



TRRA INC. NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2024

Final General Meeting of 2024

Monday 2 December 2024

6:30pm

The TRRA's final 2024 meeting will be held on Monday 2 December 2024, commencing at 6.30pm. at the Nelson Bay Bowling Club.

Message from the TRRA President

Dear {{ contact.FIRSTNAME | default : "TRRA Member" }}

I congratulate and welcome all members of our committee for the 2024-25 term.

Our newest members are Tanya Martin who is also Treasurer of the South Tomaree Community Association, our secretary Amanda Noble, and Roz Welsh (an ex- member of Shoal Bay Community Association).

The Committee subsequently confirmed Alistair Waddell to return to the Committee to fill a casual vacancy.

Further into our Newsletter you will find a list of the new committee and an additional person in technical support. We welcome Wendy Dupont who will take over from Andre Dussart. Andre has kindly offered to mentor Wendy until she is comfortable with our system.

We thank Andre for his years of service and are appreciative of making himself available to orientate Wendy.

You will also note there has been several positional /role changes of those who have been re-elected. Richard Davis from vice-president to president, Ben van der Wijngaart from committee to vice-president, Robyn Williams to membership officer after serving as secretary. Dennis Pittorino remains as treasurer and Geoff Washington as a committee member.

Geoff's wife Judy has been a supporter and member of TRAA since its inception. She has been researching and writing a book for four plus years. Most of the content is focused on Port Stephens during WW2. It contains a balance of text, photos and maps/diagrams. The book was launched on October 14th. No bias, I recommend that you read and/ or consider it as a Christmas gift. Congratulations Judy. ["Paradise Interrupted"](#) is available from the Nelson Bay Visitor Information Centre on Victoria Parade.

That prompts me to wonder that the days of paradise as we know/have known may be numbered unless ...

Whilst the fine tuning of committee member communication is not yet quite in place following the AGM you will observe, as you read, we have not been idle.

The name Nigel Waters is synonymous with: planning watch, The Greens, Landcare groups, golf, EcoNetwork, and previously with Marine Rescue.

Nigel has been a dedicated Tomaree community member for many years. If we had a Tomaree Community Hall of Fame Nigel would meet all the necessary criteria very easily and he would be an outstanding addition.

It is most unfortunate that Nigel has decided to return to his homeland, England, next year before Easter.

Nigel has agreed to the holding of a Thank You/ Farewell Dinner for Nikki and himself. Tentative planning for the event, to be held in mid- February 2025, has commenced. You will receive ticket information prior to Christmas or early in the new year.

May your Christmas be merry and the new year have a glow.

Richard Davis
President TRRA

Welcome to the newly appointed Tomaree Residents & Ratepayers Association Committee members

A new committee is elected annually as per the TRRA Inc Constitution. The Committee for 2024/25 comprises some familiar and new faces:

President:
Richard Davis (Corlette)
president@trra.com.au

Vice President:
Ben van der Wijngaart (Nelson Bay)
vicepresident@trra.com.au

Treasurer:
Denis Pittorino (Nelson Bay)
treasurer@trra.com.au

Secretary:
Amanda Noble (Shoal Bay) - new
secretary@trra.com.au

Membership Secretary:
Robyn Williams (Salamander Bay)
membership@trra.com.au

Planning Assessment:
Nigel Waters (Nelson Bay)
planning@trra.com.au

Committee Member:
Roz Welsh (Shoal Bay) - new
committee4@trra.com.au

Committee Member:
Tanya Martin (Anna Bay) - new
planningassist@trra.com.au

Committee Member:
Geoff Washington (Nelson Bay)
committee5@trra.com.au

Committee Member:
Alistair Waddell (Corlette) – casual vacancy - new
committee3@trra.com.au

Not on the Committee, but providing invaluable support:

Planning Research:

John James

research@trra.com.au

Web Services:

André Dussart (Salamander Bay)

web@trra.com.au

Wendy Dupont (Corlette) - **new**

AGENDA
(Newsletter follows below)

GENERAL MEETING 2024

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Monday 2 December 2024 - 6:30pm

Nelson Bay Bowling Club

1. Welcome & Apologies
2. Confirmation of Minutes of General Meeting 10 October 2024
3. Business arising from minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Reports and Planning Update
7. General Business

TRRA NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Planning Matters

Shoal Bay

We have taken a position on the related issues of foreshore erosion at Shoal Bay and longer term security of road access. We have called for urgent consideration of options and costs, but consider that calls for a new road are premature. Our position is set out in a paper now on our website [HERE](#).

A revised DA has been submitted for an apartment building at 9 Shoal Bay Road which would be significantly over the current height limit. The site already has an old (2017) approval for an overheight building but a modified design was refused by Council in 2022. We will be making a submission in the context of the recently adopted Shoal Bay Place Plan. Details are [HERE](#). Submissions due 18 November.

Private certifiers

We have clarified with Council the situation with regard to private certifiers engaged by developers to monitor compliance with conditions of DA consents. Our experience is that even if you can identify and contact the certifier for a project, they often refuse to respond to enquiries, and there can be no confidence that they are properly supervising projects and ensuring compliance.

Even Council does not need to be notified of the identity of the certifier until 2 days before works commence. We are still trying to confirm if traffic, construction and noise management plans, which developers are required to adopt and comply with, are even publicly available.

Anna Bay

TRRA continues to support the newly refreshed South Tomaree Community Association in its opposition to a 47-lot subdivision and housing development 'Anna Bay Rise' at 263 Gan Gan Road, (Council's refusal is currently under appeal) and to proposals for a much larger residential development on adjacent land north of Gan Gan Road.

Members and others are invited to ask questions about any of the matters reported above at the General Meeting on Monday 2 December 2024.

Matters of General Interest

Port Stephens Liveability Survey 2024

Council wants to know what we think makes a neighbourhood great. So they have again constructed a Port Stephens Liveability Survey 2024.

Council advises that they'll use the survey information to track how their services are improving the liveability of our Port Stephens community, and inform their future planning and investment. This information will be compared against results from a similar survey conducted in 2020 where 3700 respondents shared their views.

Don't miss this opportunity to have your voice heard between 21 October and 1 December, 2024. Share what's important to you and rate your neighbourhood to go in the draw for a chance to win one of ten \$100 shopping vouchers (Woolworths, JB Hi-Fi or Prezzy Fuel). Check out the [Port Stephens Liveability Survey HERE](#).



Put the [Shoal Bay Food and Wine Festival](#), 30 November, 2024 into your diary for a fun day out..

Also, check out the '[Unearthed Echoes: Tomaree Headland's World War II Secrets](#)', a photographic exhibition by Jen Newman, created in conjunction with Judy Washington's recently published book '[Paradise Interrupted: Tomaree Headland in World War II](#)'.

Finally, an exhibition is also open titled '[Orchids & Flora of the Tomaree Peninsula](#)'. at Hunter Region Botanic Gardens. It is open from 1 November - 30 November, 10:00am to 4:00pm. More details [HERE](#).

Seasons Greetings to all residents of and visitors to the Tomaree Peninsula from

Tomaree Ratepayers & Resident's Association Inc (TRRA Inc)



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TRRA Inc acknowledges Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and recognises the continuing connection to lands, waters and communities. We pay our respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures; and to Elders past and present.



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