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Scenic Tours and Tearooms Add to the Attraction of Middle Head

A visit to one of Sydney's most beautiful and historic sites has been made even more attractive, following the latest initiative of the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust.

Harbour Trust Executive Director, Geoff Bailey, said the introduction of guided tours of Chowder Bay and Georges Heights would give visitors to the area a better appreciation of its cultural and natural heritage.

'The Harbour Trust opened a scenic walking track from Chowder Bay to Georges Heights and Middle Head Road in February and it has proved to be very popular. It runs through former Defence lands that have been closed to the public for more than 100 years, including fortifications that date back to the 1870s,' Mr Bailey said.

'With the addition of guided tours, the history of the former Submarine Mining Depot and Army Maritime School at Chowder Bay, the vegetation through which the track runs and the former military precinct on Georges Heights can be put into an overall context.

'We have also established tea rooms in the Sergeant Major's cottage at Chowder Bay which we hope will add to the experience of the site. The tea rooms will be open on days when tours are conducted and serve Devonshire teas in a splendid setting overlooking the harbour.'

Mr Bailey said both the tours and the tea rooms would be run by members of the Harbour Trust's team of volunteers.

Tours run twice daily on the first Sunday of the month at 10:30am and 2:00pm. Places are still available for tours on Sunday 6 October (afternoon only) and Sunday 1 December. Bookings are essential, call (02) 8969 2131 Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm.

The Sergeant Major's cottage tea rooms are open from 10am to 4:30pm on the first Sunday of the month.

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