



**Senator the Hon Arthur Sinodinos AO
Senator for New South Wales**

**Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield
Minister for the Arts**

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**\$2,720 for Tathra Pig and Whistle Line Museum to preserve Australia's
maritime heritage**

Senator the Hon Arthur Sinodinos AO, and Federal Minister for the Arts, Senator the Hon. Mitch Fifield, have announced that the Tathra Pig and Whistle Line Museum will receive \$2,720 through the Maritime Museums of Australia Project Support Scheme to support the preservation and exhibition of the Tathra Surf Boat in Eden-Monaro.

Senator Sinodinos said “this funding broadens opportunities for the local community to understand and experience Australia’s unique naval history. Surrounded by water, Australia has a rich maritime history and it is important we celebrate this by conserving historical collections and objects.”

The Tathra Surf Boat is an important part of the museum’s collection, and by undertaking preservation measures the proposed project aims to ensure ongoing public access to the vessel.

Minister Fifield said the Scheme, administered by the Australian National Maritime Museum (ANMM), increases audience understanding and appreciation for Australia’s maritime heritage. It also supports training for those who wish to increase their preservation skills and techniques.

“We are proud to support museums and other cultural organisations in regional Australia to upskill their staff so future generations can enjoy our cultural heritage.”

Since 1995, MMAPSS has provided more than \$1.5 million to support 380 projects throughout Australia.

For more information visit: <http://www.anmm.gov.au/get-involved/grants-and-awards/funding-for-maritime-heritage>

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