Take a hike to help protect Harbour

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THERE is going to be oyster blood and guts all over the place at Clifton Gardens Reserve next Sunday – and Dr Emma Thompson wouldn’t have it any other way.

The Sydney Institute of Marine Science research director will spend Father’s Day elbow-deep in the sharp and slimy sea-dwellers at the finish line of this year’s Fantasea Harbour Hike on September 7.

Her gory, hands-on mobile laboratory will be one of many attractions at the Marine Festival that will greet the thousands of people who have signed up to tackle the 12km trek from Kirribilli to Mosman.

There will also be treats, a jumping castle and face painting from 10am-3pm.

Entry is $35 for adults and $25 for children, with all funds raised benefiting the Sydney Harbour Research Program, which focuses on protecting the harbour.

To sign up, or make a donation, visit simsharbour hike.gofundraise.com.au.

Dr Emma Thompson, who will be at the Fantasea Harbour Hike finish line. Picture: DAVID SWIFT