



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

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

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\$13,000 for Lake Macquarie Council 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 Lake Macquarie Council will receive \$13,000 through the Maritime Museums of Australia Project Support Scheme to highlight the significant maritime heritage of Lake Macquarie.

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."

This funding will be used to engage a historian to undertake research, develop interpretive text and construct signage to be included on the Lake Macquarie foreshore promenade. This will represent the first stage in an annual roll out of contemporary heritage installations in association with foreshore revitalisation works.

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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