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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.