

## **Ex-HMAS Adelaide Reserve – Entry (Dive) Permits**

### PUBLIC NOTICE

*Crown Land Management Act 2016*

#### **Designated Entry Point For and Conditions of Entry to Ex-HMAS Adelaide Reserve 1014968.**

The Terrigal Haven boat ramp is the designated entry point for this Reserve which is situated to the south south east and approximately 1.4km from the Skillion. (See Attachment 3)

The location of the submerged Ex-HMAS Adelaide is identified by navigation markers situated within the Reserve. The following conditions of entry to the Reserve apply:

- No fishing in the Reserve.
- Mooring is not permitted within the Reserve without a permit.
- A No Boating Zone applies within the buoyed area of the Reserve.
- Diving or snorkelling in the Reserve is not permitted without a permit.
- Permits may be obtained from the Department of Industry.
- Diving operations are conducted in the Reserve and any passage through any part of the Reserve must be conducted with caution and in accordance with marine rules and regulations
- The Ex-HMAS Adelaide is located within the Reserve and appropriate respect is to be observed whilst within the Reserve. **PENALTIES APPLY FOR BREACH OF THESE CONDITIONS**

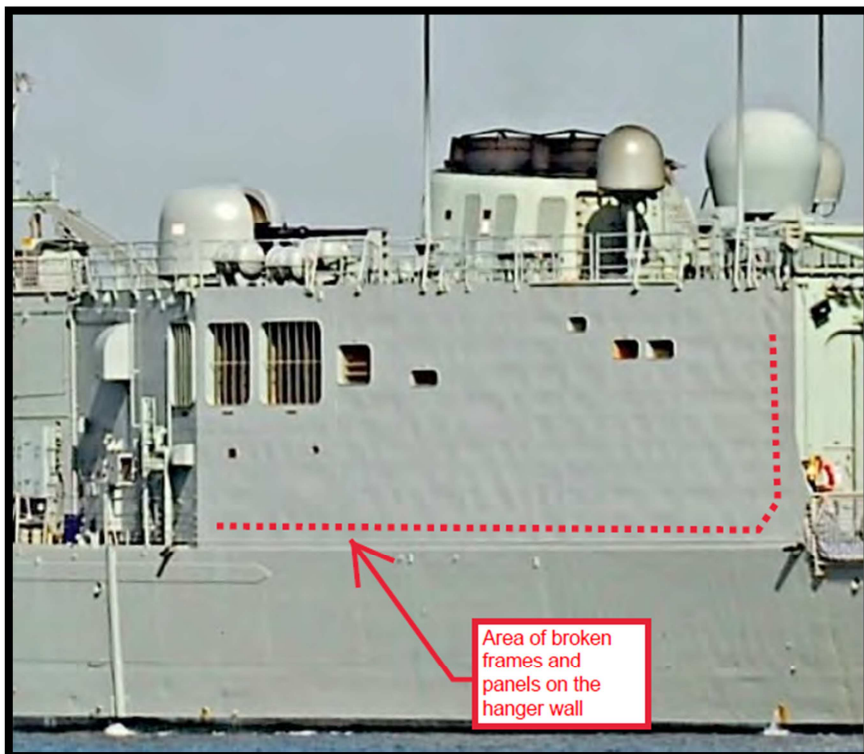
These conditions are in addition to any other provisions or rules which may apply to or in respect of the area within the Reserve.

*Authorised by NSW Lands Administration Ministerial Corporation  
as Crown Land Manager for the Ex-HMAS Adelaide Reserve R.1014968*

### Safety Notice – Ex-HMAS Adelaide Reserve

An inspection of the Ex-HMAS Adelaide Dive Site Reserve in July 2018 has shown that there has been a change in the condition of the structure of which visitors to the Reserve need to be advised.

As shown in the diagram below, an “L” shaped tear has opened up in the port side of the hanger bay wall, towards the stern of the vessel. This fissure is approximately 15cm wide and moves with the underwater currents. It is projected that this panel will eventually detach from the superstructure and divers are advised to avoid this area until it breaks away.



In addition, internal aluminium panels have dislodged and fallen into hallways and are subject to movement during swell conditions. Divers are advised to be aware of this risk and to take appropriate precautions.

**Divers are prohibited from accessing the interior of the wreck at depths greater than 30 metres. This restriction is imposed due to the high risks associated with entry to an enclosed space at these depths.**

## PERMIT FOR ENTRY AND DIVING/SNORKELLING WITHIN THE 'EX-HMAS ADELAIDE RESERVE' R.1014968

### PERMIT TERMS AND CONDTIONS

The site has been established specifically for diving. Snorkelling is also permitted. Access to the site is limited to those visitors who are participating in these activities only, including as an observer remaining on the vessel. The site offers divers the opportunity to explore a large portion of the Ex-HMAS Adelaide. Access to moorings is limited in order to safely manage the number of divers/snorkelers on the site at any one time, to maintain the quality of the dive/snorkel experience and to minimise the impacts on the natural and cultural values of the dive site.

A permit is required to enter the Ex-HMAS Adelaide Reserve and Diving/snorkelling without such a booking is not permitted. A *Permit to Dive/Snorkel* (Permit) is issued by Department of Industry (the Department) and must be obtained in conjunction with a valid mooring booking.

Access to the site is limited to those visitors who have obtained a Permit to enter the Reserve and agree to the terms and conditions of the Permit.

Each Permit is obtained as a single permit in one name only, matching the diver name who has read, understood and agreed to the Terms and Conditions to enter the Ex HMAS Adelaide Reserve, prior to entering the Reserve. Entry to the reserve is only permitted during daylight hours.

Each permit is only valid for the date for which it is issued and no other date.

Permits are currently in the form of an email notification sent by the Department once the signed acknowledgement has been received and approved. The acknowledgment form is located at the end of this document. Permits may also be issued by the department's authorised agents.

Send the signed acknowledgement, found at the end of this document, including the proposed dive date to [hmas.adelaide.bookings@crowland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hmas.adelaide.bookings@crowland.nsw.gov.au).

**Completing the acknowledgement alone does not constitute a permit. The permit is in the form of an email confirming the date and approval to enter the Reserve.**

## INTRODUCTORY NOTE

All persons entering the Ex-HMAS ADELAIDE Reserve (R.1014968), whether for the purpose of diving, snorkelling, observing or for any other purpose, require a Permit. In applying for a Permit, you must acknowledge that you have read and understood these terms and conditions and agree to abide by them.

**Please note: A single permit must be in the name of each person entering the Ex-HMAS Adelaide Reserve.**

These conditions relate to your safety, your permission to access the site for diving or snorkelling or any other activity, and are the conditions under which your vessel is permitted to moor at the dive site. There are penalties for entering the Reserve without a Permit and for breaching the conditions of the Permit.

The Reserve is Crown Land subject to the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*. As well, severe penalties apply for breaches of Fisheries and Maritime laws.

## Definitions

‘Diving’ means swimming and exploring underwater while using underwater breathing apparatus or otherwise at a depth greater than 2 metres.

‘Occupational Diving’ means work carried out under water and while using underwater breathing apparatus, and includes work by the dive team in direct support of the diver (reference: *AS/NZS 2299.1:2015 Occupational diving operations Standard operational practice*).

‘No Boating Zone’ means the area of the Reserve proclaimed as such under the provisions of the *Marine Safety Act 1998*.

‘Permit’ means this Permit for Entry and Diving/Snorkelling within the Ex-HMAS ADELAIDE Reserve.

‘Reserve’ means Reserve R.1014968, known as ‘the Ex-HMAS ADELAIDE Reserve’, comprising an area of approximately 350 metres by 250 metres within which the scuttled Ex-HMAS ADELAIDE is centrally located.

‘Snorkelling’ means the sport of swimming with a snorkel and face mask.

‘Reserve manager’, ‘Crown land manager’ or ‘manager’ means the land manager of Reserve R.1014968 as constituted under the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### **General conditions**

1. The site is protected under the *NSW Crown Land Management Act 2016*, the *Marine Safety Act 1998* and the *NSW Fisheries Management Act 1994*. You acknowledge that all provisions, rules and regulations pertaining to these and other Acts apply at the site and its surroundings. You are responsible for being familiar with the requirements of these acts, rules and regulations.
2. You must report any risks/dangers/hazards you identify to the department as soon as practicable by phoning (02) 4937 9301 or [maitland.crownlands@crowland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:maitland.crownlands@crowland.nsw.gov.au).
3. A Permit for Entry and Diving/Snorkelling within the Ex-HMAS ADELAIDE Reserve is not valid until formally issued. The Department is not obliged to issue a Permit to you and may in its absolute discretion decline to issue a Permit to you or revoke a Permit. A Permit is valid for the date of issue only, and must only be used in conjunction with a valid mooring booking (refer conditions 19-26 below).
4. No fishing is allowed within the Reserve.

### **Conditions relating to who can enter, dive or snorkel at this site**

5. You are not required to enter or exit the Reserve through the designated entrance point situated at Terrigal Haven boat ramp and may approach, enter and depart from the Reserve on a vessel from any point on its perimeter but subject to condition 27 of this Permit. Additional provisions regulating entry to and conduct within the Reserve are contained on a notice which has been erected at the designated entrance point.
6. You must obtain a valid Permit for Entry and Diving/Snorkelling within the Reserve prior to entering the site. Entering the Reserve for the purpose of diving or snorkelling without a Permit is not permitted.
7. If diving, **you must comply with Australian Standard AS4005.1 or International Standard ISO 24801-02 (Diver Level 2 - Autonomous Diver) as a minimum level of certification.** You acknowledge that the site is not suitable for inexperienced divers unless accompanied by a qualified guide. You must be able to produce evidence of your diving qualifications (eg, Certification Card or 'C' card) to the dive operator if you have booked a commercial dive tour, or to the skipper of your vessel if you are participating in a private or club dive, or if requested by the department or the department's authorised agent.
8. It is your responsibility to be satisfied that you are appropriately trained, certified and experienced in diving conditions that are likely to be experienced in NSW to undertake the planned dive. You are also responsible for determining that the weather and sea conditions experienced at

the time that you dive are suitable for you to undertake this activity, given your level of qualification and experience.

9. Occupational divers are responsible for ensuring that they comply with all relevant SafeWork NSW requirements, including but not limited to complying with Australian Standards AS2299 and AS2815, and that they have the appropriate qualifications for occupational diving.

### **Conditions relating to what you must do when diving or snorkelling**

10. You are only to occupy a mooring to dive or snorkel during your booked time slot.

11. A fishing closure is in force under the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*. You must not take, or attempt to take, fish or marine life from the Reserve by any means. You must not gather, or attempt to gather, marine vegetation from the Reserve by any means.

12. You must not remove any artefacts from the Reserve. You must not deface, damage, interfere with or remove or leave any material within the Reserve including on or from the Ex-HMAS ADELAIDE.

13. You must not bring equipment or tools constructed or adapted for the purpose of salvage into the Reserve.

14. You must be confident that you understand how to and are competent to keep yourself safe and that you are aware of all foreseeable hazards and conditions that you may encounter during the permitted activity. Typical hazards and conditions may include dangerous and/or aggressive marine life, extreme weather conditions, diving equipment malfunctions, high winds, strong currents, turbulent seas and low visibility. There could also be other naturally occurring or man-made hazards at the site.

15. You must not dive unless lighting and signage requirements applicable to the dive vessel whilst engaged in diving operations are satisfied. Attention is drawn to the provisions of the *Marine Safety (General) Regulation 2009*, particularly the provisions requiring display of special warning flags/signs when divers are in the water.

16. You must ensure that at least one person remains on board your dive vessel as a lookout at all times while you are in the water. This person must be competent to provide surface support to divers.

17. Your dive or snorkel leader must maintain a complete logbook of all divers/snorkelers on each vessel, and a copy must be provided to the department if requested. The log book must record the names of the people from your vessel, their dive qualifications and the relevant times at which they are in the water.

18. You must ensure that a minimum of two (2) divers / snorkelers undertake the activity at the site at any one time and adhere to the 'buddy' system for the duration of the activity.

#### **Conditions relating to mooring**

19. Mooring a vessel without authority is not permitted. You may only access the dive/snorkel site from a boat which is authorised to be on the mooring by either:

- a. Booking a dive tour with a commercial dive tour operator who has booked a casual commercial mooring through the department. Or;
- b. Booking a timeslot with the department for a public mooring. The booking is not complete until the Department has accepted the booking and advised you with a confirmation email.

20. You may only use the mooring (identified by number) that is allocated to you when your booking is confirmed.

21. Bookings for moorings are only valid for the timeslot for which they are issued.

22. You must not moor the vessel if it is longer than 12 metres or displaces more than 15 tonnes.

23. Only one vessel is permitted to use a mooring at any one time. You must not raft up to a vessel already on the mooring.

24. The vessel must be registered, and in survey if required to be under the *Marine Safety (Commercial Vessels) Regulations 2010* or subject to a hire and drive licence. The vessel must properly display its registration/survey number and current registration label or hire and drive number.

25. If you cause any damage to the mooring by mooring inappropriately or by any other reason that constitutes a breach of these conditions, the department may repair the mooring at your expense. If this occurs you will be responsible for all costs of repair as a debt due to the department.

26. You must not erect advertising signage on a mooring.

#### **Conditions relating to vessel navigation**

27. You must not navigate vessels into the "No Boating Zone" located in the area within the mooring buoys and navigation marks. Vessels are to approach their mooring from a position outside the Reserve and on the same side as their mooring. Departing vessels are to leave to a position outside the Reserve and on the same side as their mooring

28. If you are a vessel skipper you must ensure that the vessel used in the conduct of the permitted activity:

- a. does not anchor within the Reserve
- b. is not operated in excess of 4 knots within the Reserve
- c. is not tied, clipped, anchored or in any other way secured to the dive wreck.

29. You must not undertake boat-based camping in the Reserve.

30. You must have a first aid kit on board your vessel.

#### **Requirement to leave Reserve where permit breached**

31. You may be required to refrain from or cease any snorkelling or diving or also to leave the Reserve as soon as practicable should it be determined that you are in breach of this Permit.

#### **Your risk and your liability**

32. You acknowledge that your visit to the dive site is an inherently dangerous activity and that you do so entirely at your own risk.

33. You indemnify and hold harmless each of the Crown Land Manager, the State of New South Wales and the Crown in all its guises, the Minister for Lands and Forestry, the NSW Lands Administration Ministerial Corporation and Department of Industry from and against any liability for all costs, compensation or monies payable for personal injury, damage to property, loss or other harm suffered by you in connection with, or which occurs within, near, or on the way to or from the Reserve, including any requirement imposed on you under Clause 32 of this Permit as well as any such loss referred to above that might be suffered by you or another person arising from your own negligence, breach of duty of care, illegal activity, or other wrongful act whatsoever that occurs in connection with, on, in, near, or on the way to or from the Reserve.

**For acknowledgement of Terms and Conditions, see next page.**

Please return signed acknowledgement via email to [hmas.adelaide.bookings@crowland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hmas.adelaide.bookings@crowland.nsw.gov.au)

**The Permit has not been issued until the department has responded with a confirmation email or by being dispensed by the department's delegated agent.**



### Your acknowledgement

35. By obtaining a Permit you make the following declaration to the Department of Industry:

*I acknowledge that I have assessed the risks inherent in undertaking diving, snorkelling and associated boat travel and I understand the hazards of (self-contained underwater breathing apparatus) SCUBA diving and snorkelling including those hazards occurring during boat travel to and from the dive/snorkel site. I understand that these hazards include but are not limited to air expansion injuries, drowning, decompression sickness, injuries occurring while getting on or off the vessel and while on board, being cut or struck by a boat while in the water and other perils of the sea including the risk of being dragged away or thrown against objects by strong currents. I also acknowledge the risk of any other unidentified natural conditions or man-made hazards. I knowingly and voluntarily agree to accept these risks. I will not dive or snorkel beyond my level of training, qualification, experience and equipment or in conditions that I do not believe are suitable for the planned activity. I further acknowledge that I have read, understood and accept all the conditions of this Permit.*

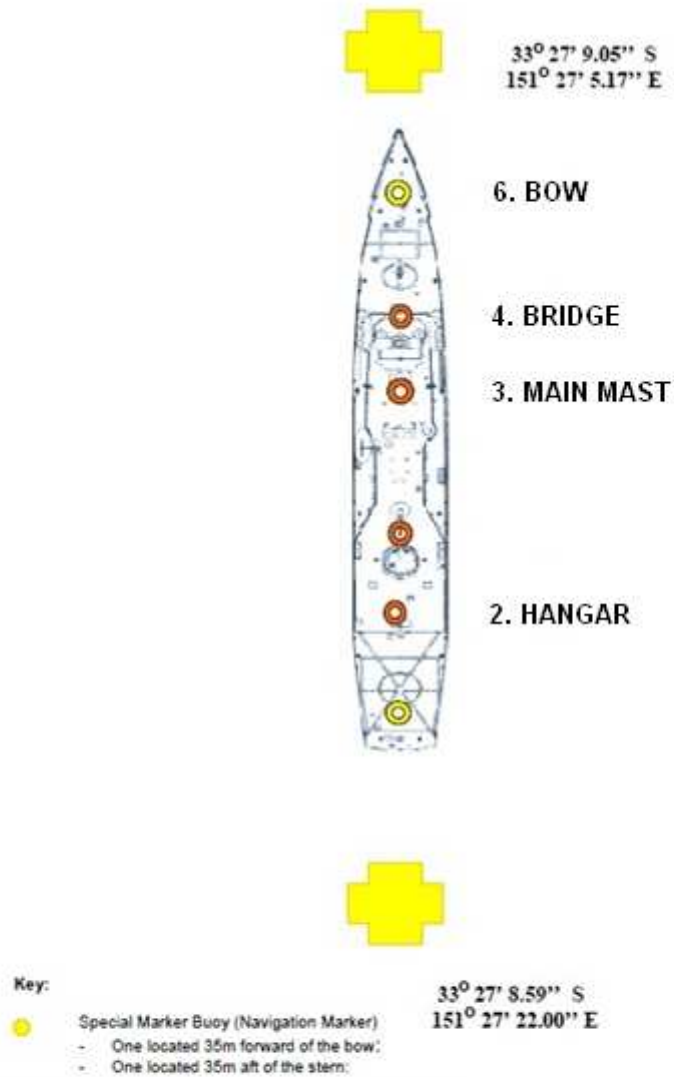
Date of Dive/Entry:	
Name:	
Address:	
Signature:	
Date:	

Fines apply for breaches of Crown lands regulations and Fisheries and Maritime Laws.

### CONTACTS

- For dive medical advice: Divers Emergency Services (DES) Australia 1800 088 200 (24 hour service)
- Emergency Services: 000 where urgent medical attention is required

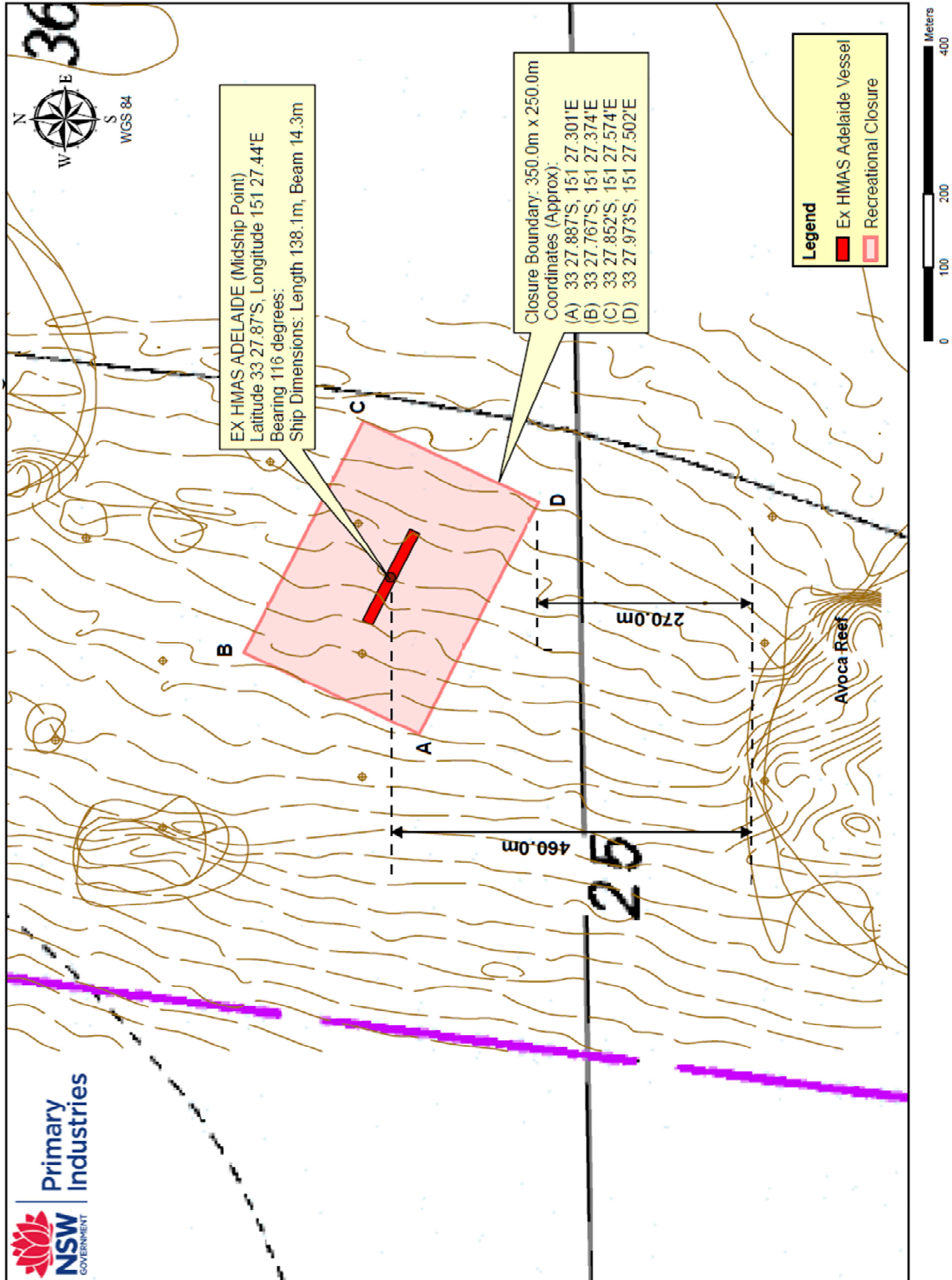
**Attachment 1 – Buoy Positions**



The moorings are attached directly to the ship.

INDICATIVE POSITION OF BUOYS RELATIVE TO WRECK  
NB: Allocation may be rotated periodically

Attachment 2 – Ex-Adelaide Location



Attachment 3 – The Skillion and Terrigal Haven Boat Ramp

