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FIVE SYDNEY ICONS – A CULTURAL EVOLUTION

Visitors to Darling Harbour can now explore the rich history of Sydney's cultural institutions, thanks to a 400 metre-long timeline surrounding the construction site of ICC Sydney (International Convention Centre Sydney).

The timeline is an initiative of Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority (SHFA) in partnership with Arts NSW, and has been curated and designed by the State Library of NSW.

It features the Art Gallery of New South Wales, Australian Museum, Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences (Powerhouse Museum), State Library of NSW and Sydney Opera House.

Visitors can also discover more about Darling Harbour's own Australian National Maritime Museum and the nearby Walsh Bay Arts Precinct.

SHFA CEO Catherine Gallagher said Darling Harbour – long known as Sydney's favourite place for major events and festivals – is an ideal location to celebrate the arts and cultural institutions that have helped shape Sydney's identity.

"It is beautiful to see how their remarkable buildings, collections, exhibitions and performances have evolved over 200 years to shape the cultural landscape of this city," said Ms Gallagher.

"As custodian of Darling Harbour, SHFA is proud to promote these iconic institutions to the 26.7 million people who visit Darling Harbour each year.

"The timeline is a unique depiction of Sydney's cultural ribbon and a great way to boost awareness of the many events, performances, festivals and exhibitions that enrich life in our city."

The timeline will be on display at Darling Harbour throughout 2015.

It can also be viewed online at www.shfa.nsw.gov.au/5SydneyIcons.

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