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## **JOIN BARANGAROO RESERVE'S FIRST BIRTHDAY PARTY**

Barangaroo Reserve to host a day of family fun on 21 August 2016

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The Barangaroo Delivery Authority is inviting Sydney to a special celebration to mark the first birthday of Sydney's spectacular Harbour headland park, Barangaroo Reserve, on Sunday, 21 August 2016.

Free to the public, the immersive, family-friendly event will include a range of entertainment and activities spread across the six-hectare headland reserve from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

The celebration coincides with the final day of the major sculpture exhibition, *Sculpture at Barangaroo*. The free outdoor exhibition is presented in partnership with Sculpture by the Sea, which has been delighting Sydney with its outdoor exhibitions along the Bondi coastal walk for almost 20 years.

**Craig van der Laan**, Barangaroo Delivery Authority Chief Executive, said: "This is a terrific milestone for the people of Sydney and one we want to mark in a very special way that reflects how 900,000 people have enjoyed visiting this beautiful place.

"From the very first moment we opened the Reserve last August, we saw how people embraced the unique qualities of this recreated Harbour headland – from the 10,000 sandstone blocks to the native parkland and the whole new view of Sydney.

"We have hosted a range of events in the Reserve, we have introduced an Aboriginal cultural tour program and we have become one of the must-see locations for visitors to Sydney," he said.

The first birthday celebrations will start at 10am with a Welcome to Country on Walumil Lawn and a performance by Sydney Children's Choir overlooking Sydney Harbour. There will also be the cutting of a birthday cake and 3,000 free birthday cupcakes (first come first served).

Entertainment and activities throughout the day include:

- **Pop Up Nature Playground in the Cutaway, 10:00am-3:00pm:** Kids 1-12 can play in the giant sand pit, landscape a garden in the mulch pit, sow their own seedling to keep, brew native bush tea and taste and smell native and exotic herbal teas. Kids can help build the giant gunya tunnel, their own mini cubby houses or create their own stone artwork. There is plenty of space close by for adults to sit in and enjoy a coffee and watch the creation of Barangaroo Reserve on the big screen.
- **Orienteering Race around Barangaroo Reserve, 11:00am-3:00pm:** Everyone is invited to meet in the Cutaway to take part in an orienteering race and explore the natural environment of the reserve.
- **Roving music and theatre performances** throughout the reserve.
- A delicious selection of **food and beverages** available to purchase.

Visitors are welcome to bring a picnic and enjoy lunch among the sculptures on the last day of *Sculpture at Barangaroo*.

# Barangaroo

Barangaroo Reserve is easily accessible by public transport and on foot from Circular Quay, Walsh Bay, Millers Point and The Rocks. The closest train stations are Wynyard and Circular Quay.

For more information, visit [www.barangaroo.sydney](http://www.barangaroo.sydney).