Church Point Working Group Report Following March 31, 2015 meeting

Present: Bill Gye, Shar Jones, David Hegarty, Marie Minslow, Hubert van Mierlo, Rachel Carter and Jenny Cullen

Apologies: Sharon Kinnison, Iza Foster, Judy Readman and Adrian Matthews,



<u>Information Update:</u> (arising from the recent meeting with senior Council staff and from the General Manager, Mark Ferguson's talk at the recent WPCA AGM)

- 1. **Council Meeting:** A Council Meeting, to be held most probably in May, will receive reports on Church Point and make some decisions about proceeding.
- 2. **Review of Environmental Factors Report:** Almost complete. No preview of this Report will be provided prior to the Agenda for that meeting being made public
- 3. **Demand and Access Management:** The Demand and Access Management Report is almost complete. Interested parties will be provided an opportunity to see the final report prior to release. In our meeting with Council we discussed the SIRA motion passed at our recent AGM and the need to put in place strategies to ensure accessibility of parking for offshore residents both now and post new infrastructure.
- 4. **Fees:** We have a verbal agreement that the process for determining the future Church Point Permit Fees will be a transparent. At the WPCA AGM Mark Ferguson discussed the loan interest rate being as low as 1.5% (this needs to be confirmed).
- 5. **Timeframe:** The expected timeline of the project is that it will be completed before the end of 2016 and may commence around October this year.
- 6. **Commuter Wharf Upgrade:** Construction of two "fingers", covered by NSW Government Grant to be done in conjunction with the additional parking infrastructure. Note: There are plans for other SI wharves but no funds yet.
- 7. **Council Ranger:** The position is for all Pittwater wharves. It will be rotated.
- 8. Contractors Barges to the North-West of Cargo Wharf: Council agreed to enter into discussion with relevant contractors about being able to legally tie up their barges

Other matters:

• The CPWG briefly discussed and viewed the proposals for the other Precincts at Church Point from the Church Point Plan of Management (CPPOM).

Actions for discussion/decision:

- 1. Community Communication (in collaboration with WPCA) needed to ensure having a community presence at the upcoming Council meeting.
- 2. The above communication to include an update on the issue of Fees and a link to an updated background document on Church Point Fees.
- 3. Confirm or otherwise the statements made by the General Manager at the WPCA AGM regarding the interest rate for the loan for the project.
- 4. Continue to lobby for some degree of exclusivity for CP Permits parking in both the existing man carpark and in the proposed new car parking area.