

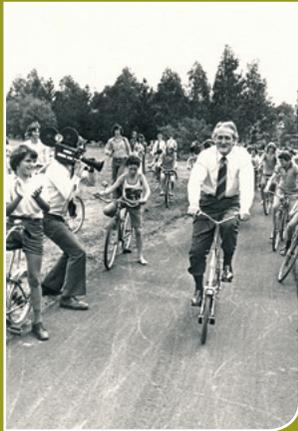
**T**he Tom Uren Trail honours the life of a man committed to working in the service of the human family and a man who firmly believed that access to Sydney Harbour and the foreshore was a fundamental public right. Tom had a particular love for the Sydney foreshore and fought determinedly for public access to it.

By walking his trail we invite you to come to know this man in his Balmain, the place where he was born and returned to enjoy the final years of his life.

His was a full life. He worked hard and earnestly, loved large, and learnt from observation and discussion wherever he went. He practised the art of lifelong learning, always keeping an ear to the ground, combining his intuition and intelligence to work for what he believed throughout his long political career. He was a staunch civil libertarian with a strong sense of social justice.

As you walk the trail you will note interpretation and story panels at places of interest. At Illoura Reserve there is an interpretation panel on our Aboriginal cultural history. The first story panel on Tom's life and times is also present on the Illoura Reserve foreshore. Interpretation panels are also in place at Ewenton Park, Propellor Park and Zigzag Reserve (a place of interest off the walking trail).

**Please enjoy your walk, take only pictures, steal only time and leave only footprints.**



## **TOM UREN AC**

**Born: 28 May 1921**

**Died: 26 January 2015**

Labor leader, sportsman, soldier, prisoner-of-war, activist, environmentalist, mentor, fighter for peace, equality, beauty and compassion.

# **WALK GUIDE**

Commencing at Thornton Park adjacent to the Darling Street Wharf, follow the waterfront path (Bells Foreshore) south into Illoura Reserve. At the far end of the reserve, either take the stepping stones which link around the foreshore to Peacock Point or alternatively take stairs up into Edward Street. Turn left into Little Edward Street, following its dogleg around into William Street.

At Johnston Street turn right and follow the waterfront up the wooden steps to Union and Hosking Streets. Turn left at Hosking Street and then right into Little Nicholson Street. About half-way up are two terraced parks on the left, the first less inviting but the second more definitely a little park. Pass through it and turn into Datchett Street. Turn downhill and follow Datchett Street. Steps and a pathway lead around behind the Water Police Base to Ewenton Park.

Cross Ewenton Park to its southwest corner and adjacent to Ewenton House follow the small path which winds up through to Blake Street. At the end of Blake Street turn right and head towards Darling Street. Cross over the pedestrian crossing walk down to the end of Hart Street to Propellor Park.

From Propellor Park follow the foreshore in a north easterly direction. Walk up the hill along Duke Street until you reach Origlass Park on the left hand side of the street. Turn left and walk through Origlass Park through to Nicholson Street. Walk north along Nicholson Street. At the end of the Street observe Zigzag Reserve and then cross over heading east along Simmons Street. Take the small right of way through the block of flats to Clifton Street and walk north and then turn right at Gallimore Avenue. Walk south east along Gallimore Avenue through to Darling Street. At Darling Street turn left and walk down the hill reaching the starting point at Thornton Park.

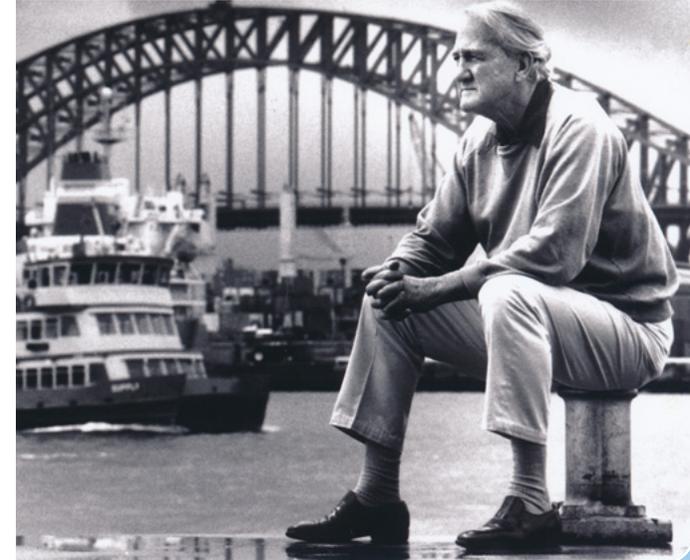
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*"There is such a gentleness about Sydney Harbour, such a softness. There are important parts in the river systems that surround our Sydney that are still in near pristine state. It hurts you when you see the scars inflicted by insensitive developers. The harbour is more than a jewel – it is Sydney's heart."*

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# **TOM UREN WALKING TRAIL**



## Exploring an Open Space and Harbour Side Trail

1st Edition 2016

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### LEGEND

- Tom Uren Walking Route
- Scenic Lookouts
- Steps



Tom's legendary hat is the way-finding marker for the trail. Follow the hat and enjoy your walk.

Start and finish point.



## WELCOME TO THE TOM UREN WALKING TRAIL

Inner West Council acknowledges the Gadigal and Wangal people of the Eora Nation on whose Country we are walking this trail and their Elders past and present.

**About this Trail:** Commencing from Thornton Park and the Balmain East Ferry Wharf.

**Distance:** 3.1km approximate.

**Walking time:** 2 hours.

**Condition:** Mostly paved footpaths or park paths. Some steps and inclines.

**Public Transport:** Balmain East Wharf, Darling St and buses.

**Facilities:** Shops and eating places are present on Darling Street. Food and beverages are also available at Balmain Bowling Club. Public toilets at Thornton Park.

