



Mosman Municipal Council

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Temporary Netball Courts on Harbour Trust Land

The Sydney Harbour Federation Trust and Mosman Council have come to the aid of schools and local netball players by providing space for temporary netball courts on the parade ground of the former Headquarters Training Command at Georges Heights.

Harbour Trust Executive Director, Geoff Bailey, said the Trust was delighted to make the parade ground available as a temporary local sporting facility.

‘The temporary use of the parade ground for netball by schools and local competitions meets a community need and encourages public access to the area,’ Mr Bailey said.

‘The Harbour Trust is gradually opening up this previously off-limits area of Sydney to the public. This is in keeping with our charter to weave this and our other lands back into the life of the city.’

Mr Bailey said the Harbour Trust was preparing a comprehensive plan for its harbour foreshore sites that will outline the range and types of uses for the lands in the future.

‘The parade ground is a part of the significant military presence at Middle Head-Georges Heights over the past two hundred years. The future uses of the area are contingent on the plan approved by the Minister for Environment and Heritage,’ Mr Bailey said.

Mosman Mayor, Councillor Jim Reid, said the temporary arrangement met a pressing need while Council sought a long-term solution to its commitment to provide all-weather netball courts in Mosman.

‘Council is considering the long-term prospects of the Rawson Park development application and at the same time is keen to create a bush corridor from Bradley Bushland Reserve through Harbour Trust land to national park land on the harbour foreshore,’ Councillor Reid said.

‘The Bungaree sports concept has been submitted to the Harbour Trust as part of the process to seek community input into the planning process.’

Headquarters Training Command is expected to have vacated Georges Heights by September 2002.

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