



## SKATEBOARDING HIGH AT THE CUTAWAY

This June and July skateboarding will reach a heady crescendo at the Cutaway at Barangaroo.

Since February **Barangaroo** has opened its doors to skateboarders from across the country as part of a residency by **Big hART**. Big hART has been experimenting with skateboarding, percussion and projection to develop a ground-breaking theatre spectacle for all the family. With a cast of young people aged 18-26, Big hART's SKATE backs young people to create a better world, with all profits from the future production going to support disadvantaged communities.

Open Skate events make the Cutaway accessible to skateboarders of all ages, levels and persuasions. Pre-schoolers, aging hipsters and young people from all walks of life have been dropping into the Cutaway for the free weekly events, with industry touting it as 'Sydney's hidden skatepark'. Close to 500 skateboarders have engaged with the project, coming from across Sydney as well as Townsville, Brisbane, Melbourne, Wollongong and Newcastle to skate on the polished concrete wonderland of the Cutaway, which is the size of 30 tennis courts.

Big hART is the first residency the Cutaway has hosted, which has given Big hART the creative freedom and flexibility to hothouse a cutting-edge new work free from the usual tight production timelines and to engage thoroughly with Sydney's skateboarding community. Big hART is Australia's leading arts and social change organisation, having worked in over 50 disadvantaged communities for over 25 years and won 45 awards.

SKATE will reach a stunning finale in the final round of events at the Cutaway. June and July are the public's last opportunity to engage with the experimental phase of SKATE at the Cutaway - all events are free and open to the public. Come along to Transitions to experience the developing production of SKATE, with a cast of talented young male and female skateboarders performing jaw-dropping feats and driving infectious rhythms with their skateboards against an ever-changing architecture of original projections. Big hART is working on taking SKATE to Japan and Asia in 2020, the year skateboarding debuts at the Olympics, so this could be your last chance to catch the production and meet the team before it hits the big time.

### Final SKATE Events at the Cutaway:

- Sat 8 June – Transitions 6-7pm followed by Open Skate 7-9pm
- Sat 15 June – Open Skate 3-7pm
- Sat 22 June – Transitions 6-7pm followed by Open Skate 7-9pm
- Sat 6 July – Transitions 6-7:30pm followed by Open Skate 7:30-9pm
- Sat 20 July – Transitions 6-7:30pm followed by Open Skate 7:30-9pm

Hurry! Tickets will sell out. Book online at <https://skate.bighart.org/skate-events/> or follow us on Facebook @SKATetheproject or Instagram @skate\_bighart #SKATetheCutaway



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