

The Plan

The vision for seven historic lands on or near the foreshores of Sydney Harbour. A plan to create a lasting legacy for the people of Sydney and Australia and to weave these special places into the life of the city.



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The Sydney Harbour Federation Trust has prepared a comprehensive Plan for the future use of seven unique sites on or near the foreshores of Sydney Harbour.

The Plan has been prepared to implement the Trust's vision:

To provide a lasting legacy for the people of Australia by helping to create one of the finest foreshore parks in the world and provide places that will greatly enrich the cultural life of the city and the nation.

The Plan has five main functions. It:

- Articulates the vision, core values, objectives and policies that will guide all of the Trust's activities
- Identifies land-use and environmental outcomes for each Trust land site
- Provides a framework for implementation through the development of detailed policies, site management plans and guidelines
- Provides a process for the assessment of activities
- Provides a framework for the future management of the Trust's land

The Plan is divided into three main parts.

Part A articulates the whole of harbour vision and presents a set of objectives and policies to guide the day to day decisions on the Trust sites and to ensure a consistent approach to implementation for each of the sites.

Part B deals with the individual sites. For each site it provides a description of the place including the local planning context, an overview of the cultural and environmental significance of each site, an outline of the outcomes of consultation which has informed the planning process, and a description of the outcomes recommended for each site.

Part C prescribes a number of implementation processes. These provisions will ensure that the Trust has a clear, consistent and transparent set of processes to guide the implementation of the Plan.

This part of the Plan also addresses the costs associated with its implementation.

PROPOSED OUTCOMES OF THE PLAN

In broad terms, the Plan recommends the following outcomes for each site that will guide implementation over the next few years:

- The Plan proposes the creation of a maritime village at **Woolwich Dock and Parklands** with the adaptation of existing facilities for maritime activities. In addition, the consolidation of fragmented park pockets and a network of circuit paths would integrate the industrial and parkland aspects of the site
- The Plan proposes the revitalisation of **Cockatoo Island** as a landmark harbour attraction with the creation of maritime activities, the interpretation of its rich colonial and industrial heritage, and the creation of parklands and spaces for cultural events
- The Plan proposes the repair and conservation of **Snapper Island's** facilities
- The Plan proposes the creation of an exciting Headland Park at **Middle Head, Georges Heights and Chowder Bay**. The Park will link the natural and cultural assets of the site. Regeneration will double the area of bushland, a network of tracks will link the various military precincts, and facilities and buildings will be adapted for educational, community and recreational uses
- **North Head** lends itself to be planned and managed as one entity aimed at creating an environmental sanctuary. The Trust proposal for the **former Artillery School** is for the adaptive re-use of buildings and facilities with uses that will complement the proposed sanctuary balancing this with public access for experiencing and learning about the headland's remarkable natural and cultural heritage
- The **Former Marine Biological Station** is to be repaired, conserved and interpreted

- At **Macquarie Lightstation**, the Plan proposes ongoing conservation of the Lightstation and interpretative activities and tours. The relationship of the Lightstation to nearby coastal walks and adjacent parks will be improved.

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