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## **Re-location of netball courts to Mosman Drill Hall precinct**

The creation of a Headland Park on former defence lands at Mosman takes another step towards completion with the decision of the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust to approve the Management Plan for the Mosman Drill Hall precinct.

The decision opens the way for existing netball courts at Rawson Park to be re-located to the Mosman Drill Hall precinct as part of a lease agreement to be negotiated between the Trust and Mosman Council.

Geoff Bailey, executive director of the Trust, said the Management Plan is an excellent outcome for the Middle Head ridgeline. It also provided the opportunity for much improved sporting facilities for local children.

'The Management Plan provides for the staged construction in the Drill Hall precinct of new hard-surfaced outdoor courts and one indoor court suitable for netball and basketball,' Mr Bailey said.

The indoor court will be designed to ensure minimal impacts on the environment, the protection of the heritage values of the Drill Hall and the maintenance of the amenity of neighbouring residences.

Mr Bailey said the Trust would like to begin discussions with Mosman Council on the terms of a lease as soon as practicable.

He said the Management Plan fulfils the vision for the precinct contained in the Trust's Comprehensive Plan and is also the culmination of extensive community consultation over a number of years.

Under the terms of the lease, Council would conserve and rehabilitate the Drill Hall and find uses compatible with the building's heritage value in accord with the Trust's plan.

'Landscape terraces and an earth berm will serve as acoustic barriers and relevant studies undertaken by the Trust such as traffic and parking, design, and service infrastructure would guide the project and be reviewed periodically by the Trust,' Mr Bailey said.

Rawson Park would be integrated into the Headland Park through landscaping, revegetation and walking tracks.

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