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HARBOUR TRUST RELEASES REVISED MIDDLE HEAD / GUBBUH GUBBUH DRAFT MASTER PLAN

The Harbour Trust has released its revised Draft Master Plan for Middle Head / Gubbuh Gubbuh, which outlines the proposed revitalisation and long-term vision for the nationally significant headland in Mosman that overlooks the entrance to Sydney Harbour.

In response to community feedback from the initial consultation earlier this year, the Draft Master Plan has been revised to retain existing facilities at Middle Head / Gubbuh Gubbuh, including the Guardhouse café building and Middle Head Oval sporting facilities, which will be upgraded.

Harbour Trust's Executive Director Janet Carding said: "The Harbour Trust has revised its proposed plans to rehabilitate Middle Head / Gubbuh Gubbuh in response to community feedback during the initial public consultation.

"While most of the submissions were supportive of the Harbour Trust's overall vision for the site, our updated proposal has addressed some concerns by retaining some of the existing facilities popular with the local community.

"The revised Draft Master Plan has a vision to improve public access and foster recreational visitation but will also respect the traffic constraints into the headland by only supporting appropriately scaled events.

"We are encouraged by the support during our earlier public consultation for our plan, which in future years aims to create more walking tracks, regenerate bushland, preserve the bricks barracks and open an interpretation centre that will explore Middle Head / Gubbuh Gubbuh's First Nations and military history.

"We look forward to continuing to consult with the community and finalise our plans to improve public access and create a unique visitor experience on one of Sydney's finest headlands."

The revised Draft Master Plan proposes the creation of new walking tracks, including a loop path connecting to the new Sydney Harbour National Park walking track, an Interpretative Centre and an Acknowledgement Walk that will encourage visitors to experience the headland and surrounding Harbour from a First Nations perspective.

The revised Middle Head / Gubbuh Gubbuh Draft Master Plan is available on the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, Have Your Say, consultation hub.

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ABOUT THE HARBOUR TRUST

Located in First Nations Countries at the entrance to Sydney Harbour, the Harbour Trust's visitor destinations are places of natural beauty. They also feature heritage structures and other significant remnants from the nation's colonial, maritime, and military narratives.

The Harbour Trust's destinations include Cockatoo Island / Wareamah, North Head Sanctuary in Manly, Sub Base Platypus in North Sydney, and Headland Park in Mosman. They also protect Woolwich Dock and Parklands, Macquarie Lightstation in Vaucluse, and the Former Marine Biological Station at Camp Cove.

Through its management of these places, the Harbour Trust provides residents of – and visitors to – Australia's largest city with access to precious bushland, parks, and open spaces. Their vision is to create, amplify, and make accessible the values of their protected places and, through storytelling, foster a sense of place and belonging.

In September 1998, the Commonwealth Government announced the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust (Harbour Trust) – a statutory agency tasked with rehabilitating former Defence and other Commonwealth lands around Sydney Harbour, conserving their natural and built heritage, and returning them to the people of Australia. In July 2021, the Harbour Trust was formerly established as an ongoing entity with responsibility for important heritage sites on Sydney Harbour.

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