



Tomaree Ratepayers and Residents Association

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Artificial Reef Project for discussion at TRRA Meeting

Tomaree Ratepayers and Residents Association General Meeting on Monday 14 November will commence with a presentation on the artificial reef proposed by Port Stephens Tourism.

A bid has been made to obtain a retired naval vessel which would be sunk off the Tomaree coastline to create an artificial reef for divers. Preliminary research has established that these dive sites have added significantly to the attraction of domestic and international visitors to other coastal tourist destinations resulting in major benefits for the local economy.

Michael Aylmer, Chairman of Port Stephens Tourism, will outline the proposal and provide details on their investigation of environmental, financial and management implications.

Geoff Washington, TRRA Chairman, observed that this proposal is in a preliminary stage where the prospect of securing one of the retired vessels is being explored. He said that this presentation will be a first step in community consultations planned for the project. Members of the public are welcome at TRRA meetings and there will be an opportunity for questions and comment. Also on the Agenda is a report on the Forum held by Council on the Nelson Bay 2030 Strategy now due for completion around March 2012.

The TRRA meeting will be held in the Crows Nest Room of Nelson Bay Bowling Club commencing at 7.30 pm.

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