

## MEDIA RELEASE

## Rediscover the Harbour Trust during its 20<sup>th</sup> Year

This year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Harbour Trust, which was established in 2001 to protect heritage sites in Sydney, share their diverse stories and enable all Australians to access and enjoy the rich experiences of the sites under its management. Celebrations will commence in March to commemorate the date the Harbour Trust legislation was first presented to Parliament, and will culminate in September to commemorate the proclamation of the Harbour Trust Act.

Over the last 20 years, the Harbour Trust has sought to leave a legacy for all Australians by collaborating with passionate communities and firmly weaving its visitor destinations – North Head, Manly; Cockatoo Island; Headland Park, Mosman and Sub Base Platypus, North Sydney – into Sydney's cultural fabric.

Launching the celebrations, the <u>Rediscovery Days</u> invite visitors to explore and discover a new side to the Harbour Trust's extraordinary sites with a selection of events held from 20 – 29 March. Events include an anniversary edition of the Harbour Trust's much loved DigiTalk Series with a Trust Talk on Australia's Memorial Walk paying tribute to units, families and individuals commemorated in this beautiful memorial. The talk will share stories of sacrifices made on the front line, incredible acts of bravery and more.

The vibrant Harbour Trust tenant community will also join in the celebrations by running special events and promotions. Don't miss the Headland Artist Studio Open Day and Landship Exhibition which will showcase the work of 20 local artists. The Sydney School of Chocolate, Middle Head will run an exclusive Chocolate Making course; the Marine Café and Bar Beer Garden at Cockatoo Island will hold a chilled Sunday session with signer songwriter Nicola Da Sensi; whilst Deckhouse at Woolwich Dock is offering a glass of Wild Oats wine (red, white and rose) with every main course when you mention the Harbour Trust 20<sup>th</sup> on booking.

Visitors can also rediscover the Harbour Trust's destinations with the <u>Harbour Trust's 20 Things to Do blog</u> which provides hot tips and insider advice to help visitors discover a new side to Harbour Trust sites.

Kathryn Roberts, Harbour Trust Director of Marketing and Visitor Experience, said the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary is a good time to acknowledge and appreciate what these special locations across Sydney Harbour have to offer.

"The anniversary celebrations are an opportunity for Sydney to re-discover what makes these places unique and an important part of our history," she said.

In its 20th year, the Harbour Trust will become an ongoing entity with its life extended as a result of the recommendations of the Independent Review, undertaken in 2020. The organisation will also progress plans on two major projects - the Sub Base Platypus Torpedo Factory Renewal project and 10 Terminal and Parklands Renewal project to as well as delivering a backlog of maintenance and infrastructure works that will protect and enhance Harbour Trust sites.











