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Remarkable stories at Sub Base Platypus, North Sydney

On now until 9 May 2021, the heritage listed Retort House at Sub Base Platypus is the home to the Australian National Maritime Museum’s *Remarkable* exhibition. This touring exhibition details the stories of Sydney’s river systems and coastlines, spotlighting the people who lived and breathed the waterways.

Remarkable: Stories of Australians and their boats features 12 fascinating tales that reveal the connections between people, the water and their boats. Open daily between 8am and 4pm with free admission, each banner tells the story of extraordinary people who contributed to Sydney’s 1,087 kilometres of rivers and 36,000 kilometres of coastline.

The stories have been collected from around Australia, and include male, female, young and older personalities including Billy Blue, Major ‘Moogy’ Sumner, Kay Cottee, and His Excellency the Governor of South Australia, Governor Hieu Van Le, AC. The stories are a culmination of research by volunteers, historical societies and dedicated staff at the Australian National Maritime Museum.

Kevin Sumption, CEO of the Australian National Maritime Museum, said the *Remarkable* exhibition is an opportunity to reflect on Sydney’s history.

“We are privileged to be able to tell the stories of Sydney’s iconic harbour and connecting waterways. We look forward to visitors enjoying this collaboration of works,” he said.

Linda Ward, Interim Executive Director of the Harbour Trust, said the *Remarkable* Exhibition is an opportunity to reflect on the important layered history of Sub Base Platypus and its connection to Sydney Harbour.

“The Harbour Trust’s ongoing partnership with the Australian National Maritime Museum, has again provided the community with a wonderful opportunity to discover more about the fascinating history of Sydney Harbour,” said Ms Ward.

“The exhibition provides an opportunity to both discover personal stories of people connected to Sydney Harbour and to visit the Sub Base Platypus site, formerly the HMAS Platypus submarine base, a torpedo factory and a gasworks,” she said.

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Remarkable is a collaboration between the Australian National Maritime Museum and the Australian Maritime Museums Council and will be on display in partnership with the Harbour Trust, within the Retort House of Sub Base Platypus. The project was undertaken to create opportunities for community outreach and encourage the participation and collaboration across Australia's maritime cultural institutions, providing a platform for the inclusion of diverse audiences. The exhibition serves to highlight the local stories of small communities.

Sub Base Platypus Remarkable Banners Exhibition

When: Until 9 May 2021

Time: 8am – 4pm daily

Where: Sub Base Platypus, North Sydney

Age: *Remarkable* is suitable for all ages

Tickets: Free entry

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