

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **30,000 PEOPLE FLOCK TO SCULPTURE AT BARANGAROO IN FIRST WEEK**

More than 30,000 people have visited Sculpture At Barangaroo in its first week, exceeding expectations and delighting organisers at the Barangaroo Delivery Authority who are preparing for a big weekend ahead.

Thousands of people sharing photos of the sculptures on social media are driving large scale interest in the 16-day exhibition, and with a perfect weather forecast for the weekend, a big turnout is expected across Saturday and Sunday.

“The large turnout has confirmed the huge appetite for a high quality art exhibition in an outstanding harbourside location,” said Sarah Rawlings, the Barangaroo Delivery Authority’s Art and Culture Project Manager who was responsible for commissioning many of the original sculptures.

“If you are one of the hundreds of thousands of people who enjoy Sculpture By The Sea, you will love a walk around Barangaroo Reserve.”

There are several artists’ talks scheduled across the weekend and the rest of the exhibition, providing an intimate opportunity to hear first hand from some of Australia’s most distinguished artists.

The exhibition has eight days left, finishing on Sunday 21 August which also marks Barangaroo Reserve’s first birthday.

The occasion will be celebrated with a free family fun day from 10am – 3pm which will include a pop-up nature playground, an innovative orienteering course for kids, roving music and theatre performers, and a delicious range of food and beverage.

Barangaroo Reserve’s wide open spaces and accessible design make it extremely friendly for people in wheelchairs, the elderly and families with strollers. If you like the idea of outdoor sculpture but can’t do stairs, it’s an ideal venue.

There are eight accessible spaces in the underground carpark, and the Reserve has been specifically designed with lifts and gently sloping paths, so it’s a very easy way to enjoy an outstanding outdoor exhibition.

If you are planning a midweek visit and you want to park under Barangaroo Reserve, it is recommended you book ahead, as the carpark can be popular with CBD workers.

More information can be found at [www.barangaroo.sydney](http://www.barangaroo.sydney)