

Central Barangaroo: seeking arts, cultural, civic, community and educational uses

The Barangaroo Delivery Authority has released an invitation seeking Registration of Interest (ROI) from operators and tenants in the arts, cultural, civic, community and educational sectors for Central Barangaroo.

“The Authority is encouraging submissions from the broadest range of interests to promote diversity, excitement and create a truly unique destination for Sydney,” said Authority CEO John Tabart.

Located between the headland park and Barangaroo South, Central Barangaroo (5.2ha) will be the public heart of Barangaroo. “The precinct will combine civic and cultural attractions with recreational, residential, retail and commercial uses to deliver an exciting and unique range of public and cultural activities stimulating all those who experience it,” Authority CEO John Tabart said.

“In releasing the Registration of Interest the Authority is seeking responses from organisations offering uses and activities that will activate Central Barangaroo. This is a great opportunity for cultural, artistic, civic, community and educational organisations as well as commercial and retail tenants and operators, who feel they can contribute to the shaping of a diverse and vibrant precinct.

In 2013, internationally renowned architects Skidmore, Owings and Merrill from Chicago completed the master plan for Central Barangaroo. This plan reserves waterfront land and public and cultural space and proposes up to 120,000m² of gross floor area along Hickson Road on the eastern side of the precinct.

Central Barangaroo will provide open spaces of varied character from green lawns to urban plazas that will accommodate gatherings for festivals and cultural experiences and learning while meeting the day to day needs and desires of residents, workers and visitors.

“This process will enhance the integration of future uses by identifying potential civic, cultural, recreational and commercial uses and operators and their synergy with development proposals,” said Mr Tabart.

Central Barangaroo Master Plan Overview

Key aspects of the new Central Barangaroo master plan include:

- The “Sydney Steps” creating a new city gateway to Barangaroo and the waterfront
- A continuous 30m wide public foreshore walk
- New civic plaza and parks on the waterfront
- A network of laneways ensuring pedestrian and vehicular accessibility
- Preservation of a site for a future cultural venue
- Preservation of views from Observatory Hill to the horizon and the harbour
- Greater diversity of active uses to create a 24/7 environment all generally within the current approved building heights and footprints to create a more engaging, active and vibrant. This can lead to up to a total of 121,500 of gross floor area within Central Barangaroo.

The development of Central Barangaroo will take place over a five to ten year period with the waterfront promenade to be completed in 2015 and all works completed in 2021.

All those interested in being part of this exciting opportunity are encouraged to register their interest on the Authority's website – www.barangaroo.com/tenantROI

In responding to this ROI, organisations will need to demonstrate their proposition and how it meets the overall objectives of Central Barangaroo. All submissions should also detail the potential use of space through the day, night and weekend and the organisations structure, experience and capability in similar operations.

The Authority also encourages organisations to read the development EOI document at www.barangaroo.com/developmentEOI

Submissions for Registrations of Interests close at 2:00pm, Wednesday 25 June 2014.

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