



EcoTour – Sydney Harbour and Cockatoo Island

Organiser: Earth Foundation Australia

09:30 – 15:00 Friday 11 March

This tailor-made guided EcoTour of beautiful Sydney Harbour will cruise up Parramatta River to Homebush Bay, passing by a number of early industrial sites that have been redeveloped for public use, including Breakfast Point, Rhodes Peninsula and Sydney Olympic Park.

EcoForum conference themes will be reflected in the cruise commentary, which will highlight the resilience of this iconic waterway in the face of mounting pressure from the urban environment. Tour guides will provide insights into the estuary's ecology, industrial history and development and offer information about the potential impact of climate change and catchment processes on this important waterway.

On the way back from Homebush Bay the tour will stop at heritage-listed Cockatoo Island where Sydney Harbour Federation Trust guides will take participants on a tour of the recently completed water- and energy-saving Green Precincts projects. They will also provide an insight into the remediation task that has been undertaken to enable a place of such extraordinary convict and industrial heritage to be opened to the public.

The EcoTour will appeal to anyone interested in the environmental aspects of some of Sydney's most iconic brownfield redevelopment sites. It will take place on board the *MV Proclaim*, a double-decker timber ferry built at Berry's Bay in 1929.

Tour proceeds will go to Earth Foundation Australia Ltd, a not-for-profit educational charity. The Foundation's educational activities focus on public education about environmental issues, with an emphasis on the inter-relationship between technology, the natural environment and culture.

The tour departs from and returns to King Street Wharf, Darling Harbour.

Price: \$90 incl. GST includes morning tea and a light lunch.