

Torpedo Factory Renewal Project

COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION

AUGUST 2021

Relocation of heritage artefacts

To prepare for the next stage of renewal at Sub Base Platypus, the Torpedo Factory Renewal Project, the Harbour Trust is temporarily relocating a number of the site's heritage artefacts.

What is happening?

Periscope racks and locker units will be moved from the Torpedo Factory to Cockatoo Island where they will be temporarily stored. The Harbour Trust Volunteer Team will carry out the restoration and conservation of the periscope racks at Cockatoo Island.

Following the completion of works, the heritage artefacts will be returned to Sub Base Platypus and displayed as part of the approach to interpreting the site's multi-layered history.

When will this happen?

Relocation of the periscope racks and lockers will take place on **Thursday 26 August 2021** between 7.00am and 2.00pm. **All temporary changes described below will be restored by 2.00pm.**

How does this impact you?

Temporary changes to parking and access on High Street will be required. A Traffic Control Plan has been prepared to manage impacts and ensure the safety of residents, pedestrians and other road users.

- **Parking:** Five (5) car parking spaces on High Street adjacent to and across from the Torpedo Factory driveway will be **temporarily unavailable from 2.00pm on Wednesday 25 August to 2.00pm on Thursday 26 August**
- **Traffic:** Traffic control measures, including road signs and traffic control officers, will be in place to manage trucks entering and exiting High Street via the Torpedo Factory driveway
- **Access:** The Torpedo Factory will be closed to the public
- **Noise:** As trucks will be used to transport the heritage items, there may be some minor noise associated with this work, however no major noise impacts are expected

Locations of these temporary changes are shown on the map overleaf.

Enquiries

For enquiries during these works, please contact our delivery partner on 0418 943 273 (Nat Stevens)

Torpedo Factory Renewal

The Harbour Trust is now focused on the next stage of the renewal at Sub Base Platypus, North Sydney.

The Torpedo Factory Renewal Project will deliver a new foreshore park, heritage interpretation, public access improvements and a welcoming entry at High Street.

For more information on the project:

- Visit www.harbourtrust.gov.au
- Email info@harbourtrust.gov.au
- Call 02 8969 2100 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm)
- Sign up to our project subscriber list using the QR code below



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Work location and access impacts

The Torpedo Factory, including the public carpark, will be closed during the relocation of the heritage items. To access the lower level of Sub Base Platypus from High Street, the community is encouraged to use Platypus Lane or the Kesterton Boardwalk accessible via Kesterton Park. Access to other areas of Sub Base Platypus is not expected to be impacted.



Did you know?

During World War II, the site was converted from the Neutral Bay Gasworks to a Torpedo Factory that supplied allied navies in the South Pacific.

As part of a dedicated factory, the Royal Australian Navy Torpedo Maintenance Establishment Building was built at the southern end of the site (now known as the Torpedo Factory).

The Torpedo Factory included offices and facilities for naval staff as well as a large space for manufacturing and maintaining torpedoes. The locker units that we are relocating were part of the women's and men's locker rooms located within the harbour-side multi-storey portion of the building.



Personnel of the RAN Torpedo Factory overhauling and testing an American Aircraft Torpedo, Unknown, 1945, From the collection of Sydney Harbour Federation Trust

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