PREFERRED PARTNER FOR NELSON BAY BOAT HARBOUR

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, was in Port Stephens today to announce that Macquarie Leisure Operations Limited will be the preferred partner for the revitalisation of the Nelson Bay boat harbour.

Mr Kelly said this announcement follows the call for expressions of interest from the private sector earlier this year.

“Macquarie Leisure Operations Limited in partnership with the Department of Lands will plan the revitalisation of the Nelson Bay boat harbour and foreshore,”

“The Department of Lands and the proponent will now set to work with key stakeholders on plans to refresh and renew opportunities for recreation and tourism.

“It also means work on planning public domain improvements that could include anything from landscaping and amenities to walkways and cycleways.

“Any plans will be subject to community consultation and will be consistent with the plan of management adopted earlier this year.

“There is a significant cost tied to the upgrading and maintenance of public infrastructure at the foreshore and this proposal will be underpinned by innovative funding solutions”, Mr Kelly said.

Mr Kelly also urged the community to have their say on the draft Waterfront Masterplan for eight kilometres of Crown and community foreshore land in Port Stephens.

“The plan, which covers waterfront land from Corlette to Shoal Bay, closes for comment this Sunday.

“It’s critical the community has their say on this plan as it guides the future development and use of the waterfront reserve system in this area.

“There are a number of unique precincts have potential to provide a range of recreational and tourism related opportunities, and in doing so, contributing to the social and economic health of the region.

“This masterplan has been prepared with the assistance of a community reference group consisting of residents, business and state government agencies.

The draft masterplan can be viewed at Lands’ Nelson Bay office (Nelson Bay Marina) or on Lands website www.lands.nsw.gov.au.
Responses can be emailed to keith.southall@lands.nsw.gov.au or posted to PO Box 631, Nelson Bay NSW 2315.

Submissions close this Sunday, 14 December following a one month exhibition.

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