



NEW VOICE FOR TOMAREE RESIDENTS

Following a meeting of concerned residents held on February 1 2008, a steering committee of eight persons has worked tirelessly to lay plans for the formation of a new group - tentatively named the Tomaree Ratepayers & Residents Association.

The move to create this new peninsula-wide representative group emerged following the recent decision of Port Stephens Council to withdraw its support - both financially and administratively - for precincts.

An inaugural public meeting will be held on 3 March at which a constitution will be presented for adoption, issues of concern identified and a management team of eleven elected. The steering group has highlighted the need to engage people from all ages, interest groups and community organizations.

The new Association will provide residents of Tomaree Peninsula with an opportunity to raise critical issues and needs, which it will pursue on their behalf, with the relevant organizations.

The Steering Committee has already identified a number of crucial proposals and issues for attention that impact on the lifestyle of local residents. These include the Nelson Bay 2030 Plan for the CBD, the Lands Department/Council Foreshore Management Plans, the intended closure of a number of children's playgrounds, the Anna Bay Strategy and Town Plan, the Corlette Hill development, crime and vandalism.

Having total independence this new non-political organisation will be a strong advocate in pursuing the concerns of the residents of Tomaree Peninsula - and in enhancing and protecting their residential amenity and the local environment, both natural and built.

Those who care about the future of our locality are invited to attend the public meeting to be held on Monday 3 March at 7.30 p.m. at the Nelson Bay Bowling Club.