Darling Harbour - Timeline

Pre 1788 Darling Harbour is known as Tumbalong and Koodgi by local Cadigal Aboriginal people

1788 First Fleeters call Darling Harbour Long Cove

1804 Darling Harbour known as Cockle Bay after the seashells found there

1810 John Leighton builds a windmill at Millers Point

1811 First wharf, Market Wharf, is built at the foot of Market Street

1826 Governor Darling renames the area and it grows to become a busy seaport

1855 First railway in NSW opens, including a branch line to Darling Harbour

1857 First Pyrmont Bridge is built as a toll bridge

1874 Iron Wharf at the southern end of Darling Harbour is completed

1900 Outbreak of bubonic plague

1900 Sydney Harbour Trust formed to oversee redevelopment and resumptions in Darling Harbour

1902 Pyrmont Bridge replaced with swing span bridge

1912-25 Sydney Harbour Trust plan to redevelop Walsh Bay, Darling Harbour and Pyrmont

1923 Hickson Rd completed as major thoroughfare from Circular Quay to Darling Harbour

1926 Debris from construction of the underground railway in Sydney used to reclaim head of Darling Harbour

1960s Decline & Botany Bay port

1984 Last goods train leaves Darling Harbour

1984 Darling Harbour Authority formed to redevelop former railyards and wharves

1988 Redevelopment project opens to public as entertainment and shopping precinct