

MEDIA RELEASE

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The Harbour Trust launches brand new digital experiences!

In April, the Harbour Trust launched a range of fun and interactive digital experiences that showcase the extraordinary Harbour Trust sites while traditional programming is on hold due to COVID-19. The stream of programs housed on the Harbour Trust website, includes Kids Corner, DigiTalks and DigiTales: People and Places.

The online offering allows users to surround themselves in the history of Harbour Trust sites without leaving their homes with content for kids, travellers, explorers, historians and the broad community that brings the rich history of Harbour Trust places to life.

Kids Corner hosts science experiments, creative projects, colouring in and more to help kids have fun at home while learning facts and history of Harbour Trust sites.

Digitaltalks offers a series of online talks and tours. The program commences with Andrew Phippen of Australian National Maritime Museum, as he talks about the “The life and times of James Cook – a man of his time”. The second talk of the series guides attendees through a virtual tour of Solitary Confinement on Cockatoo Island, with further talks to be announced soon.

Written by Harbour Trust volunteers, **DigiTales** – People and Our Places is a series of short stories of people with connections to Harbour Trust sites. Discover the tales of the famous, the infamous and well-known characters such as John Perry a bare knuckle champion boxer who was both a prisoner at Cockatoo Island and prize fighter of the colony; Francis Greenway who in 1816 was appointed by Governor Macquarie as the colony’s civil architect commissioned to design the Macquarie Lighthouse; and the tale of Minnie Mann, the playful ghost of a girl in a white dress who still resides at Cockatoo Island.

All Harbour Trust digital experiences are available for free on the Harbour Trust website. The Harbour Trust protects amazing places on Sydney Harbour, including North Head Sanctuary (Manly), Headland Park (Mosman), Sub Base Platypus (North Sydney) and Cockatoo Island.

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