

Background

The purpose of this survey is to assist the ERC (Estonian Relief Committee) in formulating its position on the future of Sydney Estonian House.

BACKGROUND

The Estonian Relief Committee (ERC) is a significant shareholder in the Estonian House Co-Operative Society Limited (EHCSL), which owns the Estonian House in Surry Hills, Sydney, and hence we have a legal obligation to consider the House and its ongoing maintenance.

At the Annual General Meeting of the ERC held in November, 2018, the Chairman of the Estonian House Co-Operative Society, Mr Madis Alvre, confirmed that a forum on the future of Sydney Estonian House will be held before the end of the first quarter of 2019 (end of March). The ERC then wrote to the Estonian House Co-Operative Society confirming that we would like to contribute to the success of this forum by preparing a submission.

In preparing our submission, we first wish to conduct a brief survey of our members, friends and associates. We would appreciate your responses to the following questions.

Please note that all respondent comments and details will be anonymous. The results of the survey will be collated and analysed, the results of which will be made public – including publication on the ERC website.

1. How would you describe your connection to the Sydney Estonian community?

- I was born in Estonia but now live in Australia
- I was born in Australia but one or both of my parents are/were of Estonian origin
- My partner has Estonian connections, but I do not
- I am a temporary visitor to Australia with an interest in Estonian activities in Australia
- Other (please specify)

2. My age is:

- Under 18
- 18-21
- 22-37
- 38-53
- 54-72
- Over 73

3. Connection to or interest in ERC (Estonian Relief Committee):

I am a financial member of the ERC

I have been a financial member of the ERC in the past

I am NOT a financial member of the ERC, but am a member of other Estonian groups

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Now for some questions about whether or not you visit Estonian House, and any views you may hold about its future.

4. How often have you been to Estonian House over the last five years (2014-2019)?

- I have been a regular user of or visitor to Estonian House (once or twice a month)
- I have been an occasional user of or visitor to Estonian House (a few times a year)
- I am not a regular user or visitor to Estonian House
- I have never been to Estonian House
- Other (please specify)

5. How often have you been to Sydney Estonian House prior to 2014?

- I used to be a regular user or visitor to Estonian House (once or twice a month)
- I used to be an occasional user of or visitor to Estonian House (a few times a year)
- I was not a regular user or visitor to Estonian House
- I had never been to Estonian House prior to 2014
- Other (please specify)

6. Over the last few years, three options for the future of Sydney Estonian House have been presented at several public forums to assist the Co-Operative in planning and decision-making. We would like to know what you think should happen next in relation to these future options.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
Further research into each of the future options is needed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Enough has been done, let's decide and move on	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I don't mind what happens	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

7. From where you sit now, which of the following do you think is the best option for Sydney Estonian House?

- Maintain the current building with upgrades as required
- Redevelop the site if financially possible - new building and facilities at the current address
- Sell the property and move all Estonian activities to a new site
- Other (please specify)

8. Do you have anything to add about the future of Sydney Estonian House?

Thank you for completing the survey. Feel free to send the link to anyone you think may be interested. The survey will close on March 15, 2019.