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A SPECTACULAR NEW HARBOUR WALK

Sydney Harbour, local bushland and historic military sites can now be appreciated better thanks to a spectacular new harbourside walk opened today.

Local Federal Member, Tony Abbott, joined members of the Ryde/Hunters Hill Walkers and the Walkers and Talkers from Mt. Kuring-Gai to officially open and test out the track in Mosman today.

“This walking track will be a tremendous asset to locals, Sydneysiders and visitors,” Mr Abbott said.

The new track goes from the former Submarine Mining Depot and Army Maritime School at Chowder Bay up to Georges Heights and on to Middle Head Road. Ultimately, a walking track will connect Taronga Zoo to North Head.

The track 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.

“Places that have previously been protected because of their use by the military, can now be discovered and enjoyed by the community,” Mr Abbott said.

The Harbour Trust hopes the track will encourage people to become familiar with these areas and become involved in the planning process.

Mr Abbott said a wetland area had been created to absorb and filter runoff, and prevent stormwater from running down the slope. Bush regeneration along the track and minor maintenance of buildings and structure is continuing.

The Harbour Trust plans to extend the walking track later this year to connect Balmoral Beach with HMAS Penguin.

The Commonwealth Government established the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust in 1998 to prepare plans for the future of these areas as well as six other Commonwealth lands around Sydney Harbour.

Walkers are asked to not enter the base and to keep to the path.

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