

# SUB BASE PLATYPUS™

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## Torpedo Factory Renewal Project

### TIMELINE



### SEPTEMBER UPDATE

In response to evolving COVID-19 situation in Greater Sydney, the Harbour Trust has deferred the construction of the Torpedo Factory Renewal Project due to impacts on the construction industry. Works were forecast to commence this month.

Greater Sydney's COVID-19 lockdown restrictions have caused significant and ongoing disruption to the construction industry. The restrictions continue to impact the industry primarily due to the large proportion of suppliers and labour located within the several local government areas (LGAs) of concern. Other challenges include impacts on sequencing of trades due to COVID safe measures and impacts on the supply chain.

For these reasons, construction has been postponed, with works expected to commence in March next year. The revised timeframe will be dependent on COVID-19 restrictions reducing and any further impacts on the construction industry.

While we were looking forward to starting works onsite, the Harbour Trust believes that this deferral will support the best outcome for the project as the construction industry is expected to adapt and recover over the coming months.

We will continue to update the community and our stakeholders as we move closer to the start of construction. A community drop-in session, webinar and stakeholder briefings will be held early next year after a Head Works Contractor has been appointed.

### STAY UP TO DATE

To find out more about the project, including Frequently Asked Questions, visit [www.harbourtrust.gov.au](http://www.harbourtrust.gov.au).



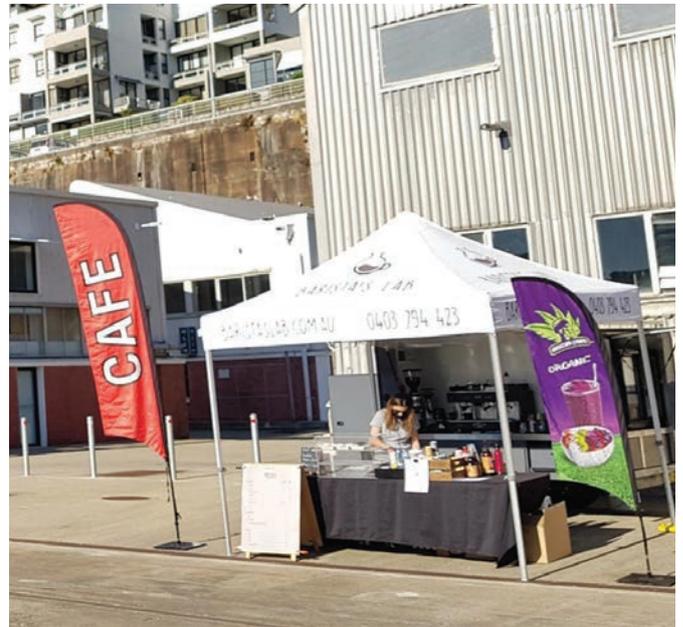
To receive the latest updates on the Torpedo Factory Renewal Project, including information regarding the works phase, scan the QR code to join our project subscriber list.

## Food and Beverage Pop-up

Make a pit stop at Barista's Lab during your daily walk or jog!

Following the successful gin bus activation during the warmer months, the Harbour Trust recently welcomed a new food and beverage pop-up to Sub Base Platypus. Located on the waterfront side of the Retort House, Barista's Lab is operated by an accomplished brewmaster, ready to serve locals a well-earned pick-me-up. In addition to hot, cold and iced beverages, the mobile café is serving ice cream, snacks and light refreshments for takeaway.

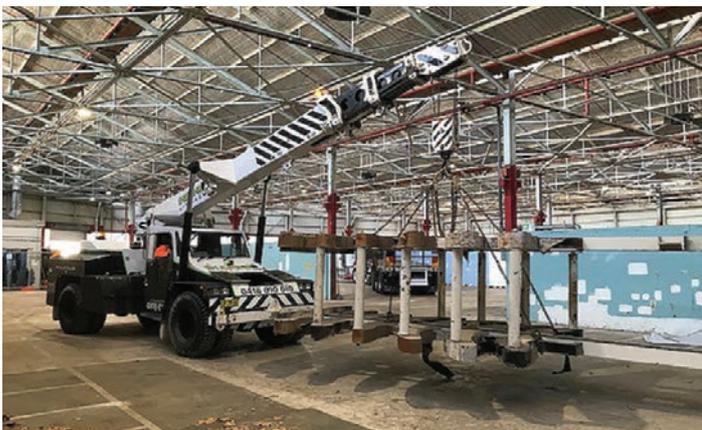
Initially, the pop-up will be open seven days a week, 7am to 2pm; however, opening days and hours may be adjusted depending on local demand. A friendly reminder that pop-up customers and visitors to Sub Base Platypus must comply with the current COVID-19 safety requirements, including social distancing.



## Heritage artefacts on the move

In late August, the Harbour Trust temporarily relocated several heritage artefacts from Sub Base Platypus, including periscope racks and lockers, to prepare for the next stage of the site's renewal. The items, which are currently being stored at Headland Park, will be moved to Cockatoo Island where the periscope racks will be restored by the Harbour Trust Volunteer Team. Following the completion of works, the heritage artefacts will be returned to Sub Base Platypus and displayed as part of the approach to interpreting the site's multi-layered history.

The relocation was a logistical feat, with items being carefully lifted and moved by some big toys navigating through some small spaces!



## Learning through art

With primary school students studying from home for a while longer, the Harbour Trust has released a series of worksheets to keep Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students engaged.

Drawing on the history of Sub Base Platypus in North Sydney, our worksheets combine Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 English and Science & Technology Learning Outcomes with a colouring-in activity, allowing kids to tap into their creativity.

The easy-but-rewarding worksheets encourage students to read with their carers, investigate an image, and discover information about a submarine and/or platypus.

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students are invited to enter their completed worksheets into our colouring-in competition. The winning artworks will be displayed at Sub Base Platypus during construction works for the Torpedo Factory Renewal Project.

To find out more or download the worksheets, visit [www.harbourtrust.gov.au](http://www.harbourtrust.gov.au).



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