



Newsletter

To our Members and Friends
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MASTERPLAN for the Renewal of Tomaree Lodge

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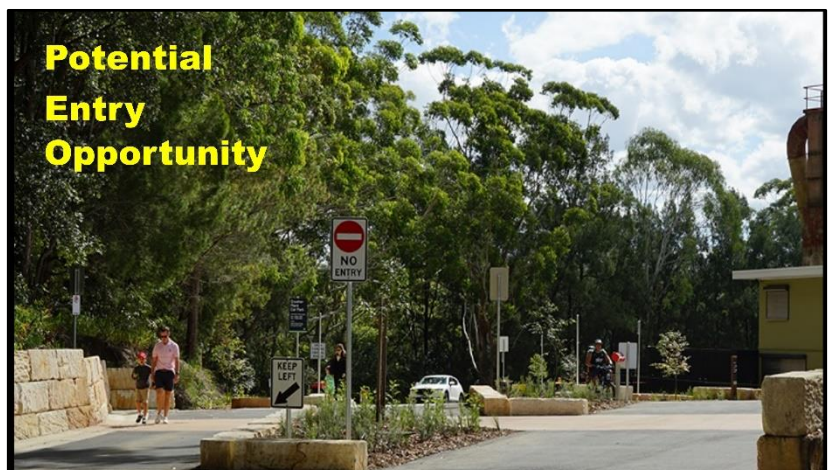
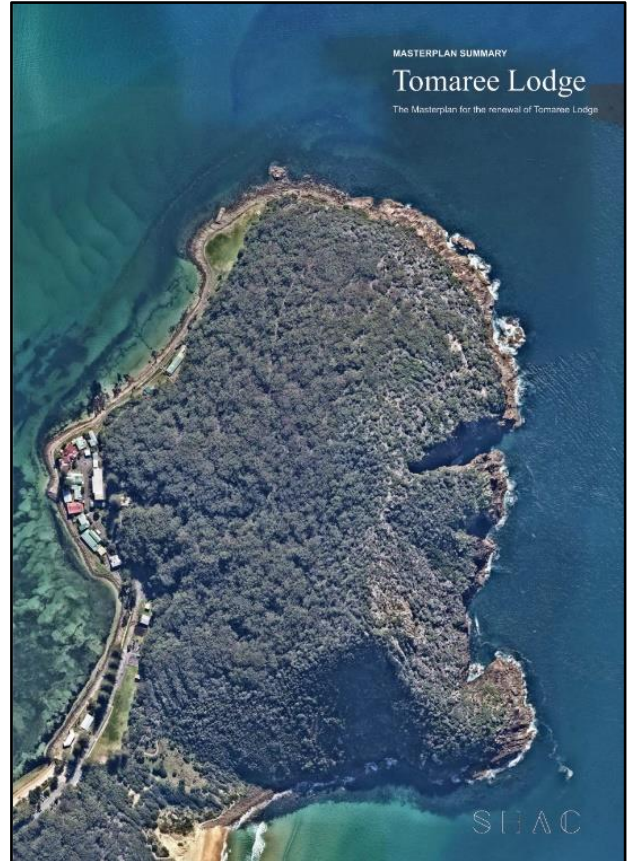
KEY MATTERS

Key matters which **WE REGARD AS A PRIORITY** and accordingly we are seeking more emphasis and investigation i.e:

- 1) **Financial Sustainability and Business Planning** - For many years there has been an ongoing burden on the NSW State Government and taxpayer of approx. \$1m+ annually and hence there is a strong need for a Business Plan to be developed
- 2) **Education and Research** - THHG believes that the Masterplan should place more emphasis on the potential for education and research activities, particularly Marine Science and Tourism which are synonymous with Port Stephens

Our belief was highlighted *in the Dept of Communities and Justice Community Consultation process*, conducted over a period of 6 weeks in 2022/23. The Consultants (Umwelt) reported that 23% of respondents highlighted Education and Research as a priority (there were over 500 respondents to the survey)

- 3) **Community Participation** in perpetuity. We believe *the community has an expectation to have ongoing involvement with the future repurposing and ongoing operation of the Tomaree Lodge and we have therefore asked the Department of Communities and Justice to consider this request and investigate an appropriate Management Model for the longer term to include community members and professional people as well as Port Stephens Council*
- 4) **Future Management** of the Tomaree Lodge – We believe that a Management Trust which would include Community Members, professional people, Council and the Government. There are many examples in NSW for similar disused Government sites
- 5) **Entry Precinct** strategic importance to service 'all' visitors to the headland and revitalized Lodge Site → **Sense of Arrival**
- 6) **Need for Public Transport** to the Tomaree Headland
 - I. Shuttle Bus Services
 - II. Ferry Service - Upgrading of the **Shoal Bay Jetty** to allow access by ferries and cruise operators



SHIPWRECKED EXHIBITION at the TOMAREE LODGE

26th September until 23rd October in the Recreation Hall – Free Entry

A Tomaree Museum Association Project - A focus of the exhibition will be shipwrecks in the Port Stephens and Newcastle areas. More than 100 shipwrecks have been recorded off Port Stephens between Broughton Island and Anna Bay, some dating back to the 19th century, with many more located further along Stockton Beach towards Newcastle. Free Entry.

- **LINK:** For details: [Tomaree Museum | Tomaree Museum Association](#)
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CONCERTS at the Tomaree Lodge

November 2026 – (see below)

The Tomaree Cultural Development Group Inc. are staging four (4) concerts on the Saturday evenings this



The poster for 'Tomaree Sunsets • Spring Concerts' features a scenic background of a sunset over a body of water with mountains in the distance. The Tomaree Cultural logo is in the top left. The main text reads: 'Tomaree Cultural Development Group presents FOUR concerts on 4 Saturday evenings in November at TOMAREE LODGE HALL, Shoal Bay, Port Stephens. We invite you to enjoy the first concerts to be held on this iconic site followed by wine & cheese at sunset. DON'T MISS OUT ON 20% DISCOUNT ON ADULT AND CONCESSION TICKETS'. Below this, it lists the dates: 'Tomaree Lodge Hall, Shoal Bay, Port Stephens 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th November, 6-7pm'. Ticket prices are listed: 'Adults \$50 per concert | Pensioner/students \$40 | Under 18 \$15'. Booking information: 'Bookings at humanitix.com.au | More info. at tcdg.org.au'. A purple circular badge in the top right says 'EARLYBIRD SALE ENDS 31ST AUGUST UNLESS SOLD OUT PRIOR'. The bottom of the poster features four event cards, each with a QR code, a photo of the performers, and details: 1. 'ELYSIAN FIELDS in 'Between Times and Tides', a compelling mixture of Scandinavian folk, classical and jazz influences. Saturday 7th November 6pm'. 2. 'STARS OF OPERA HUNTER in a program of popular operatic solos and ensembles. Saturday 14th November 6pm'. 3. 'ANTHONY CHEN Acclaimed concert pianist from Sydney performing music of the classical greats. Saturday 21st November 6pm'. 4. 'SAX BLUE saxophone quartet from Newcastle with their iconic arrangements of everything from 1920s evergreens to Bohemian Rhapsody. Saturday 28th November 6pm'. At the very bottom, a purple banner says: 'Enjoy beautiful music in a breathtaking location • Wine & cheese at sunset • Support local arts'.

November at the Tomaree Lodge Recreation Hall. (See the concerts below).

- The following link will reach the bookings for all four performances.
 - **LINK:** [Discover Tomaree Sunsets Events in New South Wales, Australia](#)
 - The venue, while limited to 100 seats, is spectacularly located. To make the most of this beautiful setting, wine and cheese will be served at sunset following the performances.
 - First concert is Saturday 7 November 2026 - Each concert starts at 6pm
 - Further details are provided below including QR codes that link to bookings for each event
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