

More commercial floor space and public transport to get Barangaroo moving

Additional commercial floor space has been approved for the Barangaroo precinct and a new ferry hub is planned to provide transport to the more than 22,000 people who will live and work there.

While speaking at the City of Sydney's Business Forum today Premier Nathan Rees announced plans which will get the Barangaroo precinct moving and ensure it is a key part of Sydney's economic future.

"Public transport will be a key feature of Barangaroo, which when completed will be a significant commercial, residential and recreational precinct for Sydney," Mr Rees said.

"A new ferry hub is planned for Barangaroo. Ferry services will help keep residents and workers out of their cars and on public transport.

"The introduction of a ferry wharf at Barangaroo will increase the number of workers and residents accessing Barangaroo by ferry from 1% up to as high as 10%.

"Planning and transport departments will now work on the details of the new ferry hub, including the number of wharves needed, construction and operational start times.

"In addition, I have asked the Minister to ensure the construction of the walkway to Wynyard station is a priority. I want to make sure it is available simultaneously with the commercial precinct coming on line."

Mr Rees said a proposal to increase the amount of office space at Barangaroo by 120,000 square metres and help lure some of the world's leading businesses to set up Sydney headquarters has been approved by Planning Minister Kristina Keneally.

"This takes the total commercial floor space to more than 500,000 square metres of floor space built in the new city precinct – equivalent to just over six Chifley Square buildings," Mr Rees said.

"Finance, business services and global corporations are looking for large office spaces to establish new headquarters, and Barangaroo is the last site in Sydney's CBD where an expansion of this size is possible.

"The additional 120,000 square metres of floor space will provide a boost to the economy, with construction costs expected to increase from \$2.5 to \$3 billion, generating more than 4,000 construction jobs.

"The increase in floor space will take advantage of the transport improvements provided by the CBD Metro, which was announced by the Government earlier this year and includes a new station on the eastern edge of Darling Harbour.

"Importantly, the change can happen without impacting the already-approved maximum building heights and widths, or the ratio of retail, tourist, residential or public open space planned for the site."



Contraceptive Spray

According to Australian scientists, who created a contraceptive spray they are already testing on 40 women, the classic contraceptive pill will become an outdated method.

As per Richard Tregus, head of the company women will just have to spray their wrist and then the substance will act as a contraceptive after passing through the skin.

Furthermore, he said that experiments until now have shown that the spray is effective and has not side-effects as it happens with the pill.

Finally, he said the spray will replace the pill and other contraceptive methods because "it is easy and has no side-effects."

Nicholson Museum Invitation

THE PARTHENON FAMILY DAY

SUNDAY
8th MARCH
10am-4pm
FREE ENTRY

Come and join us in Australia's largest museum of Classical Greek antiquities to celebrate ancient Greek culture with a free family day dedicated to the Parthenon, one of the most extraordinary buildings in history.

There will be activities for the whole family throughout the day
For children:

- Dig for artefacts in our archaeological excavation
- Dress up as a Greek hoplite
- Handle genuine archaeological



artefacts from ancient Athens and Sparta

- Learn about the ancient Olympian gods
- Explore models of the Athenian Acropolis

- Worksheets will be provided
- Arts and craft activities

For the whole family:

- Free hourly tours of the



Nicholson Museum's collection of ancient

Greek artefacts conducted in English and Greek

- Short talks by archaeologists on various aspects of ancient Greek culture including the Acropolis of Athens and the Parthenon

- Greek music performances
- BBQ presented by the Sydney University Greek Society (SUGS)

For more information about the day (and about the Nicholson Museum Course in a Day:

The Parthenon: Context & Controversy to be held on Saturday 7 March, price \$100)

phone 9351 2812 or visit www.

usyd.edu.au/museums

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Turkish film remembers September 1955

It was the early days of September in 1955, and political tensions between Greece and Turkey were running extremely high over the island of Cyprus. After a false statement that the home of Ataturk had been bombed in Thessaloniki, Turkish mobs rampaged through Constantinople and pillaged thousands of Greek homes, businesses, schools, cemeteries, churches and monasteries in what Greeks now call the Σεπτεμβριανά. The Greek community which still numbered nearly 135,000 right before the attacks, was dealt a final blow and tens of thousands of Greeks left soon thereafter. For the longest time, these events were never talked about in Turkey. A new fictional film tied to the events of September 6 and 7, 1955 has reintroduced the topic to the Turkish public for the first time in over 50 years.

We applaud the director for bringing this very important historical event for both communities to the forefront, and help remind us never to forget these events.

Over 500,000 Turks have already seen the film.

