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Harbour Trust welcomes the first tenants to Sub Base Platypus, North Sydney

The Harbour Trust is pleased to welcome its first tenants, Australian Sailing and SLR Consulting Australia Pty Ltd (SLR), to Sydney's newest harbourside destination, Sub Base Platypus in North Sydney.

Sub Base Platypus is currently being transformed into a contemporary place for community recreation and work. Where historic spaces are revealed, re-imagined and activated.

Australian Sailing is the national governing body for the sport in Australia. As a member-based organisation, Australian Sailing are responsible for the promotion and development of sailing nationally, with over 360 clubs Australia wide more than 160 accredited Discover Sailing Centres.

"Australian Sailing is delighted to be moving its administration and training facilities to Sub Base Platypus. We look forward to connecting with the local sailing community and ensuring sailing's sustainability into the future," Australian Sailing CEO Ben Houston said.

Joining Australian Sailing, SLR will also take up residence in the newly refurbished Submarine School.

SLR are global leaders in providing environmental and advisory solutions. From acoustics to waste management, SLR deliver advice and support on a wide range of strategic and project-specific issues to a diverse and growing base of business, regulatory and government clients.

Asia Pacific Regional Manager Paul Gardiner says "SLR is excited to be part of the Sub Base Platypus renewal project. Our team feels this is the perfect new home for our Asia Pacific Head Office and Sydney based operations, where we have been providing expert advice since 1978. The location and connection to Sydney's biggest natural asset – the Harbour, is unparalleled. With our roots in environmental advisory services, we look forward to welcoming our clients and collaborators into a space that embraces the natural heritage and history of the site"

Harbour Trust CEO, Mary Darwell, welcomes the first tenants to Sub Base Platypus.

"Australian Sailing and SLR are wonderful first tenants for Sub Base Platypus. The revenue from all our tenancies including these is directly reinvested back into the Harbour Trust sites, this allows us to continue our important work to improve greater public access for these once in-accessible sites," said Ms Darwell.

Ms Darwell also said that the Harbour Trust sees the adaptive re-use of these historic assets as a way to preserve and maintain the character and heritage of Sydney's working harbour. Sub Base Platypus has already opened to the public, including a new park and an over-water walkway and has attracted more than 100,000 visitors in just the past 12 months.

Sub Base Platypus is still accepting leasing applications and the Harbour Trust will provide updates as other tenants are confirmed.

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