



INVITATION to our end of year gathering
Wednesday, 4th December 2019
5.30 to 7 pm
at Wyargine Reserve

Dear Members and Supporters

You are invited to join your Committee for a very informal end of year glass of wine with nibbles at the spot shown in the picture at Wyargine Reserve.

There will be no speakers on this occasion. Wyargine will speak for itself as an example of how the Bradley method of bush regeneration can work in practice. You will also be able to see where some of our nesting boxes have been placed.



Getting there and Parking- a few options

Stanton Rd: You can park in Stanton Rd and walk from the end of Stanton Rd (near no 2) down the cement path to where it meets the beach. That is where we shall gather.

Burrn Ave: park in Burrn Ave. There are wooden steps near number 26 that take you down to the path to the gathering spot

The Esplanade park at the Northern end of the Esplanade and walk north along the beach.

WET WEATHER: There is no alternative venue. Bring an umbrella for uncertain weather.

For real rain phone 9968 1336 or 0414 960 290 for cancellation news. We shall, of course, try to advise you by email.

You are reminded that every person taking part in an activity of the Mosman Parks & Bushland Association Inc does so as a volunteer and as such accepts responsibility for any injury sustained.

Kate Eccles,
President

NEWSLETTER

Reminder:

If you wish to make a response to the changes to the Harbour Trust's Management Plan for the Mosman Drill Hall Precinct and/or to the proposed development application to install lights on the Netball Courts, submissions must be received by 5 pm on 7th November, 2019.

You can view the documents online at <https://www.harbourtrust.gov.au/en/>

Submissions may be emailed to: consulttrust@harbourtrust.gov.au

Review of the Harbour Trust

We have received a letter (and many of you will have done so too) from the Chair of the Harbour Trust, Joseph Carozzi, about a review of the Harbour Trust. Below are some extracts from the letter.

"The Minister for the Environment, The Hon Sussan Ley MP, has announced that the Review will be led by Ms Carolyn McNally and Ms Erin Flaherty who both bring extensive experience to their roles.

Delivering value to the community lies at the heart of the Harbour Trust mission. Since our establishment as an interim entity in 1999, we have shaped a network of parklands across Sydney Harbour by restoring bushland and heritage buildings, creating a vibrant mix of community and commercial uses, making these places open and accessible to all, and building opportunities for the community to understand their layered stories through events, programming and education.

However, it is appropriate to take stock, and ensure that the arrangements for the lands that we hold on behalf of the people of Australia are fit for the future.

I know that the reviewers and Minister are keen to hear from our local and broader community through this process, and I strongly encourage you to contribute to this important conversation.

If you would like more information about the review, including the terms of reference, consultation paper and public forums, please visit [Harbour Trust Independent Review](#)."

I recommend particularly that you read the Public consultation paper provided in this link.

The letter, the terms of reference and the public consultation paper do not speak of the original vision that the community held for the former defence lands when it campaigned for the creation of a world class foreshore park for the people of all Australia. What is obvious is that while the Trust can support its ongoing regular expenses from the income derived from leasing its buildings and from events, this is not sufficient for capital works which would enable the completion of its charter to rehabilitate the former Defence sites.

The Harbour Trust is a transitional body and is due to vest in 2033 when suitable land is intended to be transferred to NSW for inclusion in the national parks and reserves system.

Suitability and readiness for that transfer is likely to be an important aspect of the review. Whether the lands are to be transferred to NSW, or whether the life of the Trust should be extended in perpetuity, either outcome will require adequate Federal funding.

We shall let you know more as we discover more about the review.

There will be Public Forums on Tuesday 19th, Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th November (times and venues unknown yet).

SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE ON 23RD DECEMBER. I hope you won't find that time frame inconvenient!!

Sincerely,

Kate Eccles, President
4th November 2019

