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## **Kids' Day at Macquarie Lighthouse**

Junior lighthouse enthusiasts are being invited to a fun-filled day of storytelling, craft and a tour to the top of Macquarie Lighthouse with the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust.

A giant marquee, erected on the front lawn of this spectacular harbour landmark, will be a hub of activity offering 5 to 12 year-olds the chance to make a mini lighthouse, indulge their artistic talents and hear fascinating stories about the famous *Dunbar* shipwreck.

The Trust's Public Programs Officer, Katrina Fellas said that the special guided tour will be a highlight of the day.

"Lighthouses hold such fascination for kids and adults alike and this is a great chance to explore one of our most famous lighthouses which still acts a functioning beacon today."

"The 360° view of Sydney Harbour and surrounds is breathtaking!"

Ms. Fellas said Kids' Day at Macquarie Lighthouse would be held on both Tuesday 15 and Thursday 17 January from 10:00am to 2:30pm.

"The children will be organised into groups and rotate around the various supervised activity stations."

Participation is free, however bookings are essential and strictly limited. Bookings include participation in the whole program of events.

Parents are welcome to attend. Refreshment stands will be available on the day.

For bookings and further information call 8969 2131. Suitable for 5-12 year-olds. (Parents are responsible for the supervision of any younger accompanying children).

Macquarie Lighthouse is the site of both the first lighthouse and the longest continuously operating beacon in Australia. It is still used for its initially intended purpose – as a guiding light for sailors showing the way to the Harbour entrance.

Built in 1883, it closely resembles the original Greenway-designed lighthouse, which stood only a few metres away. The original lighthouse started to erode only 50 years after it was built and for a short time, the old and new lighthouses stood side-by-side on South Head.

The lighthouse is one of seven unique harbour lands managed by the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust. The Trust is currently drawing up a plan for the future use and management of Macquarie Lighthouse.

Macquarie Lighthouse is located at Old South Head Road, Vaucluse.

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