

WOLLSTONECRAFT PRECINCT MEETING

12 February 2024 –MINUTES

1. **Open meeting. Acknowledgement of Country:** RB (Chair) opened the meeting and read the acknowledgement
2. **Apologies:** Jennifer Sumison, Sue Wadley, Gerald Raftesath, Jacqui Axford, Bob Birchall, Astri Forsyth, Cr. Chris Holding, Robert Payne, Edwinsa Petersen, Mary Streeter, Robert Williams, Janet Wells, Elizabeth Young
3. **Guests:** Mayor Zoe Baker, Councillor Godfrey Santer, Councillor Nicole Antonini, Dr.CJ Manjaress-Wahlberg
4. **Confirmation of Minutes** of meeting held on **10 December 2024:**
Motion: That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday **10 December 2024**, having been circulated were taken as read and are hereby confirmed.

Proposer: Gerald McEvilly Second: John Hancox
The motion was put and passed unanimously.

5. **Guest Speaker: Dr. C J Manjarres-Wahlberg**, Chairman Sea Heritage Foundation, MV Cape Don Lighthouse Vessel History and Activities at the Coal Loader

Dr CJ Manjarres-Wahlberg spoke to us about the Foundation's ongoing work with the MV Cape Don. It is being used for numerous unique training and housing opportunities, including the plan to house Veterans in the 50 cabins and provide training. A copy of the presentation will be circulated.

Dry docking of the ship at the naval dockyard, Garden Island

The board has been working with the Navy and Thales at Garden Island since December 2019 towards a 65-day refit of the Cape Don in the dry dock. The ship was built in 1962 and is the only one of its kind still in existence.

Although the ship is rusty on the outside, the interior is being used for hands-on maritime and emergency services training.

Get into Maritime general-purpose hand (deckhand) course run in partnership with TAFE NSW and the Kings Trust Australia.

The Foundation wanted to make a meaningful contribution to the community and Nation. The board saw their opportunity when they discovered less than 399 out of 18,000 people employed in the Maritime industry were indigenous. The Foundation redesigned the TAFE program to align more with Indigenous learning styles. Since 2022, the Foundation has been delivering a general-purpose hand course in partnership with

TAFE NSW, The Kings Trust Australis and several maritime industry partners. The program is now more competency-based than theoretical. This TAFE course has a 100% graduation rate!

As well, the Foundation has facilitated employment pathways with SERCO Defence Maritime Services, Heron Group New Zealand with other graduates awaiting enlistment with the Navy and entry into the Ferries.

Maritime Apprenticeship Program

The Foundation is working on a Maritime Apprenticeship Program in partnership with the Merchant Navy Training Board, UK Chamber of Shipping and Shipping Australia Limited. This program is designed to increase engagement with industry and employment outcomes for Indigenous Australians within the maritime industry.

ARIAM Hub Project The Australian Robotic Inspection and Asset Management Hub

(ARIAM) is an ARC Research hub hosted by the University of Sydney and in partnership with the Queensland University of Technology and The Australian National University. The ARIAM Hub Project aims to transform the management of assets and infrastructure by developing intelligent robotic systems with new capabilities for inspection, monitoring, maintenance, and optimisation. The Cape Don is the test vessel facility during the five-year project, which involves the ARC, members of the maritime industry, Thales, and the Navy. This highlights how 1960s technology can still be relevant in the age of technology and AI.

Touring the Cape Don

Members of the public are able to tour the vessel by booking at mvcapedoncls@gmail.com or 0410 771 772 or the website SEAHERTIAGEFOUNDATION.ORG.AU/TOURS. These are mostly done on a Sunday.

6. Guest Speaker, Mayor Zoe Baker

The Mayor provided a thorough update on the decisions made at the Council meeting on Monday, 10 February. In a nutshell, the Informing Strategies, Asset Management Strategy and Special Rate Variation Proposal were all adopted by Council 7 to 3.

The Council's Special Rate Variation Request is now with IPART, an independent tribunal, for consideration and a decision that is expected sometime in May.

The Mayor was particularly pleased that the Governance Informing Strategy had been adopted as its purpose is to avoid further ad hoc decision making in future and make Council more accountable to the community.

The North Sydney Pool is due to reach lock up stage in late May and will probably not reopen until the next swimming season.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

Upcoming AGM

The upcoming AGM will be held Tuesday, 9 April at 7.30. Precinct members were asked to join the Precinct management team. **We need new volunteers to help us keep our Precinct going.**

The regular Precinct meeting will follow immediately after the completion of the AGM

Lime Bikes

When asked about the frustrating situation of Lime Bikes strewn around the community, Zoe explained that:

Lime Bikes can legally operate in the North Sydney LGA, as long as they comply with relevant legal and regulatory requirements. Local governments cannot prevent bike share companies from legally operating in their area.

If you find a bike that is parked unsafely or has fallen over and is blocking the footpath, move the bike to a safe position if you are able and it is safe to do so.

If not, you can contact Lime Bike via the QR code on the bike, which will connect you directly to the local team.

- Email at <mailto:help-sydney@li.me> or support-au@li.me
- Call Lime's 24/7 hotline: **1800 861 305**

If you have no response from Lime Bike, contact Council's Rangers on (02) 9936 8100 and they can move the bike to a safe place.

If a bike is unattended for seven days, Council will ask Lime to move it. If they have not moved it within four days, Council can impound the bike.

8. Close and Refreshments

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.03 pm and everyone was invited to stay for refreshments. There were 45 attendees. The next meeting is on Wednesday, 9 April 2025 commencing at 7.30 pm.