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FORMER HMAS ADELAIDE READY TO SAIL FOR THE LAST TIME

NSW Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, was joined by Minister for Ports and Waterways, Paul McLeay, and NSW Police Commander for Operation Monument, Superintendent, Geoff Mckechnie, on a final inspection of the former navy frigate, HMAS ADELAIDE, before its final voyage later this week.

The vessel will be towed out of Sydney Harbour on Thursday bound for the Central Coast where it will be scuttled on Saturday (March 27) weather permitting.

The ADELAIDE will come to rest 1.4km south of the Skillion at Terrigal and 1.8km off Avoca Beach in around 32 metres of water.

“This is going to be a major event which will attract thousands of people to Avoca Beach, nearby vantage points and on the water,” Mr Kelly said.

“It is important boating enthusiasts are aware of exclusion zones around the Adelaide while she is under tow and then anchored.”

Mr McLeay said vessels must stay at least 200 metres clear of towing tugs and their lines, more than 200 metres ahead of the ADELAIDE and 60 metres from the side and the stern of the vessel as it is being towed.

“Once the vessel is at anchor off Avoca Beach, an exclusion zone of 200 metres will be enforced and will be marked by buoys fitted with yellow flashing lights,” Mr McLeay said.

“This exclusion zone will be extended to 1000 metres at 4pm on Friday (March 26), the eve of the scuttling.

“Going offshore brings its own risks and skippers need to be sure they have the skill to handle the conditions and their boat is suitable. It’s important to check the weather before going out, ensure your boat is suitable for the conditions, carry all the appropriate safety gear and of course, if in doubt, don’t go out!”

A festival on Avoca Beach will commence at 7am on Saturday morning and continue after the scuttling that is scheduled for 10.30am.

There will be entertainment on land and sea including an exciting blend of local bands, choirs and food stalls, and the day will conclude with the Westpac Lifesaver Helicopter Black Tie Charity Ball.

Road closures and special transport arrangements will apply on the day.

“Alcohol Free Zones will be enforced and police will not tolerate alcohol related crime, violence or stupidity,” Superintendent Mckechnie warned.



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“Police respect the rights of individuals to protest but protest activity that disrupts the event or spectators will result in police intervention, arrests and charges laid.”

Today’s announcement continues the extensive consultation process which has included several advertised public meetings and information sessions.

Details of the scuttling event, road closures and transport arrangements go to <http://www.hmasadelaide.com>

Road closure information:

Roads will be closed in Avoca Beach, North Avoca, Terrigal and Forresters Beach from midnight to 2pm on Saturday, 27 March 2010.

From 4am to 4pm special event clearways will be enforced in Avoca Beach, North Avoca, Terrigal and Kincumber to assist with the movement of traffic and emergency vehicles.

Free Park and Ride stations and Shuttle Buses will operate between 6am and 3.30pm from:

- Frost Reserve Kincumber to Avoca Beach; and
- Duffy's Reserve, Terrigal to North Avoca.

A local free shuttle bus will also transport passengers from Pinetree Lane behind the Crowne Plaza Terrigal to North Avoca.

Gosford Council will close Coast Road at John Gray Close from Monday 22 to Friday 26 March. This is to minimise traffic congestion in this narrow local road. Residents in Coast Road and The Arena, who live south of the closure, will be required to travel via Tramway Rd and North Avoca Parade to their residence.

The Terrigal Haven boat ramp will be closed to the general public on the day.

Avoca Beach public car parks off Ficus Avenue and Burns Street will also be closed from midnight to 2pm.