The Rocks recycles the festive spirit

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly announced that the lights will be switched on Sydney’s most unique Christmas tree on George Street, The Rocks at 8pm tonight.

“For the first time ever, a unique, specially designed Christmas tree made entirely of bicycles will light up at The Rocks,” said Mr Kelly.

“More than 100 recycled bicycles have been have been used to create the three metre wide, seven metre tall.

“A team of five has spent more than six weeks sourcing old bicycles and bike parts, preparing and painting the bikes, creating the design and constructing the tree on site,” Mr Kelly said.

The concept of the bicycle tree was part of Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority’s commitment to increasing sustainable practices in its precincts.

“Through the re-use and recycling of materials the Authority’s aim was to design and create a bespoke Christmas tree for the people of Sydney that was beautiful, eye-catching and inviting to The Rocks,” said Mr Kelly.

“All the bicycles and materials were sources from Australia’s leading integrated recycling group CMA Corporation Ltd,” said Mr Kelly.

“The tree will remain on display until 28 December when it will be dismantled and all the materials will once again be recycled by CMA,” he said.

For the last couple of years the Authority has created unique, sustainable Christmas trees for the enjoyment of The Rocks’ international and domestic visitors including The Rocks Christmas chair tree in 2008 and last year’s bottle tree made from recycled Coke and Sprite bottles.