liaison Group

Clontarf Cottage

4 Wallace Street, Balmain

5.00 pm to 6.30 pm

Tuesday 27 February 2007

Attendees	
Facilitator	Kamini Parashar (Sydney Ports)
Community Representatives	Carolyn Allen Ann Bastock George Cooper John Fisk Stephen Falkiner
Lessees	Andrew Saldanha – Gypsum Resources Australia Thomas Carroll – Lubrizol Ben Zahra – Sugar Australia Ltd
Agencies	Corrie Swanepoel – Leichhardt Council Shayne Wilde – Maritime NSW
Sydney Ports	Alistair Palmer Christa Sams
Apologies	Denise Wilson Damian Cobley-Finch Mary Mortimer Tim Moore – City of Sydney Keith Morgan – Mountain Industries Ltd (Penrice)

### Meeting Record

#### 1. Introduction to New Members of the Group

All present introduced themselves.

#### 2. Minutes of Last Meeting – Outstanding Action Points - All

1. Note - The boat tour scheduled for December was not held due to lack of attendees. The possibility of rescheduling the next meeting for a boat tour was discussed. Community representatives indicated they would be interested in a tour.  
**Action:** SPC to advise details and date of boat tour if going ahead.

2. SPC had agreed to provide details of the planning instruments that relate to the Glebe Island White Bay precinct. Details of these instruments were provided in the minutes for the September 2006 meeting.

Community members noted that they want a single overarching Plan to be prepared for the port and adjoining land, to be based on the information prepared by the community in the planning workshop held in August 2006.

3. SPC/Denise had agreed to check with Tim Moore on the method that City of Sydney Council uses for notification of Pyrmont residents of developments (eg the GRA

Section 96 Application) and whether SHFA had approached Council for a list of Pymont residents.

**Action:** SPC/Denise to check with Council and send information to all before next meeting

4. Keith Morgan had agreed to check noise conditions for Penrice activities and report back at this meeting however a Penrice representative was unable to attend.  
**Action:** Keith to report back at Meeting 4.
5. SPC notified CLG members of the timing of the Bailey's project exhibition period via email as agreed.
6. SPC advised that the White Bay Powerstation was never owned by SPC. It was previously owned by Pacific Power.
7. An update on James Craig Road and parked cars was discussed. See following section for details.

The previous minutes were accepted.

### 3. **Outline of Gypsum Resources Australia Section 96 Changes – Andrew Saldanha**

Andrew Saldanha updated the group on the Glebe Island gypsum import facility. The two major changes being sought in GRA's S96 application (namely hours of operation for trucking to be increased to 24/7 and altering the noise level limit for unloading the vessel to lift the restriction on the number of cranes which can be used at night) were placed on exhibition in August 2006. The DEC asked for additional information to be supplied in September/October. This information was submitted by GRA to the DEC and no decision has been made at present.

### 4. **Update on Port Activities – James Craig Road, IC&L, Baileys, Other**

#### 4.1 **Update on James Craig Road**

Alistair Palmer gave an update on the road realignment being undertaken by NSW Maritime. The works are nearing completion.

The group discussed the concerns regarding parked cars along the road being a hazard. Also the pedestrian crossing on the intersection with City West Link was an issue for the community. Shayne Wilde advised that a temporary realignment near the intersection was in place at the moment, and was being constantly adjusted. The crossing would be a matter for the RTA (they are the authority as well as the contractor for the works).

**Action:** Shayne to provide further information to group through SPC. SPC to email response to group.

**Information update – Shayne has provided the following information:  
Road markings have now been repainted at the main intersection.**

#### **4.2 Update on Baileys Marine**

Alistair Palmer advised that the proposal is with SHFA for determination. Baileys are now preparing a Preferred Project Report in response to the submissions received during the exhibition period.

On 22 February George Cooper emailed members a joint motion from the Balmain and Rozelle/White Bay precinct committees regarding the Bailey's project and asking for a comprehensive review of the White Bay Master Plan. The precinct committee are opposed to the Bailey's project.

On behalf of Leichhardt Council Carolyn Allen advised that Council agree an overarching plan is required, however Council think that the proposal is in agreement with the working harbour concept. There are issues with 24/7 operations; however residents may not have an appreciation of the scale of the operation. Ann Bastock said that residents were worried that the operators would not comply with requirements, and therefore object to the proposal. SPC noted that they support the proposal.

#### **4.3 Update on IC&L**

Alistair Palmer advised that IC&L had withdrawn their development application. An email was sent by SPC advising members of this. IC&L are now considering their options.

#### **4.4 Other Items**

SPC advised that the car import facility will be moving from Glebe Island to Port Kembla in September 2008.

The Sydney Slipways project has been approved and the Dry Boat Storage project is now off exhibition (both on non-SPC land).

### **5. Update on Port Activities – Lessees**

#### **5.1 Sugar Australia – Glebe Island**

Ben Zahra advised it was business as usual, sugar production was down a little.

#### **5.2 GRA – Glebe Island**

Andrew Saldanha advised it was business as usual, shipping was up a little.

#### **5.3 Lubrizol – White Bay**

Thomas Carroll advised vessels discharging Lubrizol visit every couple of months, next vessel is due in March.

### **6. Update on Community Activities – Community Members**

Carolyn Allen provided information of the launch of a historical walk being run by Leichhardt Council at More Bay. Ann Bastock also advised there would be a cruise on 11 March for Heritage Week.

Stephen Falkiner advised that the last Lend Lease apartment block to be built on the waterfront as part of the Jackson's Landing development, 14 storeys high adjacent to ANZAC Bridge has commenced. The remainder of the waterfront park is also to be built. The Blackwattle Cove Coalition (comprising 8-10 groups) is working on changes around Wentworth Park to open up public space. Many Jackson's Landing residents will miss the Glebe Island car operations when they leave, most residents like it.

The group discussed the general redevelopment of former industrial facilities on Roberts Street into apartment buildings.

John Fisk asked if there were more cars being handled through Glebe Island as it seems to be more at the storage area at White Bay? SPC advised yes there had been an increase of approximately 10% in the last financial year in the number of cars.

Kamini Parashar asked for the group to provide any newsletters from their community groups for information to the CLG. Ann Bastock provided a copy of an article "Update of Vision" from *The Observer*. George Cooper provided a copy of the latest Precinct News.

## 7. Update from Leichhardt Council

Corrie Swanepoel advised that John Paul had submitted a change to the zoning for the industrial site on Roberts Street opposite the port – for uses including residential. This has been sent to Department of Planning. A Master Plan for this site had been prepared pre-2004. This had been discussed in the community.

**Action:** Corrie to provide more information at the next meeting.

SPC asked whether the Master Plan being requested by the community should include all land including the John Paul site, the White Bay Power Station etc. It was advised that the community planning workshop did look at the John Paul site, the Power Station site and the rail corridor.

*Clarification provided by the White Bay Joint Steering Committee: " We did not discuss John Paul's because it is private property and we were essentially concerned with publicly-owned land.*

## 8. Department of Environment and Conservation Licence for White Bay Berth 4 (latest statistics) – Christa Sams

### 8.1 White Bay 4 Complaints

Christa Sams provided a copy of the most recent complaints report, to the end of January 2007, to the group. The report includes a graph which shows that since the last meeting one complaint was received in December regarding activities at White Bay 4.

The December complaint was regarding noise from a bulk liquids vessel during the night. The noise was related to the operation of a ventilation fan from the vessel's engine room.

Additionally a complaint was received in February regarding the use of a compressor on board a vessel at night. Upon investigation of this complaint by SPC, the vessel was requested to cease operation of the compressor.

John Fisk asked if there was a noise limit for the activities at White Bay 4. SPC advised that the EPA licence contains noise goals. SPC is required to measure the noise from each ship the first occasion that it arrives at the berth.

## **8.2 Glebe Island & White Bay Complaints (not part of SPC's DEC Licence)**

Since the last meeting there have been 4 other complaints for the port area in addition to the 2 received for White Bay 4. One related to generator noise at 5-6 White Bay, two related to car ship ventilation fan noise and one to car unloading noise at Glebe Island.

These complaints are all investigated by SPC, and rectified where possible. Responses aren't provided back to the complainant unless specifically requested. The 24 hour phone number for community complaints is 9296 4000.

## **9. Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on **Tuesday 15 May 2007 5:30pm-7:00pm** at Clontarf Cottage.

Meeting closed at 6.30pm.

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