



Charlestown Diving
Academy



HMAS Adelaide

Central Coast

Historic ship to become diver's wreck

HMAS Adelaide served the Royal Australian Navy for 27 years, participating in 30 overseas deployments, including the 1991 Gulf War and peace-keeping operations in East Timor in 1999.

The crew of the HMAS Adelaide rescued solo yachtsmen Tony Bullimore and Thierry Dubois, whose yachts both capsized in the Southern Ocean during a round-the-world race in 1997.

In 2001, the crew of HMAS Adelaide intercepted a boat carrying asylum seekers near Christmas Island, rescuing all on board when it sank.

HMAS Adelaide was decommissioned in 2008 at Garden Island in Western Australia.

Sue Dengate, who rallied to get the ship scuttled near Terrigal, said Charlestown & Central Coast dive clubs had been working for 10 years to secure an ex-naval vessel.

Ms Dengate, whose son served on the HMAS Adelaide, said divers would continue to appreciate its history.

"When a diver goes on this wreck when it's sunk, they will want to know more about its history and that ... gets people involved more in the services and the contribution they make."

Regular dives will be scheduled once the vessel has been sunk and we will offer you the chance to explore this magnificent vessel with us.



"So much ocean, So little time"

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