

## SUCCESSFUL PUBLIC MEETING TO CELEBRATE PHM CAMPAIGN ANNIVERSARY

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Hi Everyone,

As many of you know, 'Save the Powerhouse' organised a public meeting last Friday (October 28) at the Ultimo Community Centre to 'mark the 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the campaign to save the Powerhouse Museum', and we were impressed by the knowledge and obvious dedication of people who attended from our local area.

Equally impressive were the insights of a number of distinguished speakers on different aspects of museum management. We heard from

- Founding PHM Director Dr Lindsay Sharp (by video link) who observed that "if you had seen this unfold in any civilized country...you could not believe it"
- Deputy Lord Mayor Sylvie Ellsmore, on the importance of conserving public space
- Kylie Winkworth, former Powerhouse trustee, whose detailed slide show presented the real history of the current PHM "renewal" debacle
- Former Transport Curator Andrew Grant who spoke with objectivity and good sense of the central role of the Harwood Building in Powerhouse operations
- and Alan Croker, heritage consultant, who created the Conservation Management Plan for the Sydney Opera House

Messages of support were received and read from Senator David Shoebridge <http://tiny.cc/0wj0vz> and Shadow Arts Minister John Graham <http://tiny.cc/zvj0vz>, who were unable to attend in person, and former PHM Deputy Director Jennifer Sanders capably moderated the whole event.

See video here <https://youtu.be/27inpR780nc>

A lively Q&A session followed, when community members indicated unanimously that

- the 'renewal' as proposed needs complete revision to reflect PHM's traditional status as a professional MUSEUM (of Applied Arts and Sciences) rather than reduce it to a mere 'facility'

- the whole approach of the proposed renewal is too "commercial" and

- there has been no genuine consultation with the community about a PHM "renewal"

These key points have been incorporated in a draft resolution summarising the general direction of the meeting <http://tiny.cc/2wj0vz>. [See added, below]

Watch this space for news of more 'Save' events in the four months leading up to the NSW state elections in March 2023, and a hoped-for change of Government!

*Save the Powerhouse*





*Ultimo, 28 October, 2022*

**8-year anniversary  
of your campaign to  
KEEP THE POWERHOUSE MUSEUM IN ULTIMO  
RESOLUTION**

That we, the "Save"; community, call upon the NSW Government

- to keep its promise to retain the Powerhouse as an Applied Arts and Science Museum, including the Harwood building, and the jobs at Ultimo, and to restore the Museum's original purpose and operations.

- to cancel plans to integrate the Powerhouse Museum into a creative industries precinct and to find a more appropriate location for this project

- to minimise emphasis on profit-driven commercial activities.

and for genuine renewal of the PHM as a professional Australian Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences displaying engineering, transport, innovation, science, social history, decorative arts and design, in full consultation with the NSW community.