

### BARANGAROO POINT OPENS FOR SNEAK PREVIEW

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Barangaroo Point – Sydney’s new six-hectare harbour foreshore park – was opened today for an industry and media preview co-hosted by the Barangaroo Delivery Authority and the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects, ahead of a mid-2015 opening for the public.

Showcasing world-class work by leaders in landscape architecture, engineering and horticulture, the preview marks the return of this part of the western Sydney Harbour foreshore to the public for the first time in more than 100 years.

Among luminaries of the global design community who attended the opening were landscape architect and founder of PWP Landscape Architecture, Peter Walker, who designed the park.

Over his five-decade career, Walker has worked on a plethora of projects, from small gardens to corporate headquarters and new cities. With a dedicated concern for urban and environmental issues, Walker was proud to announce Barangaroo Point is "very close to what it was in 1788", adding: "We didn't have to manufacture the views - we just had to frame them. You put the headland back and there is a view in every direction."

The Authority’s acting Chief Executive, Craig van der Laan, said Barangaroo Point was inspired by the original harbour headland that existed prior to reclamation, around 1836.

“Barangaroo Point is a spectacular new place for Sydney. This six hectare park includes two coves, a continuous naturalistic sandstone foreshore, 75,000 native plants and an internal cultural space landscaped into the headland. It will become a key part of one of the most spectacular urban waterfront walks of the world - the greater 14km Sydney Harbour walk from Woolloomooloo to the Anzac Bridge,” Mr van der Laan said.

In the process of creating Barangaroo Point, a number of discoveries were made which have been integrated into the park, including:

- The discovery, retention and incorporation of the 1820s Munn’s Slipway into the new sandstone foreshore of the Barangaroo Point.
- The discovery, salvaging and incorporation of the 1865 Cuthbert sandstone seawall into the landscape entry to the future cultural space at Barangaroo Point.
- The preservation, relocation and adaptive reuse of the early 1900s sewage pumping station #14 at the Towns Place entrance to Barangaroo Point.
- The retention and incorporation of the 1903 sandstone seawall along the north western edge of the Barangaroo Point foreshore.

- The preservation of 100 percent of the sandstone cliff faces carved away during the industrial maritime era celebrated as a feature within the future cultural space of Barangaroo Point.

A global reference point of design excellence, Barangaroo Point will be completed in June this year and is set to be a key section of one of the most spectacular urban waterfronts in the world.

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**Images and video of the park are available on request.**

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