



**This ANZAC Day, after nine years and \$17.3 million, Quarantine Station re-opens to the general public as ‘Q Station’ and is set to become one of Australia’s stellar tourist attractions.**

This Friday 25 April, on ANZAC Day, the former Quarantine Station will re-open its doors to the general public.

The \$17.3million refurbishment offers guests a suite of lifestyle experiences ranging from **accommodation and conference facilities** with spectacular views of Sydney Harbour; **Defiance**, an immersion theatre experience designed by founder of Carlton Lamb Productions and award winning former acting tutor at the National Institute of Dramatic Arts (NIDA), Carlton Lamb; the **Boilerhouse Restaurant** situated close to the beach; **interactive experiences** and **Destination Spa** (open late 2008). The 30-hectare site, listed on the Register of the National Estate, alongside the Sydney Opera House.

Q Station has the hallmarks of a contemporary resort, with conference facilities for 150, 75 rooms and six cottages, two restaurants and a 10-room spa that will open later this year. Guests can choose from Deluxe Ensuite Harbour View Rooms to Standard National Park View to Street View rooms with shared facilities, there is a room to suit every budget. Every room has been furnished to the highest standard, with comfortable and modern conveniences, and a stunning balcony on which to watch the sun set.

The Boilerhouse Restaurant, situated on Quarantine Beach, caters to all tastes with a modern international menu designed by Executive Chef, Reinhard Roithner who joins us from Singapore, where he was the Executive Chef at the Sentosa Resort & Spa. Roithner is a member of the prestigious *Academie Culinaire de France* being counted as one of the exclusive 450 chef members worldwide. Originally from Austria he is now a naturalised Australian with more than 30 years experience, across 16 countries in well-known international luxury hotel companies and well-known Hotel Management Schools. Guests at the Boilerhouse Restaurant can choose to dine indoors in the magnificent mezzanine overlooking the open plan kitchen or al fresco overlooking the harbour. They can also step back in time at the Boilerhouse Bar which features two enormous meticulously restored boilers.

The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) decided to lease the former Quarantine Station to a cultural tourism operator, when NPWS judged that they could not raise enough funds to return the Quarantine Station to a fit condition that ensured its cultural significance was maintained. The lease is a “conservation agreement” and the Mawland Group has invested \$4million in conservation works. Additionally, twenty cents in every dollar collected from customers is reinvested back into conservation of Q Station or Sydney Harbour National Park.

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Q Station has begun taking bookings for conferences and functions and from this Friday will take bookings for accommodation.

Water access is available through Water Taxis Combined which will carry passengers from Circular Quay, Manly Wharf, Darling Harbour and Mosman.

Room Rates are now available on the website. There are 75 rooms and 6 cottages. For reservations please call **(02) 9976 6220**.

Q Station opens on ANZAC day, 25 April 2008. **Defiance** launches on Wednesday 14 May. For further information go to [www.qstation.com.au](http://www.qstation.com.au).

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### **EDITORS NOTE**

#### **About Q Station**

Located at Sydney's North Head, Q Station (formerly the Quarantine Station) is a large historic site within the Sydney Harbour National Park, five minutes from Manly. Along with the Sydney Opera House, it is listed on the National Estate – one level below World Heritage significance.

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The Australian spirit was shaped by experiences of hardship and friendship forged in Quarantine Station and North Head has long been a meeting place for the Garrigal people. Today this site pays homage to our history as well as providing a sanctuary for reflection, rejuvenation and transformation.

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