



TRRA COMMUNICATION – 28 MARCH 2018

NELSON BAY STRATEGY (DELIVERY PLAN) – PERSONAL SUBMISSIONS NEEDED NOW! DEADLINE IS 5 PM ON WEDNESDAY 4TH APRIL

If you haven't already done so, could you please take the time over Easter to send a personal submission. This time last year over 80 people did and we need at least that many to do the same again! TRRA has prepared a summary sheet presenting the main points to highlight [HERE](#) A version able to be copied into an email is available from TRRA Facebook page Save Nelson Bay from High Rise [HERE](#) Please add in the sentence "I declare that I have made no reportable political donations within the last 2 years" (unless you have donated more than \$1,000)

We have collected over 1500 pro forma submissions from our stands at Nelson Bay and Salamander and had many an extended conversation from visitors and locals alike who are alarmed at the proposal to increase building heights in Nelson Bay Town Centre from the agreed 5 storeys to 10 storeys. These submissions we have collected are much lower in the priority order of objections than a personalized submission emailed direct to Council.

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COUNCIL FORWARD PLANNING – COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Council last night approved the Integrated Plans for the years ahead to go on public exhibition for one month. **This guides what happens here for many years.** You can download from the Council website www.portstephens.nsw.gov.au (Warning: a huge download) or copies should be available to read at the Tomaree Library (but not available to take away)

THERE WILL BE A COUNCIL COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SESSION AT NELSON BAY COMMUNITY HALL (NORBURN AVENUE) ON WEDNESDAY 11 APRIL BETWEEN 5 – 7 PM.

One Key Delivery Program Objective L2.1 to maintain strong financial sustainability (as flagged in the Delivery Plan section (P8)) is a proposal **to fund Infrastructure improvements via a Special Rate Variation**, as has been done quite successfully over the last 3 years in Newcastle. Port Stephens has not received a variation over the pegged rate since 2009.

In the Strategic Asset Plan document, the Capital Works Program 2018-2028 (P286-310) establishes priorities for future works and a supplementary Capital Works Plan Plus (P311-324) lists other projects to be funded via grants and other sources. All well worth a read and comment.

FLEET STREET DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

At our recent building heights Forum, an architect commented in Q & A about a proposal to develop the Colonial Ridge Resort, including proposals for 6 and 10 storey buildings. The Salamander Bay Community Group has been instrumental in getting the Port Stephens Community to put in submissions to oppose this.

Written confirmation was received today from Mayor Ryan Palmer that the second, and most contentious stage of the proposal to redevelop the site, has been withdrawn by the applicant. So this is good news for the fight against high rise in R2 residential zones. TRRA had provided some advice and the Community Group spokesman, Colin Howard, who addressed Council in public access emphasised the importance of not clearing the land prematurely.

NEXT TRRA MEETING – Wednesday 18th April commencing at 7 pm in the Crows Nest at Nelson Bay Bowling Club. *Be there – to keep yourself well informed on what's happening. An agenda will be sent prior to the meeting.*

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