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## **Tree Planting Ceremony at Chowder Bay**

Next Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April, the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust and Mosman Council will commemorate those who died in battle at Gallipoli 87 years ago, with the planting of a Lone Pine at Chowder Bay.

The seedling originates from Lone Pine in Gallipoli, Turkey, and will be planted by the Mayor of Mosman, Councillor Jim Reid, at 11:00am, beside the old Sergeant Major's Cottage at Chowder Bay. The tree commemorates the action at Lone Pine, where nearly 2,300 Australian troops died.

A seedling Lone Pine was originally planted at Chowder Bay in August 1995 by the Mayor to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tragic World War II offensive by Australian troops. Unfortunately, the tree died and a new seedling will be planted in its place.

*"The original Lone Pine was planted and dedicated by the children of Mosman in 1995, the Australia Remembers year. It is important that their dedication should be recognised and endure"* said Mayor Jim Reid, the Chairman of the Warringah Australia Remembers Trust.

### **Harbour Trust**

All the Harbour Trust sites – including North Head Artillery School, Middle Head and Georges Heights, Woolwich Dock, Cockatoo Island, Snapper Island, the Marine Biological Station and the Macquarie Lightstation at South Head – have extensive maritime, military and industrial history and have been closed off to the public for much of Australia's European settlement.

The Harbour Trust is re-opening the sites and seeking input on plans for the future of all the sites – plans that will conserve the cultural heritage, protect the environment and provide maximum public access.

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