



DOCKSIDE GROUP

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Dockside Group Adopts Ken Done's Rhino

Dockside Group is proud to announce the latest addition to the family, the official adoption of a Rhinoceros sculpture painted by internationally acclaimed Sydney artist, Ken Done.

The Rhino is part of the Taronga Wild! Rhinos art event by the Taronga Conservation Society, an initiative which Dockside Group, owner and operator of eight Sydney waterfront venues and restaurants, is lending its support to.

Ken Done contributed two Rhinos to the exhibition, Dockside Group's *Rhino Survival* and a piece sponsored by the Taronga Conservation Society entitled *Golden Baby*.

Using his famous broad brush strokes, *Rhino Survival* illustrates the incandescent Sydney Harbour with the ears of the Rhino cleverly used to represent sails on the Sydney Opera House. This is a fitting depiction given the Rhino is currently residing outside Dockside Group's restaurants at The Rocks; Waterfront, Wolfies and Italian Village. The rare animal is enjoying the same spectacular view of the Harbour as the restaurants' patrons.

Beverley Parker, Executive Director of Sales and Marketing, Dockside Group, says the sponsorship of this program is just one of many ways the business is supporting Sydney's vibrant cultural arts community.

"We are thrilled to lend our support to this important cause through such an interactive and engaging event. It is a fabulous way for Sydneysiders and guests to explore our beautiful city, for not only are the Rhinos attractive and fun, they deliver a vital educational message about the importance of conserving this precious and endangered species.

"Having the Dockside Group Rhino painted by Ken Done is just the icing on the cake for us, and we hope that his prominence in the artistic community will attract plenty of attention for the Wild! Rhinos exhibition," said Ms Parker.

From 3 February 2014 to 28 April 2014, the Wild! Rhinos initiative aims to create mass public awareness of the plight of the endangered Black Rhino and raise funds for Taronga Zoo's Black Rhino breeding program and in-situ conservation projects via the installation of 125 wildly coloured Rhino sculptures distributed throughout Sydney Harbour Foreshore, through to the Blue Mountains, Dubbo and Central West NSW.

After the event, each sculpture will be sold at auction with the net proceeds going to support Taronga's Black Rhino conservation programs.

For more information about Dockside Group, please visit: www.docksidegroup.com.au

For information and the trail map, please visit: www.tarongawildrhinos.org.au

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ABOUT DOCKSIDE GROUP

Brothers Christopher, Theodore and Peter Drivas and business partner Robert Van Meer combined their hospitality, wedding and business expertise to form Dockside Group. The close-knit family business now owns and operates four integrated venues and four restaurants all situated in iconic Sydney Harbour foreshore locations, and are the exclusive caterer for Sydney Exhibition Centre @ Glebe Island.

Venues

Dockside Pavilion Darling Harbour: A custom designed event venue upon a pontoon in the heart of Cockle Bay, this venue offers distinctive event opportunities with unparalleled water views. Dockside Pavilion Darling Harbour is the perfect choice for gala dinners, award nights, Christmas or end of year parties and product launches. The Pavilion caters for up to 1,440 seated guests and 2000 standing.

L'Aqua: Situated on the rooftop of the Cockle Bay Wharf complex, L'Aqua is one of Sydney's most prestigious five-star function venues. Quintessentially Sydney, L'Aqua caters for up to 600 guests, and offers uninterrupted views over Cockle Bay and Darling Harbour and an abundance of natural light through its floor to ceiling windows.

Dockside: With sparkling water views stretching over Darling Harbour, Dockside blends function and space with a reputation for culinary excellence and exceptional service. Greatly renowned for holding successful events, and with more than a decade of experience, Dockside's strength lies in catering for groups up to 1200 people.

Star room: Guests of Star room enjoy a bird's eye perspective from level 6 of the IMAX theatre complex. With a soaring ceiling and panoramic windows stretching over 30 metres in length, Star room is a truly unique Sydney venue catering for up to 300 people.

Sydney Exhibition Centre @ Glebe Island: Offering a pavilion-style, fully-serviced event space up to 25,000sqm SEC @ GI has four permanent halls offering event space between 2,000 and 9,600sqm. As the exclusive catering partner, Dockside Group will exceed your expectations, providing your event or exhibition with restaurant quality cuisine and beverage selections.

Restaurants of Dockside Group include:

Waterfront; 27 Circular Quay West, The Rocks, Sydney NSW 2000

Wolfies; 7 – 21 Circular Quay West, The Rocks, Sydney NSW 2000

Italian Village; 7 Circular Quay West, The Rocks, Sydney NSW 2000

-Major events for up to 3000 people can be hosted across all three restaurants.

EAT LOVE PIZZA: Ground Floor, IMAX Theatre Complex, 31 Wheat Road, Darling Harbour, Sydney NSW 2000

NOTES TO EDITORS

Interviews with Beverley Parker, Executive Director of Sales & Marketing are available on request.

More information on Dockside Group is available at www.docksidegroup.com.au

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IMAGES:

1. The Rhino is currently residing outside Dockside Group's restaurants at The Rocks; Waterfront, Wolfies and Italian Village.



2. Using his famous broad brush strokes, *Rhino Survival* illustrates the incandescent Sydney Harbour. Credit: Ken Done

