

# HOUSE MATES

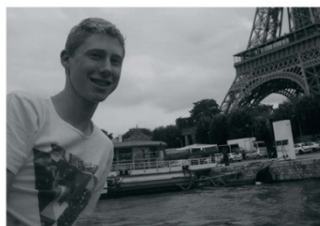
## SHARING THE HOME OF INSPIRATION

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**In April, Sydney Opera House sent an invitation to people around the world to share Australia's best loved House by 'living' at Sydney's most exclusive waterfront address.**

Sydney Opera House has come to reflect the aspirations of a nation. It's where imagination thrives and where we celebrate the rich variety of human expression and it's where anyone anywhere can gather to share in creative genius and artistic brilliance.

As we begin work on our Vehicle Access and Pedestrian Safety Project, the Forecourt is now closed for construction and blocked off by hoardings. As one of the world's great public gathering places, we decided to use these hoardings as a huge canvas to display the faces and tributes of people from around the world who are united in their shared love of Sydney Opera House. We sent a shout-out to people everywhere asking them to upload their portraits and thoughts to our Facebook page. These words and images are now part of our site until the end of the year.



**THE SOH IS THE EMBODIMENT OF ALL THAT IS WONDERFUL ABOUT SYDNEY; IT SYMBOLISES CULTURE, ENTERTAINMENT, BEAUTY AND IS THE ICONIC IMAGE OF HOME.**

Dee & Sharon Jackson



### **The Vehicle Access and Pedestrian Safety (VAPS) Project**

The VAPS Project will enhance tourist and visitor safety by removing heavy vehicle movements from the Forecourt to a new underground loading dock. This will allow pedestrians to have safe and exclusive access to all Sydney Opera House facilities at Forecourt level. VAPS commenced in February this year and the Forecourt will re-open to the public in mid-2013. Over this period, all theatres, shops, restaurants and guided tours remain open for business. For further information, go to [sydneyoperahouse.com/vaps](http://sydneyoperahouse.com/vaps).

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