

TRRA DA watch April 2019

Apart from our major submission objecting to the proposed tower block at 1 Yacaaba St, Nelson Bay [Click Here](#) we have been following a number of other development proposals.

The next two stages of the 'Eden at Wanda Beach' housing development at Fleet St, Salamander have been exhibited with submissions due by 11 April. This very large project, being presented as 'seniors housing' would eventually include 200 dwellings, many of them in multi-storey apartment buildings, generating significant extra traffic and parking demand. While reduced from the earlier design, the height is still up to 5 storeys, and excavations of the rocky hillside would require thousands of heavy truck movements to and from the site. The Salamander Bay Community Group is holding a public meeting on Sunday 7 April from 4pm at the Soldiers Point Bowling Club and there will also be a brief presentation at the TRRA General Meeting on Monday 8 April.

TRRA has commented on the Nelson Bay Public Domain Plan [Click Here](#) which contains many good ideas but also some potentially controversial proposals. We have pressed for further consultation and a more detailed list of projects with costings and proposed timetable. While most of the proposed works are contingent on funding, and in some cases on approval of the special rate variation, the community needs to agree on priorities for early action.

TRRA supports the campaign launched by the Anna Bay Community to have the derelict development site on Gan Gan Road cleaned up. This eyesore has been a disgrace for 8 years yet Council appears either unable or unwilling to take action. We encourage you to join the online petition at <http://bit.ly/2YQFiq0>

Also at Anna Bay, Port Stephens Council has recently invited expressions of interest in sale or lease of the Anna Bay Oval, which was reclassified from community to operational land back in 2012-2014. At the time TRRA made a case for reserving at least the northern part of the site – currently well used as an informal transport interchange – for community use, but we this objective has been forgotten, with no reference to community uses in the information for prospective buyers. See <http://www.portstephens.nsw.gov.au/your-council/about-council/public-exhibition>

We also made a submission in February on the proposed extension of the Soldiers Point Marina building to the north over the former slipway. In this we supported some of the objections raised by the Soldiers Point Community Group, which is also still trying to get satisfactory answers from Council about traffic implications of Council's own 8 unit development at 2 Bagnall Avenue.