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PUBLIC INVITED TO OPENING OF SYDNEY HARBOUR FEDERATION TRUST PARK

Greg Hunt, Parliamentary Secretary with ministerial responsibility for the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust has invited the public to the opening of a new park and artist's precinct on former defence land owned by the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust.

Headland Park (Stage 1) will be officially opened at 12 noon Saturday 5th November on the main stage at Lower Georges Heights, Mosman.

The Hon.Greg Hunt MP, Parliamentary Secretary for the Environment said "this is the first stage of a Headland Park being created on Middle Head peninsula by the Australian Government. The transformation of Lower Georges Heights from an army transport depot into urban parkland returns historic lands to the people."

"Lower Georges Heights exemplifies all the characteristics of our vision for the Headland Park: public access, open parkland, walking tracks, bushland, magnificent views, long-term leasing of buildings and a sense of history," Mr Hunt added.

"The park will be a mini-cultural precinct as many of the refurbished defence buildings have been leased to painters, sculptors, art schools and art conservators," Mr Hunt said

The Headland Park will integrate former defence lands at Chowder Bay, Middle Head and Georges Heights to become one Sydney's most popular parks.

"The precinct has been revitalised and is linked to nearby Balmoral Beach and Chowder Bay by a scenic walking track."

"The Headland Park, once completed, will become one of Sydney's great public spaces. Lower Georges Heights shows how the legacy of the past can be preserved for future generations," Mr Hunt said.

Mr Hunt added that the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust's future plans for the area include an interpretive centre in one of Lower Georges Height's fortifications.

The Headland Park open day will feature open studios, live music, outdoor drawing classes, art lectures, exhibitions, history tours, a café and food.

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