

Sydney Football Stadium Community Consultative Committee Meeting # 13 Meeting Minutes



Meeting: Sydney Football Stadium
Community Consultative
Committee

Location: ONLINE

Date/time: Friday 13 March 2026
3.30-4:30 PM

Chair: Professor Helen Lochhead AO

Attendees

Community Representatives

1. Will Mrongovius
2. Robert Postema

Local Government representatives:

3. Cr Adam Worling, City of Sydney
4. Cr Dov Frazer, Waverley Council
5. Cr Harriet Price Woollahra Council

Venues NSW representatives

6. Phil Heads, Group GM, Comms, Heritage & Community (PH)
7. Loredana Hibberd/Amir Mohammed - Besix Watpac (BW)

	Description
1	Acknowledgement of Country and welcome
2	Apologies Julie Armour, Simon Darcy, Aleks Kukolj, Cr Will Nemesh were apologies. JA wished to note that members of the community, who she had spoken to, indicated they were against Sunday working hours due to the current disruptions, increased traffic and noise already present in the area.
3	Declarations of Pecuniary and other interests Nil
4	Actions from previous meetings , as noted below, were addressed as part of the updates from Besix Watpac (Agenda item 5) and Venues NSW (Agenda item 6): Meeting #11 (14 November 2025) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geofencing arrangements (ride share) • Disability drop-off and pick up consistency on digital and customer channels • Moore Park Event Operations Group Meeting #12 (5 March 2026) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Besix Watpac briefing on proposal for extended hours working hours • The proposed use and destination of any excess salvaged bricks from Busby's Bore • A further update on the proposed well design and interpretative elements.
5	Precinct Village Carpark update – Besix Watpac (BW) Loredana Hibberd from Besix Watpac provided a recap of the proposal for extended hours working hours and as requested, with details of the following in their presentation (attached), <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the original conditions of consent (slide 4) • the proposed route for truck deliveries (slide 8-9) • the definition of heavy machinery and noisy works including examples of both (slide 2, 11) • A Modification application (MOD) would be required to extend working hours. (slide 10). Loredana Hibberd also reiterated that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose of the briefing was to gauge the CCCs response to the proposal for extended working hours and advised that it is yet to be determined if a MOD will be submitted. • Project has been delayed due to Busby's Bore find and weather interruptions. • Intention to accelerate program to recoup lost time without an extension of time. The current program is challenging to meet • Current program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ East carpark – Oct 2026 ○ West carpark- January 2027 • Extended hours would enable deliveries earlier so workforce can start work at 7am. • If works proceeded on Sundays, no heavy machinery would be used, only low impact internal work would be undertaken • Existing conditions of consent regarding noise levels, ie no exceedance of 75 DbA would continue to apply • CCC members sought to understand how much the program will be shortened if extended working hours were implemented as opposed to retaining the current conditions of consent.

- CCC members noted that the short-term pain of longer working hours needed to be quantified to understand any upside benefits. This was not provided.
- Several CCC members expressed concern about Sunday work.

Actions:

- BW to quantify the impact extended working hours will shorten the construction program:
 - **Base option:** the finish date if the current working hours are maintained.
 - **Option 1:** the finish date with extended hours as proposed (an additional 16 working hours/week)
 - **Option 2:** the finish date with extended hours *without* Sunday work. (an additional 10 working hours/week)
- This information is to be provided prior to the Mod application being submitted so that the CCC can consider the pros and cons and provide feedback. This information can be circulated out of session via email (PH)
- CCC to review information provided and provide feedback via email.
- BW presentation to be distributed to CCC after this meeting

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Venues NSW update

Phil Heads (PH) provided a verbal update and presentation (attached) on the outstanding action items and upcoming events.

Busby's Bore update (VNSW slides 13-22)

- PH provided a verbal overview of 4 options being considered for the proposed well interpretation
- PH discussed re-use of Busby Bore bricks in the precinct public domain, the new SCG Museum and potentially sharing with community. The number of excess bricks is still to be determined. This should be known after 20 March

Actions:

- PW to circulate interpretative options for CCC to review and provide feedback (presentation attached)
- CCC to provide feedback via email
- PH to arrange a site visit for WM to view the bricks

Summer concert series (Slides 3-4)

- PH noted the noise monitoring and Event noise complaints process for the summer concerts, Kendrick Lamar (4 complaints) Dom Dolla (8 complaints)
- Both concerts operated within the new limits and requirements of the noise management plan. An independent audit reported that when requested adjustments were made by willingly by production team.

2026 New Year's Test and summer feedback and learnings

- PH noted record attendance of over 200,000
- McGrath Foundation raised \$12m including sale of 450,000 virtual seats
- Unprecedented media and public scrutiny about the condition of the pitch
- RP noted the traffic congestion during the Test and lack of traffic marshals in the precinct was apparent.

SCG museum project

- PH provided a verbal overview on the campaign to support the development of a new SCG museum.
- Various sites have been considered. Gate A is the preferred location. (slide 7)
- The building will include an indoor cricket centre (an elite and community facility). The facilities will be publicly accessible from Driver Ave and open 6 days/week.
- The indoor cricket centre and museum will operate on a user pays model.

2026 Winter season event schedule (VNSW slide 9)

- PH provided a verbal overview of the upcoming event season (slide 9)
- Swans game last week: 40,000 attended, an opening game record
- 4 games next week
- Wallabies/Ireland Rugby match: July 4
- Cricket Ground to be returfed so a shorter winter season this year

Geofencing

- PH advised that VNSW have been working closely with TfNSW and Point to Point Commissioner to ensure geofencing is activated for events with attendances over 15,000. To date, this measure has been working effectively.
- In addition, Point to Point officers and TfNSW, Commanders patrol the surrounding streets to manage vehicles that may be waiting in nearby areas.
- The geofencing prevents passengers from booking rideshare services (e.g. Uber) within the restricted zone, while Point to Point officers ensure taxis do not queue or congregate in a way that blocks local roads.
- To date, several share ride operators have signed up to participate including, Uber, Didi plus Lime Bikes and Helloride.

Action:

- PH to circulate a map of Geofencing boundaries and complete list of share ride providers who have signed up

	<p>Precinct accessibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PH advised that multiple pages on the Allianz Stadium website are dedicated to making visits to the precinct easier. Refer to https://www.allianzstadium.com.au/plan-your-visit/visitor_accessibility • There are also visual stories developed in collaboration with Autism Spectrum Australia to help neurodiverse patrons prepare for their visits. • New ticketing partners Ticketmaster have a dedicated accessible seating line, as well as live chat through their App. Also, this contains direct contact with the Accessibility team who work most events <p>Moore Park Event Operations Group</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PH to share membership list of MEOG
8	General discussion and other business
9	<p>Next meeting date Friday 8 May 2026 3:30-5pm at Venues NSW Boardroom, Level 1M, Allianz Stadium 40-44 Driver Avenue, Moore Park Gate 8.</p>

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<p>Other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PH to seek nomination of a new Victoria Barracks representative to the CCC • All presentations to be circulated to CCC prior to meetings to ensure adequate reading time and preparation so CCC to better enable informed and constructive feedback in meetings. 	<p>PH</p> <p>PH</p>