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DARLING HARBOUR FIREWORKS LIGHT UP THE NIGHT SKY AS THOUSANDS BRAVE THE RAIN TO CELEBRATE AUSTRALIA DAY

Darling Harbour has again thrilled Sydneysiders, intrastate and international visitors with a world-class day and night of spectacular entertainment as thousands of people lined Cockle Bay Wharf and Tumbalong Park to celebrate Australia Day.

The Governor of NSW, His Excellency The Hon David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd) and NSW Premier Mike Baird addressed the crowds from a floating stage on Cockle Bay, after *The Voice* sensation Darren Percival performed a number of Australian hits.

Darling Quarter really rocked when DJ Queen Havana Brown had everyone dancing around the precinct as her she belted out her hit single, *We Run The Night* replayed on huge screens for everyone to enjoy.

But nothing could have prepared the crowds for a fireworks display that dazzled – 20 minutes of magic, with the audience taking up the first chorus of Advance Australia Fair before a spectacular finale that lit up the night skies.

“Australia Day at Darling Harbour is magical and the images of the official proceedings and fireworks were beamed internationally, again showing the world our fabulous city,” Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority CEO Catherine Gallagher said.

“Even the rain didn’t dampen the enthusiasm of the thousands of people who lined the shores of Cockle Bay and gathered around Tumbalong Park.”

Last night’s festivities marked the 26th anniversary of the Darling Harbour Australia Day Spectacular, the precinct’s single most popular event.

Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority, which produces the major events that attract more than 26 million visitors to Darling Harbour each year, contributes \$1.2 billion annually to the NSW visitor economy.