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### Employment Day Launches Harbour Trust - Babana Partnership

The Harbour Trust has partnered with Babana Aboriginal Men's Group to support work towards improving social outcomes for men and women in Aboriginal communities. Through the partnership with the Harbour Trust, which launched last week with an Aboriginal Employment Day, Babana aims to facilitate a range of events that will support the Aboriginal community.

The Babana Aboriginal Employment Day, held at the Harbour Trust site Sub Base Platypus in North Sydney on 26 February, connected employers and job hunters, providing networking opportunities, employment provider support and training as well as mentoring opportunities for the First Nations' community, and will be the first of many events supported held on Harbour Trust sites as part of the partnership.

The newly formed partnership between the Harbour Trust and Babana will help to further the commitment to the Harbour Trust Reconciliation Action Plan to build and grow on relationships between the Harbour Trust and the First Nations community.

Harbour Trust Marketing and Visitor Experience Director, Kathryn Roberts said the partnership reflected another important step in the Harbour Trust's ongoing Reconciliation journey.

"We are thrilled that we can support the work of Babana and look forward to a building on this partnership," said Ms Roberts.

"Through our RAP, the organisation is committed to embedding reconciliation across all aspects and this is an important step," she said.

Mark Spinks, Chairperson of Babana, also expressed the importance of the partnership.

"What an honour to be able to use Sub Base Platypus! Our Employment Day brings together community and employers and for us it's so important to get our people off welfare into a job. We're excited to work with the Harbour Trust on a range of topics this year," he said.

Babana Aboriginal Men's Group provides a variety of activities and programs that address issues ranging from mental health and wellbeing, through to family relationships, anti-violence, anti-drug and alcohol campaigns, employment support and mentoring. The organisation has been instrumental in running campaigns that help unite and affirm positive values of traditional Aboriginal culture, focusing on healing together to create a safe and hopeful community.

Further achievements of the *Harbour Trust Innovate RAP 2020-2022* include a virtual program of events for NAIDOC Week 2020, Designing with Country principles incorporated into project planning as well as the organisation's procurement guidelines revised to include further opportunities for Indigenous owned suppliers and Indigenous personnel.

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The *Harbour Trust Innovate RAP 2020-2022* is available to view on the [Harbour Trust website](#).

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