



Dear Members,

Please make a diary note. Our AGM will be held on 23rd May at 6.30 in the Seniors' Centre, Civic Centre.

We are looking forward to telling you about our nesting box project and to a presentation by members of the Pittwater group who have been conducting a similar project for a number of years. Some of you will have met Mosman's new bushcare officer, Hugh Wyllie. He and Steve Wall, Team Leader Open Space and Biodiversity have been helping us with installing the boxes and we have invited them to the AGM as well.

As the AGM is almost upon us and you will be receiving a full annual report, I shall keep this letter short.

Important Harbour Trust news

The draft Recreation Strategy is on the Trust website

<http://www.harbourtrust.gov.au/news/2019/03/28/have-your-say-draft-recreation-strategy-harbour-trust-lands>

Submissions are invited until 10th May.

The Headland Preservation will be holding a public meeting to discuss details of the strategy. I shall advise the date of the meeting once it is known.

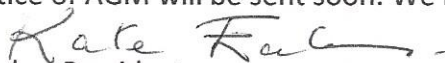
Trust Board Meeting in public: 16th May at 3.30 pm at the Harbour Trust Office, Best Avenue, Headland Park. If you have a question send it by email to info@harbourtrust.gov.au by 9th May and if you wish to attend the meeting, RSVP to info@harbourtrust.gov.au

Funding for the Trust: \$22.3 million has been allocated to the Trust in the Federal Budget – 10 million for capital works at the Headland, 11.4 million for Sub Base Platypus and 0.9 million for a strategic review of the Trust's work. Making the announcement of the allocation to the Headland, Federal Member for Warringah, The Hon Tony Abbott said that it would be used to demolish the wooden barracks buildings at Middle Head, to begin the restoration of 10 Terminal, and for walking tracks.

Netball: It is generally agreed that girls' sporting facilities are not equal to the facilities for boys. Council is sympathetic to Mosman netballers' requests for more facilities. The problem is how and where to provide the facilities. Various options are being investigated. Our concern is that our parks are not adversely affected.

Childcare DA at Balmoral: Our objection was to the increased footprint that the new centre would occupy, and its incursion into Balmoral Oval. It appeared that it would also make the children's cycle track dangerous. However, it seems that the Rural Fire Service has asked for changes. These are on the www and we are watching developments.

The Notice of AGM will be sent soon. We look forward to seeing you there.


Kate Eccles, President

17th April, 2019