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**NEW PLANS FOR MCKELL PARK AND DARLING POINT
RESERVE GO ON SHOW**

Deputy Premier and Minister for Trade and Investment, Andrew Stoner, today called for community comment on a draft Plan of Management for McKell Park and Darling Point Reserve.

Mr Stoner said the harbour side park, situated at Darling Point, was a wonderful reserve that had served the recreational needs of visitors and locals since it was established in 1983.

“McKell Park was named after the former Premier of NSW, Sir William McKell, who went on to become the second Australian-born Governor General in 1947,” Mr Stoner said.

“Before that the park was the site of two grand residences – Lansdowne, built in 1841 and the larger Canonbury built in 1905.”

“It was used as a hospital between 1920 and 1981, but all that remains of this era are foundations and Canonbury Cottage - now hired out for community uses.

Member for Vaucluse Gabrielle Upton said the plan seeks to improve maintenance and landscaping at the park, as well as improving the management of social gatherings and special events.

“The plan has been developed through a consultation process to ensure that views of the community and other stakeholders have been considered,” Mrs Upton said.

“The plan is being exhibited by Woollahra Municipal Council in its role as Trust Manager of the Reserve,” she said.

The draft Plan of Management will be advertised for 28 days commencing 17 December 2012 may be inspected online at: www.woollahra.nsw.gov.au; and www.crownland.nsw.gov.au

Or at the following locations:

- Woollahra Council Chambers
536 New South Head Road, Double Bay
- Double Bay Library
548 New South Head Road, Double Bay

- Crown Lands Division, Parramatta
Level 12, 10 Valentine Avenue, Parramatta

Written submissions should be addressed to:
Draft McKell Park and Darling Point Reserve Plan of Management,

Woollahra Council
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