



Sydney's Largest Floating Event Venue Opens for Business

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Hospitality company, Docksider Group has today opened Sydney's largest anchored floating venue – the Docksider Pavilion Darling Harbour.

After more than two years in the planning and eight weeks of construction, Docksider Pavilion will welcome the first guests across the gangplank tomorrow for its first major event, the Sydney International Boat Show.

The first venue of its kind in Australia, the structure stretches 90 metres long, 26.5 metres wide and 9.1 metres high. The combined materials of the pontoon and the pavilion structure weighs in at more than 610 tonnes and is kept afloat with 22 air-filled steel pods, each weighing 17 tonnes.

With a capacity of up to 1440 guests seated and 2000 standing, the venue will be used for a range of large events including private events, corporate dinners, cocktail parties, awards nights, conferencing, a luxury car launch and large corporate Christmas parties.

Docksider Group Managing Director, Christopher Drivas, said Docksider Pavilion will add a great deal of value to the Darling Harbour precinct.

"We've had a great response from our clients and we're tracking well with strong bookings to date. In particular, many of our corporate clients have secured the venue for multiple year event bookings.

"We want people to be wowed by the magnitude of this venue and understand that it's a spectacular blank canvas which can be used for virtually any type of event," said Mr Drivas.

The Pavilion structure was designed by Warwick Bell from Fabric Structure Systems in Auckland, who famously created The Cloud for the New Zealand Rugby World Cup.

The Docksider Pavilion is a temporary venue owned and operated by Docksider Group and will remain in Darling Harbour until the completion of the new International Convention Centre. For more information about Docksider Group visit www.docksidegroup.com.au

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