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FREE Maritime Community Day

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Ports Minister Joe Tripodi said everyone is invited to attend the official opening of the new Port Kembla Maritime Centre on Saturday, October 24.

Port Kembla Port Corporation will host a **Maritime Community Day** on **Saturday, October 24** from 10am to 1pm at the new Maritime Centre, on Foreshore Rd.

“This new state-of-the-art building houses Port Kembla Port Corporation, NSW Maritime, NSW Water Police and Australian Quarantine & Inspection Service,” Mr Tripodi said.

“This is a chance for the community to see the new centre and also find out what services are available.

“Port Kembla is steeped in maritime tradition. It is an asset to the community to have these facilities available in a place that encompasses the past, present and future of the region.”

Mr Tripodi said the Community Day will focus on maritime history, heritage and environmental achievements of the area.

There will be a free sausage sizzle along with giveaways and games for the kids including a jumping castle.

NSW Water Police, NSW Maritime and AQIS will all have information stands along with other community groups on display. There will also be an opportunity to explore marine vessels.

Families are encouraged to come along and enjoy the Heritage Park and tour the Breakwater Battery Military Museum which will be free entry on the day.

For more information, visit www.portkembla.com.au

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