

Statement of Heritage Impact

Premises: Booth West, Manly Wharf – Lot 2 DP1170245

Lessee: Molly Linton, My Funky Bags (ABN: 93 054 779 694)

Lessor: Transport for NSW (ABN: 18 804 239 602)

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1. Introduction

This Statement of Heritage Impact has been prepared in support of a proposal by My Funky Bags to lease and operate a retail kiosk at Booth West, Manly Commuter Wharf. The proposed use is for a small showroom and retail outlet to showcase eco-friendly beach bags made from recycled plastic bottles and recycled cotton towels. The premises include a 10sqm kiosk (ticket booth) with an additional 5.4sqm of outdoor display space, subject to Council approval.

2. Site & Heritage Significance

Manly Wharf is a place of heritage significance due to its long history as a transport hub, its role in shaping Manly's development as a seaside destination, and its social value as a key arrival point for residents and visitors travelling by ferry. The Wharf retains both architectural and social heritage values, with its fabric, layout, and use contributing to the historic identity of Manly as a commuter and tourist precinct. Any proposed use or modification of structures within the Wharf must therefore demonstrate sensitivity to its heritage character and ensure that the cultural and social values of the site are preserved.

3. Proposed Use & Works

- Kiosk Use: The booth will function as a retail space. Fixtures and stock will be stored inside when not trading. No food, beverages, or hazardous materials will be stored or sold. Deliveries will be undertaken manually, with no vehicle access required. - Outdoor Display: A 5.4sqm outdoor space is requested adjacent to the kiosk (portholes side, along the water-side wall). Moveable racks will display My Funky Bags' sustainable products during trading hours only, and will be removed after hours. No obstruction to pedestrian flow, commuter access, or other businesses will occur. - Signage: No permanent or structural signage is proposed. The kiosk will be wrapped with a laminated removable film bearing the company's logo and an educational message about reducing single-use plastics. No damage or alterations will be made to the kiosk's fabric.

4. Heritage Impact Assessment

- Built Fabric: The proposal makes no structural alterations to the kiosk or Wharf. The laminated wrap is non-invasive and fully reversible. - Visual Character: The proposed wrap aligns with the kiosk's form and will not obscure or remove significant fabric. The outdoor display will consist of temporary racks, sympathetic to the surrounding environment. - Function & Use: The use of the kiosk as retail is consistent with the Wharf's commercial character. By showcasing sustainable products and environmental messaging, the proposal complements the Wharf's role as a community and visitor hub. - Public Realm: The proposal does not impede

commuter walkways, emergency exits, or views. Outdoor displays will be neatly managed and fully removed outside trading hours. Overall, the proposed use has minimal to no adverse impact on the heritage significance of Manly Wharf.

5. Mitigation Measures

- No permanent fixtures or structural modifications to the kiosk or Wharf fabric. - Use of fully reversible laminated signage only. - Strict management of outdoor display racks, ensuring they are temporary, moveable, and stored away outside operating hours. - Commitment to maintaining the area clean, safe, and free from clutter at all times. - Trading hours restricted to daytime only (9am–6pm), reducing visual and operational impact after hours.

6. Conclusion

The proposed retail kiosk use by My Funky Bags is low impact, reversible, and compatible with the heritage values of Manly Wharf. The project respects the physical and social heritage significance of the site by: - avoiding permanent alteration to heritage fabric, - ensuring visual harmony through temporary and reversible treatments, and - contributing positively to the Wharf's character through environmentally conscious retail and educational messaging. On this basis, the proposed use is considered to have no adverse heritage impact and is consistent with the ongoing cultural and commercial vitality of Manly Wharf.