



**Minutes of the General Meeting held on Monday 30 November 2020 at 6.30pm  
at Crows Nest Centre**

<b>Present</b>	23 people attended as per the Attendance Register.
<b>Apologies:</b>	None
<b>Chair:</b>	PW opened the meeting at 6.30 pm.
<b>Tunks Park Workshop Introduction:</b>	<p>PW advised that Bay's goal for 2021 and ongoing is to enhance Tunks Park for the benefit of all stakeholders. He requested that attendees participate in a Workshop to put forward ideas.</p> <p>The stakeholders are sporting groups, the boating community, pet lovers, animal lovers, families with children, resident neighbours, recreational and fitness users of all ages and picnickers. Many of the stakeholders live outside of the North Sydney LGA. Enhancements will be in empathy with Council's Plan of Management for the Park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IG informed the attendees about the formation of Tunks Park. The sports fields were created in the 1950s when the natural creek line and extensive estuarine mudflats at the head of Long Bay were reclaimed. The reclamation took place due to unauthorised dredging of Middle Harbour. The material dredged from the harbour floor was deposited in what is now Tunks Park.</li> <li>• PW organised attendees into 4 Workshop groups, asking them to discuss ideas to enhance the Park.</li> </ul>
<b>Tunks Park Workshop Output:</b>	<p>Attendees split into 4 workshop groups, A B C and D, to brainstorm ideas. Output from these workshops was presented by a spokesperson for each group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group A: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Plant green bridges spanning the park from north to south to enhance the natural beauty, to provide shade, and to aid the movement of native wildlife.</li> <li>▪ A formal track on the northern edge of the Park</li> <li>▪ A pedestrian crossing on Miller St, to improve safety for people walking to the park and/ or arriving by public transport.</li> <li>▪ A lift in one of the towers or nearby to move people from Miller St down to the Park and up again. This would also provide access for disabled people.</li> <li>▪ Public toilets on the northern side near the boat ramp, particularly for picnickers and disabled people.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Group B: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Permanent walkway around the perimeter of the park.</li> <li>▪ A continuous footpath from Miller St down to Tunks Park without the need to cross the street.</li> <li>▪ Concerns were expressed about making the water more accessible because of sewer and silt.</li> <li>▪ An eatery on the proposed new jetty shown in the Plan of Management.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group C: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Improving pedestrian access from either side of the bridge especially from Strathallen Ave.</li> <li>▪ Making the water more accessible along the harbour-front</li> <li>▪ Food trucks, but not a permanent café. Strict management of resulting waste.</li> <li>▪ Shade trees along the walkways.</li> <li>▪ The children’s playground receives no winter sun in the afternoons.</li> <li>▪ Community bush tucker garden but with appropriate consideration of wildlife.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Group D: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Opposed to upgrading track from Cowdroy Ave to Tunks Park, regarding this as dangerous.</li> <li>▪ Favour green bridges across park for wildlife and shade.</li> <li>▪ Support coffee van, but not a permanent café.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• General Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ JB – When was the last time, if ever, that a survey about the Indigenous heritage of the area was undertaken? Locals should be encouraged to plant native trees in their yards.</li> <li>▪ IC: We need to encourage favorable conditions for higher succession native plants because they are fire retardant, temperature mitigators, and are edible. Leaf drop breaks down and feeds soil microbes and regenerates other native plants.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>PW called for volunteers to participate on the Tunks Committee. PR, MR, LR, MW, AS, IC, JB and JR volunteered to join PW and BE on this Committee.</p> <p>There was agreement that BP should involve Councilors and appropriate Council Officers in discussions.</p>
<b>Minutes:</b>	Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on November 13, 2019 were adopted.
<b>Correspondence:</b>	<p>BE reported that there has been a high volume of correspondence since the last meeting one year ago. This summary was presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opposition to the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade proposals.</li> <li>• Request for PW and BE to meet with the Member for Willoughby and Premier – to date unanswered.</li> <li>• Draft Plan of Management for St Leonard’s Park on exhibition.</li> <li>• Young Street Plaza currently being trialed, involving closure of Young Street between Military Road and Grosvenor Lane.</li> <li>• Many DA’s.</li> <li>• Precinct System Review – Stage 2.</li> </ul>



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<p><b>Convenor's Report:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council requested that the current Office Bearers continue in their roles. PW (Convenor), BE (Secretary) and JB (Treasurer) agreed to do so.</li> <li>• Bay, the Combined Precincts and North Sydney Council have opposed the Environmental Impact Statements for the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway on these negative effects to the North Sydney LGA:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increased traffic congestion throughout the municipality.</li> <li>▪ The erection of the motorway Control Centre in Cammeray Park, involving the loss of 6 hectares of community greenspace.</li> <li>▪ Severe CBD traffic congestion.</li> <li>▪ Unfiltered emissions from the WHT.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Bay will request a meeting with the Federal Member for North Sydney, Trent Zimmerman, about the negative impacts to the North Sydney municipality.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JB: Treasurer's Report for Bay Precinct 1/7/19 to 30/6/20:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Balance bought forward   \$3,074.88</li> <li>Operational funding       \$1,500.00</li> <li>Sub-total                     \$4,574.48</li> <li>Expenditure                 \$1,309.40</li> <li>Balance 30/6/20             \$3,265.48</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Interim Financial Report for 1/7/20 to 13/11/20:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Current balance..... \$3,815.49</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Presentation of Service Certificate:</b></p>	<p>BE presented a Service Certificate to PM from North Sydney Council. This was in acknowledgement of 4 years as Chair of Bay and 1 year as Co-Convenor of the CPC. PM led the successful campaign to stop floodlighting of Tunks Park.</p>
<p><b>Precinct System Review:</b></p>	<p>BE: PM and BE will continue to interface with Council as Bay's representatives on the Precinct Review System.</p> <p>Three options are proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Option 1 – Bay merges with Plateau and Bridgeview.</li> <li>• Option 2A - Bay merges with Plateau, Bridgeview and Registry.</li> <li>• Option 2B – Bay merges with Plateau.</li> </ul> <p>PW: Bay Precinct Committee will make the final decision after further consultation with the residents. Currently Option 1 is favored.</p>
<p><b>General Business:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IC stated that food waste is a significant environmental problem and asked if Council has any plans for the separate collection of food waste for composting.</li> <li>• PW: Not aware of any plans. We like the concept and will communicate with Council.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Close of Meeting:</b></p>	<p>Meeting closed at 8.15pm.</p>