



## TRRA INC UPDATE AS AT 5 JUNE 2015

The minutes of the TRRA Special Resolutions Meeting and the General Meeting which followed on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May are [HERE](#). Our Constitution now aligns with Fair Trading and Australian Taxation requirements and our membership fees will increase from 1.7.15 to \$10 per member.

The minutes provide updates on many issues TRRA has followed and the link to the presentation on the night is [HERE](#)

**CONGRATULATIONS** – To Council staff on the handling of the aftermath of the extraordinary storm event and flooding we have experienced since our last update. Articles [HERE](#) Thanks Dick for these.

**GOOD NEWS** – Birubi Surf Club steep pedestrian access to beach is to receive attention and a new handrail provided. We just have to ask... why didn't this happen when the new Clubhouse was built?

**WELL NO!!! .....”FREE TO FELL HAZARD TREES”** – (Examiner Headline 4.6.15 P7) This article has virtually been retracted with the above article removed from the Port Stephens Examiner website and a corrected article now takes its place **“PORT STEPHENS COUNCIL SAYS TREE MORATORIUM YET TO COME INTO EFFECT”**. To be fair to the Examiner reporter, the article published was an account of the Council meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> May. Things are clearer now with Port Stephens Council posting on 3<sup>rd</sup> June (day after Examiner went to print) additional information on their website [www.portstephens.nsw.gov.au](http://www.portstephens.nsw.gov.au) – See Frequently Asked Questions compilation.

Our Webmaster Dick has gathered together all the information about this issue [HERE](#). TRRA Inc supports other groups who had highlighted to the Mayor and Councillors that the existing policy is already sufficient for anyone to remove a dangerous tree! It looks like this will receive another hearing at the next Council meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> June. If approved, a public exhibition period would follow that meeting before any moratorium can come into effect. Surely it is time to take the fear and emotion out of decision making and look at what is already in place.

### LINKS TO RECENT UPDATES ON ISSUES “ON WATCH”:-

**Donald Street Carparks – Commercial Development** – Past and recent development [HERE](#)

**Approvals of Earth Mounds on Flood Plains** – Fairly topical in recent times – a full history [HERE](#)

**Development Control Plan ..... Critical to future planning** – See TRRA Submission [HERE](#)

### ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

There are heaps more stories to tell our members. ....If we only had time! What we really need is additional assistance to our volunteer Committee members from our membership. Please put your hand up to assist. Talk to any Committee member at any time please.

**Next General Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015 – 7 pm** in the Crows Nest Room, Nelson Bay Bowling Club

Thanks

Margaret Wilkinson

Hon Secretary TRRA Inc

5.6.15