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Get involved in planning for your harbour

People with an interest in the future of some of Sydney Harbour's unique lands are asked to apply to be on a register of community advisory committee members.

Executive Director of the Harbour Trust, Geoff Bailey, said the community advisory committees would provide advice and recommendations on planning ideas for the lands.

"For the past 12 months, the interim Trust has worked with four effective community consultative committees," Mr Bailey said.

"Now that legislation to formally establish the Harbour Trust is in place, we need to appoint community advisory committees that will cover all of the seven lands we are planning for.

"We intend to re-appoint people from the existing committees, but recognise that over time people will leave as other commitments arise.

"We plan to have a turn-over of about a third of the membership of committees each year and we are asking people to apply for committee membership now so that they can be quickly appointed when vacancies arise."

The Harbour Trust is preparing plans for the future use and management of North Head Artillery School, former Defence lands at Middle Head-Georges Heights in Mosman, Woolwich Dock and Parklands, Cockatoo Island, Snapper Island, Macquarie Lightstation and the former Marine Biological Station at Watsons Bay.

Under the legislation, plans for these lands must conserve their cultural heritage, protect the environment and provide maximum public access.

Mr Bailey said the Harbour Trust is looking for people with a special knowledge or experience that is relevant to the Harbour Trust lands and the process of planning the future of these lands.

People who are interested in applying to be on one of the committees should write to the Executive Director, Sydney Harbour Federation Trust, PO Box 607, Mosman NSW 2088, outlining in about 100 words their key experience, and attaching other information if appropriate. Submissions close 30 November 2001.

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