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Speaker: Mr. Brian Dooley: THE PROPOSED COASTAL HERITAGE MUSEUM.

The meeting was entertained by Mr. Dooley in his delivery of the strategy to develop and build a new museum on the shores of Lake Illawarra. This museum would be of regional significance that would celebrate and display our coastal heritage.

It would offer a unique opportunity to present to the community, the importance of our oceans and the coastal zone, together with the maritime history of the South Coast. Mr. Dooley's passion for this project was evident in his wanting to preserve our heritage by encompassing all the areas of coastal environment, shipping, industry, migration, regional history and Koori Culture.

The proposed museum would work to be part of the network of local and national museums by being a centre for community activities, becoming a tourist destination and enriching the knowledge of our school children and local residents. Also mentioned was the possibility of a steamboat, large enough to carry groups of school children or tourists, to be moored at the existing jetty.

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GLEN GARRY HOMESTEAD

An important part of Illawarra's history will be preserved for future generations after a three year battle succeeded in stopping the demolition of a 19th century homestead.

Wollongong Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor, Vicky King took up the cause to save Glengarry Homestead after Wollongong City Council approved the development of Australia's first solid waste energy recycling facility at White's Gully.

Cr. King said "The consultant originally suggested that Glengarry should be demolished, but Council has decided to spend $300,000 to $400,000 restoring it and converting it into an education and display centre on waste management." Cr. King also said the building was significant because it was one of the first solid brick homes built in the Illawarra.

Glengarry was placed on the register for regional significance because it was the last of the 'Veterans Land Grants' homes at Kembla Grange.

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