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Deterioration on Middle Head Halted

Work to stop further deterioration of Harbour Trust buildings at Middle Head will be completed this week.

Executive Director of the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust, Geoff Bailey, said that basic weatherproofing is being carried out to minimise the effects of rainfall and other weather events.

“While the future of buildings at the former 10 Terminal Regiment and School of Pacific Administration is still being decided, we don’t want their condition to worsen,” Mr Bailey said.

“There has been a great deal of interest from the community in using the Harbour Trust buildings and facilities at Middle Head.

“It is important that we stabilise these buildings now so that the option is there to use them in the future.

“We don’t want to get into the situation where buildings deteriorate so badly that it becomes too costly to repair them and they have to be knocked down.”

Mr Bailey said the work being carried out was basic weatherproofing and not restoration.

The repairs are part of a program that the Harbour Trust is implementing over all of its lands, including at Middle Head, Chowder Bay and Georges Heights here in Mosman.

“The Harbour Trust is also carrying out works to prevent deterioration of buildings and facilities at the former North Head Artillery School, on Cockatoo Island and Woolwich Dock,” Mr Bailey said.

The work includes repairs, and in some places, replacement of guttering, repairs to roofs and some minor structural repair that is required due to the effect of termites.

Mr Bailey said many buildings on the Harbour Trust lands have heritage significance and it was particularly important to ensure these were not being affected by the weather.

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