

**ITEM 21. NOTICES OF MOTION****CENTRAL SYDNEY LANEWAYS (S129260)**

1. By Councillor Forster

It is resolved that Council:

(A) note:

- (i) after conducting a study of Central Sydney laneways between July 1992 and March 1993 Council, in October 1993, adopted *The City of Sydney Policy for the Management of Laneways in Central Sydney*;
- (ii) the objectives of the study included the identification of the urban design opportunities inherent in Sydney's lanes as well as the preparation of the aforementioned policy and recommendations for the management of these lanes;
- (iii) the policy document outlines recommendations for the management of 107 individual lanes and identifies things such as heritage issues, pedestrian and vehicular access and interactions, the potential for the enhancement of pedestrian amenity, as well as recommendations for the disposal of certain laneways;
- (iv) on 10 March 2008, Council endorsed the *Live Laneways – Laneway Revitalisation Strategy*, part of which included the development of concept plans for up to four laneways for approval by Council prior to calling tenders for construction in the 2008/09 financial year;
- (v) following this endorsement, in June 2009, Council selected eight CBD laneways for public domain improvements, subsequently adding a ninth laneway. The nine lanes prioritised for capital works improvement listed by precinct were:
  - (a) Northern CBD - Bulletin Place;
  - (b) Central CBD - Angel Place, Hosking and Penfold Place, Lees Court, Ash Street;
  - (c) Western CBD - York Lane; and
  - (d) Southern CBD - Albion Place, Central Street, Wilmot Street;
- (vi) between 2010 and 2016, improvement works were completed in Ash Street, Angel Place, Albion Place, Bulletin Place, Wilmot Street, Central Street, Hosking Place and Penfold Place with most of these precincts attracting new businesses and enjoying enhanced economic vibrancy;
- (vii) for various reasons, Lees Court and York Lane have yet to undergo public domain improvements; and

- (viii) since the announcement of the Sydney CBD and South East Light Rail project, some other laneway upgrades have been put on hold, however, part of the \$200 million contributed by the City towards the light rail project will go towards the improvement of surrounding laneways; and
- (B) request the Chief Executive Officer to:
  - (i) initiate a review of *The City of Sydney Policy for the Management of Laneways in Central Sydney* first introduced in 1993, with the aim of identifying laneways suitable for upgrading works both during the construction of light rail, as well as following completion of the project; and
  - (ii) update Councillors via a CEO Update on the City's *Live Laneways – Laneway Revitalisation Strategy*, including an update on the status of work scheduled for Lees Court and York Lane.

### **VALE SOL BELLEAR (S129266)**

#### **2. By Councillor Scott**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the passing of Sol Bellear, AM, inaugural Chair of the Aboriginal Legal Service, Chair of the community-controlled Aboriginal Medical Service Redfern, founding member of the Aboriginal Housing Company, Deputy Chair of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) in the 1990s and campaigner for Aboriginal Land Rights;
- (B) Council note the rich contribution of Sol Bellear to both Indigenous and non-Indigenous members of the City of Sydney community, and to the fight for Aboriginal rights and social justice;
- (C) all persons present in the Chamber stand for one minute's silence to honour the life of Sol Bellear; and
- (D) a letter from the Lord Mayor be conveyed to Sol Bellear's family expressing Council's sincere condolences.

### **WALSH BAY ARTS AND CULTURAL PRECINCT (S129266)**

#### **3. By Councillor Scott**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note that:
  - (i) the NSW State Government is currently engaged in the planning assessment process for redevelopment of Piers 2/3 and 4/5 at Walsh Bay into a Walsh Bay Arts and Cultural Precinct;

- (ii) the *Walsh Bay Arts Precinct Master Plan* references the City of Sydney's 'cultural ribbon', as outlined in the City of Sydney document *The Cultural Ribbon* and in the *Sustainable Sydney 2030 Community Strategic Plan 2017 - 2021* under strategic directives 4, 5 and 7; and
  - (iii) residents of Walsh Bay have raised concerns that the redevelopment of the area as part of the Walsh Bay Arts and Cultural Precinct will reduce resident access to and use of the area, particularly the foreshore; and
- (B) the City lobby the NSW Government in support of continued resident use of and access to the foreshore in the Walsh Bay area, during and after the planned Walsh Bay Arts and Cultural Precinct redevelopment; and
- (C) the Lord Mayor write to Anthony Roberts, NSW Minister for Planning, and Premier Gladys Berejiklian, expressing these concerns.

#### **COMMEMORATION FOR MERVYN FLANAGAN (S129266)**

##### **4. By Councillor Scott**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
- (i) the historical significance to the City of Sydney and its communities, of the fatal shooting of, and subsequent funerary march for Mervyn Flanagan, during the Great Strike of 1917, which has been referred to as a watershed moment for the labour movement;
  - (ii) that Mervyn Flanagan's grave was unmarked, and that there is no significant commemoration of his life or death as part of the City's rich streetscapes; and
  - (iii) that Mervyn Flanagan and the events of the Great Strike of 1917 were crucial to the social and cultural identity of the City in the early 20th century, and remain significant today; and
- (B) the Public Art and Design Advisory Panels be requested to consult historians, members of the labour movement and local residents, to work upon the delivery of a plaque commemorating the life and death of Mervyn Flanagan at the site of his shooting, on Bridge Road, Camperdown.

#### **COMMEMORATION OF THE REDFERN ADDRESS (S129266)**

##### **5. By Councillor Scott**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
- (i) the significant historic sentiment of the Redfern Address delivered by former Prime Minister Paul Keating on 10 December 1992, specifically its significance to the struggle for reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the broader Australian community;

- (ii) that 10 December 2017 marks the 25th anniversary of this historic moment;
  - (iii) that, in the 25 years since the delivery of the Redfern Address, there has been only a single plaque within an artwork erected in Redfern Park that recognises this historic speech which is widely understood to be a significant moment in Australia's path to reconciliation; and
  - (iv) the important educational significance of the Eora Journey as a celebration of the story of local Aboriginal culture, ancient and living; and
- (B) the City express its support for meaningful reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the broader Australian community;
- (C) Council request the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel to:
- (i) consult historians, members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, and local residents, to work upon the delivery of a specific point of reference of this artwork and its historical significance within the Eora Journey walking trail; and
  - (ii) plan to commemorate the Redfern Address with the view to an unveiling of this addition to the Eora Journey within the next two years.

#### **FITZROY GARDENS TOILETS (\$129259)**

#### **6. By Councillor Chung**

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) note:
- (i) Council's Public Toilet Strategy 2014 includes the City's vision for a "*highly regarded, safe and accessible network of public toilets to meet the current and future needs of a world class city*";
  - (ii) Fitzroy Gardens toilets attract high visitation uses each day due to their location within an entertainment and tourist precinct and being adjacent to a playground;
  - (iii) Council has reduced the cleaning of the Fitzroy Gardens toilets by more than 50% over the past few years and there is no increase in cleaning or maintenance inspections during the peak period of weekends when the markets are operating;
  - (iv) the only public toilet facilities at night in the Kings Cross precinct are the toilets located in Fitzroy Gardens;
  - (v) the public toilets located in Fitzroy Gardens were installed in 1998, some 19 years ago and are nearing the end of their serviceable life; and
  - (vi) the Fitzroy Gardens toilets are often unserviceable and cause a great deal of inconvenience to members of the public and deter visitors from coming to Kings Cross; and

- (B) request that the Chief Executive Officer:
- (i) investigate the modification or replacement of the three public toilets in Fitzroy Gardens in the same location to ensure ongoing and more reliable serviceability and report back to Councillors the results of that investigation; and
  - (ii) take immediate steps to improve reliability of the toilets in Fitzroy Gardens and report to Councillors measures taken to improve the toilet serviceability; and
- (C) rule out permanently closing or relocating the public toilet facilities in Fitzroy Gardens.

### **LIVE STREAMING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS (\$129259)**

#### **7. By Councillor Chung**

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) note:
- (i) live streaming of Council meetings provides access, transparency, accountability, openness and good governance to the conduct of Council meetings;
  - (ii) live streaming of Council meetings is an issue of equity and allows those constituents who are unable to attend meetings in person to engage in the democratic process. This is particularly true for women and families, workers who cannot attend meetings at 5.00pm, residents with disability and access issues, residents with childcare obligations, those with transport challenges and business owners who are unable to attend a Council meeting at 5.00pm;
  - (iii) utilising Councils Facebook page and other direct channels to publicise the live streaming of Council meetings will immediately expose a large number of constituents and stakeholders to the proceedings of Council;
  - (iv) broadcasting is entirely consistent with the long standing practice of many other NSW metropolitan and regional councils, as well as federal and state parliaments, which televise proceedings in order to make them accessible to all members of the public;
  - (v) as a Global City, Sydney is lagging behind the world's leading cities on openness and transparency by not permitting live streaming of Council meetings;
  - (vi) live streaming of Council meetings meets the Lord Mayor's stated objectives of being consultative, open, transparent and accountable and reinforces her statement that "*Peoples' democratic rights should be defended*"; and
  - (vii) live streaming provides an archived public record of discussions and resolutions made by council. It means that all councillors are equally subject to public scrutiny, which is a fundamental tenet of public office and democracy; and

- (B) request that the Chief Executive Officer:
- (i) undertake a 12-month trial of live streaming of all City of Sydney Council meetings, such trial to commence no later than the end of the first half of 2018;
  - (ii) ensure all live streams are archived permanently for direct public access from Council's web site;
  - (iii) widely publicise the trial for a period of no less than 12 months with a permanent and prominent first page notice on Council's web site, letter box drops to all residents and businesses, social media and other appropriate media;
  - (iv) ensure that the words of each speaker are clear and audible to all viewers listening to the broadcast; and
  - (v) amend the City of Sydney Code of Meeting Practice to enable the live streaming of Council meetings.