

# Joe Tripodi MP

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## Port Kembla community to meet its Nemesis

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Ports and Waterways Minister Joe Tripodi said he was excited to announce the Marine Area Command vessel **Nemesis** would make a special appearance at the Port Kembla Maritime Community Day this Saturday.

“Not only will visitors be able to see the vessel, there will be specially guided tours onboard this extraordinary boat,” Mr Tripodi said.

“This is an exciting opportunity to see first hand the largest purpose built Police boat in the Southern hemisphere and the pride of the Marine Area Command’s fleet.”

Wollongong MP Noreen Hay said she was looking forward to visiting the 32 metres long **Nemesis** and view the high tech equipment used to keep our waterways safe.

“This amazing vessel is making a special trip to the Illawarra for the Maritime Community Day and I encourage all residents to get down to Port Kembla and check it out,” Ms Hay said.

Minister for Police Michael Daley said the **Nemesis** crew was pleased to be involved with the Maritime Community day and meet local residents.

“The **Nemesis** leads the excellent work of NSW Police Marine Area Command in protecting the NSW coastline through crime prevention and detection, search and rescue,” he said.

“With more commercial shipping and an ever increasing number of recreational vessels on our waterways, NSW Water Police are regularly called upon to help drive down marine crime.

“The Port Kembla Marine Area Command – which covers from Stanwell Park to Batemans Bay - has a brand new home at the Port Kembla Maritime Centre.

“Four full-time Water Police officers will be based at the Port Kembla Maritime Centre along with four vessels, including a 16 metre patrol vessel and a 7.5 metre port security boat.

“The new purpose built, state-of-the-art facility will assist Marine Police in carrying out their duties at sea, which extend up to 200 kilometres from the coast,” said Mr Daley.

Mr Daley said the ***Nemesis*** is an impressive vessel with features such as:

- The ability to reach a top speed of 27.5 knots and has a 1300 nautical mile range;
- Fitted with advanced radar, satellite, vessel monitoring, and surveillance communications systems onboard.
- Equipped with a 6.3 metre Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat (RHIB), which will be deployable for boarding operations at sea.
- Capable of operating in severe storm conditions in its search and rescue role; and
- Ballistic-proof aluminium and glass (at the bridge of the vessel).

The *Nemesis* will be open for guided tours from 10am to 1pm during the Maritime Community Day.

The event will be held at the new Port Kembla Maritime Centre on Foreshore Rd, Port Kembla with the official opening of the Centre at 11am.

The Centre houses the Port Kembla Port Corporation, NSW Maritime, NSW Water Police and AQIS in one central, purpose built facility.

There will be a free sausage sizzle, food and drinks entertainment plus games and prizes for the kids including a treasure hunt.

Visitors can enjoy the heritage walk, environmental displays and learn more about port activities.

For more details go to [www.portkembla.com.au](http://www.portkembla.com.au)

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