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BARANGAROO HEADLAND PARK GROWING THOUSANDS OF PLANTS FOR THE HEADLAND PARK

More than 70,000 native trees, shrubs and plants will be specifically grown for Barangaroo's Headland Park, with the opportunity to get involved in the growing of the park.

Andreasens Green, based at Kemps Creek and one of the largest wholesale nurseries in Australia, has been awarded the contract to provide the 675 trees, 2,212 shrubs and 70,099 other plants to place in the new six hectare park.

There will be a range of initiatives for children and the community to be involved, with the nurturing and growing the plants for the park. These include a school raise a sapling program and onsite showcase.

As well, Sydneysiders will be able to learn more about these Sydney plants and have a bit of Barangaroo in their own backyard, by planting specially selected seeds to enjoy for themselves. These programs will be progressively announced.

In order to achieve a landscape that is as mature as possible when the park opens, it is necessary to start sourcing the plants now so that they have time to grow to a large size.

With some of the plants not commonly available in commercial nurseries, seeds and cuttings will be collected from natural sites. Almost immediately, licensed specialists will begin collecting seeds for propagation in the nursery.

After studying unspoilt natural areas, along the Hawkesbury River and within the Mugamarra Nature Reserve, the park's design team have specifically chosen species largely indigenous to headlands and ridge tops surrounding Sydney.

A broad selection of species and varied plant sizes will ensure the park opens with a multi-level and layered canopy, providing shade and visual interest.

The Executive Chairman of Andreasens Green, Tony Green said today that over the last 30 years Andreasens Green has supplied plants and trees to many important community projects in NSW, such as, the Sydney Olympic Games.

"Andreasens Green is proud to be associated with the Headland Park at Barangaroo, as it is certain to become an iconic site not only for Sydneysiders but also for all Australians," he said.

Barangaroo is a \$6 billion investment by the private sector, and the Headland Park is being delivered as part of that investment. The 4 year tree and plant contract is worth \$1.5 million.

The recent review of Barangaroo endorsed the design of the Headland Park describing it as "...the creation of a nationally significant, exemplary public park and symbolic 'bush' landscape as recognition of Australia's indigenous history."

The review noted that the park, "...is intended to affirm the importance of the landform of Sydney Harbour, to reflect the connections from headland to headland, and to honour the communities who lived on those headlands prior to European settlement."