

LAST TREE PLANTED AT BARANGAROO POINT RESERVE

- **The Governor of NSW His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd)**
- **Joined by students from Fort Street PS, Millers Point - one of Australia's oldest public schools**
- **Helping to complete planting at Sydney CBD's new headland park, opening 22 August**

The Governor of New South Wales, His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd) was joined today by Years 3 and 4 students from historic Fort Street Public School, to plant the final tree at Sydney CBD's new six-hectare Harbour foreshore park.

The park, which will be officially opened to the public from Saturday, 22 August, is home to 75,000 native plants and 83 species of trees and shrubs, all of them native to the Sydney region.

When Barangaroo Point Reserve opens to the public, this milestone in the development of Sydney's CBD will mark the return of the foreshore to the public for the first time in more than 100 years.

Designed by renowned landscape architect Peter Walker of PWP Landscape Architects in conjunction with Johnson Pilton Walker, Barangaroo Point Reserve is inspired by the original Harbour headland that existed prior to reclamation, circa 1836.

The NSW Premier, Mike Baird, said: "This spectacular part of Sydney Harbour has been inaccessible to the public for decades and on 22 August we are returning it to the people of NSW.

"Today's planting of the final tree at Barangaroo Point Reserve is a significant moment in the transformation of a disused industrial site into a magnificent park that will be enjoyed by Sydneysiders and visitors for generations to come. I invite you to come along on 22 August and be among the first to walk this beautiful headland," said Mr Baird.

The last tree planted at Barangaroo Point Reserve is *Eucalyptus tereticornis*, a species of tree native to eastern Australia which is also known as a Forest Red Gum. The tree can grow to a height of up to 50 metres and have a girth of up to two metres. *Eucalyptus tereticornis* is a relatively fast growing species that can be used as a shade tree or to control erosion. This tree, along with 675 trees, 2,200 shrubs and 70,000 plants, was grown for the Barangaroo Delivery Authority by Andreasens Green at Mangrove Mountain on the Central Coast.

The six-hectare park is part of 11 hectares of public domain planned for Barangaroo. It is the beginning of a series of new parks and civic spaces culminating in 50 per cent public domain throughout Barangaroo.

Showcasing world-class work by leaders in landscape architecture, engineering, sustainability and horticulture, Barangaroo Point Reserve features a stunning re-interpreted Sydney Harbour sandstone headland, replacing the concrete slab of the previous container terminal.

Constructed by Baulderstone, now known as Lendlease Engineering, the park is part of one of the most spectacular urban waterfront walks in the world. When Barangaroo's Wulugul Walk along the foreshore is completed, it will extend right through the precinct from Barangaroo Point Reserve past Central Barangaroo to the financial district of Barangaroo South.

Key features of the new public parkland include:

- The Cutaway, a cultural space built inside the headland that can accommodate up to 5,500 people
- New pedestrian and shared cycle paths and direct access to the Harbour
- New public lawn areas, including Stargazer Lawn with views of the Harbour Bridge
- Nawi Cove, the large cove situated between Barangaroo Point Reserve and Central Barangaroo
- 10,000 sandstone blocks excavated from the sandstone on site and 6,500 sandstone blocks used to create the naturalistic foreshore.

Barangaroo Point Reserve is owned by the NSW Government and managed by the Barangaroo Delivery Authority. It has been funded by development of the commercial precinct at Barangaroo South.

Craig van der Laan, CEO of Barangaroo Delivery Authority, said: "Barangaroo is one of the most ambitious and significant urban waterfront redevelopments anywhere in the world – and this park is the result of vision and passion to achieve the best public space for the people of NSW.

"The many talented people involved in building this park have done an extraordinary job of creating a modern interpretation of the original land form and harbour coves in a world-class and sustainable design. They have returned a headland to the heart of Sydney Harbour," said Mr van der Laan.

The place is named for Barangaroo, a leader of the Cammeraygal people and wife of Bennelong of the Wangal people. She played a significant role in her community and that of the early British colony.

Lendlease's engineering business, formerly Baulderstone, worked closely with the Barangaroo Point Reserve design team to construct the park and achieve what is now a stunning public asset.

As well as restoring the headland, the construction works uncovered and preserved historic features, including Munn's sandstone Slipway from the 1820s, Cuthbert sandstone seawall from 1865, a sewer pumping station from 1900s and a sandstone seawall from 1903.

To celebrate the opening of Barangaroo Point Reserve, a program of events and entertainment will be held every weekend during spring - full details to be announced soon.

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Images and video of the park are available on request. For further information or interviews, please contact:
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